SAINT GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

The St. Gerald Voice

September 13, 2026 — **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A Servant Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Mass
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m

RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

St.Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



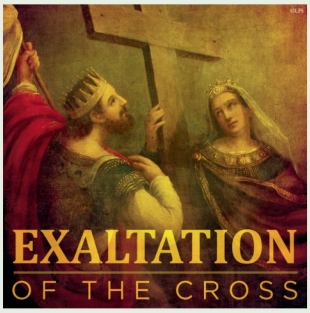
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Monday
September 14th
(Feast Day**)**

Sept 14 - Sept 18

Monday 9:15 AM

Joe Zardus +
Requested by Alda Zardus

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Parish Staff
Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Mary Catherine Shea
Requested by Liz Vallespir

Friday 9:15 AM
Leonard Lemanski +
Requested by Angela & Chad Poovey

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

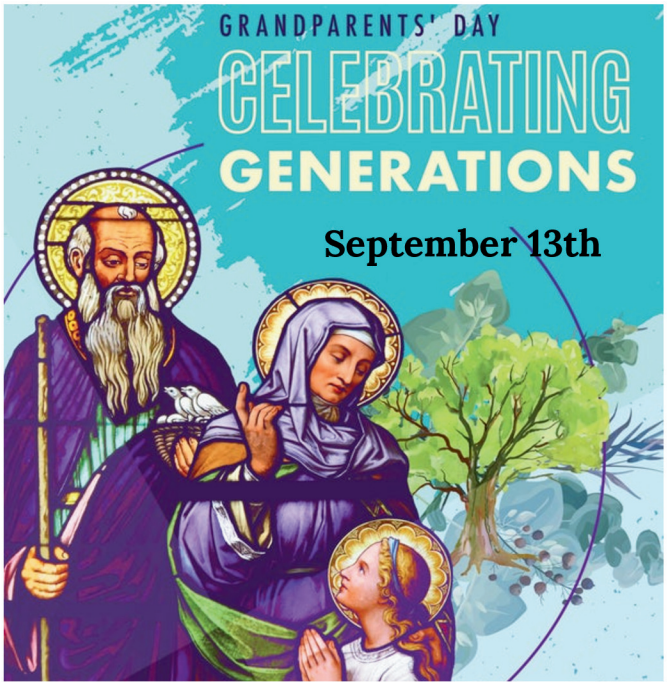
Rose LaFave
Sandi Crenshaw
Sherry Eansor Donovan

Offertory Snapshot as of 8/30/2026		
Actual Offertory	$	5,854.00
Budget Offertory	$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	$	65,688.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	$	76,464.00



Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026

5:00 PM	Sept 19	Fr. Kris
For **Lucille Strick +** Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	LECTOR	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	**Sept 20**	**Fr. Kris**
For **All Of Our Parishioners**	LECTOR	Mark Cieslak
10:15 AM	**Sept 20**	**Fr. Kris**
For **Shirley Pastir +** Requested by Friends of Family	LECTOR	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	**Sept 20**	**Fr. Henry**
For **Jennie & Walter Chlastawa +** Requested by Ken & Joan Galica	LECTOR	Sharon McCarthy



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 **Sirach 27:30—28:7**

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 **Romans 14:7-9**

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Alleluia



Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'
But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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The St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



CSA
Catholic Services Appeal

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2026 CSA Campaign has started! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this years' Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2026 CSA target of **$56,498.00**, which is our parish share of support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. When we support the CSA, we live out our Gospel message theme, **"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).** This is a call to each of us to show love, care, and compassion for others.

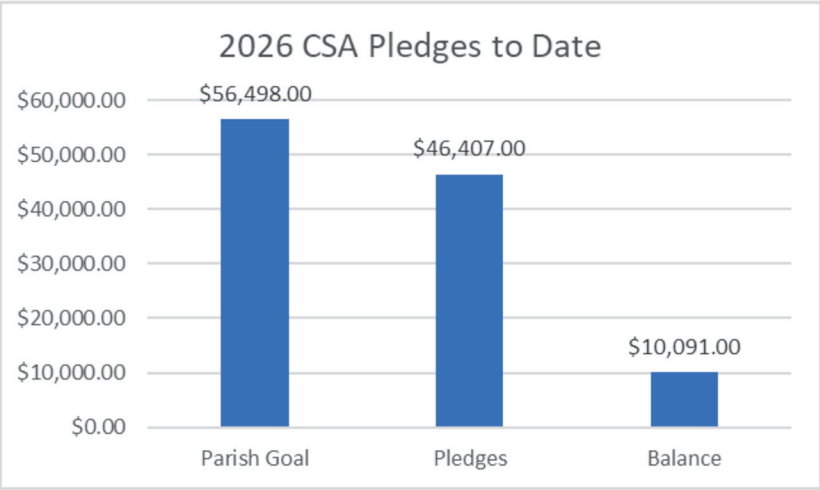
In order for us to make our goal we are asking each family to donate $300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are asking everyone to donate something to allow us to reach our goal. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero. Remember, we get 100% refund for everything over our goal but any shortfall would be paid from St. Gerald's bank account.

There are various ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a One-Time Donation, pledge a gift using your credit card making monthly or quarterly payments. Whatever, you decide the campaign for CSA 2026 will be completed by **December 31, 2026**.

If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA.** Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please continue to prayerfully consider your most generous support you can give to our parish.

We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:



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Conditioner

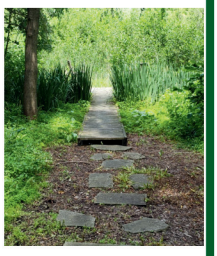
Canned Carrots
Shelf Stable Microwaveable
Canned Corn
Canned Peaches
& Pears

Please check the expiration, best by or use by dates on your food donations. After that date we are unable to distribute to our Neighbors in Need and must dispose of the food. Thank you for all your donations to aid our Neighbors.

A Day to Call Your Own

Step away from the cares of your world for a wonderful day of peace and quiet. What could be better than a day all to yourself? A day to do something good for your soul. A day to relax, refresh and reflect in a beautiful setting. There's no better place to spend a day like that than at **Manresa.** Enjoy the quiet, away from the busyness of everyday life. We provide you with a private room and a simple lunch; you decide how you want to spend the day: reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE. (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some time to be alone with God.

8:00 AM–3:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 18, 2026
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2026
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2027
Thursday, Feb. 18, 2027
Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2027
Wednesday, May 26, 2027



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Knights Corner 9/13/2026

The Knights of Columbus continues to stand as a brotherhood rooted in charity, unity, and fraternity. Our mission is simple but powerful: to serve our Church, support our communities, and strengthen our families through acts of faith in action. Whether through volunteerism, financial support, or simply showing up for those in need, we strive to live out our Catholic values in meaningful and visible ways.



Earlier this summer, the St. Gerald Council of the Knights elected Tom Demshuk as our Knight of the Year! Tom serves the Knights and St. Geralds in so many ways. He is always a willing helper in our Knight activities, leads us in prayers at our meetings (prayers that are often authored by Tom himself) and is an every-week greeter at the doors of the church before many of the Masses. Tom is a fourth degree Knight which means he has earned the title of Sir Tom. Please congratulate Tom on this honor of being the Knight of the Year the next time you see him! Tom is shown here with Program Director Scott Horsburgh.



We are also proud to announce that Steve and Margaret Cernak were recently elected to be our Knight's Family of the Year! Steve and Margret are very involved in the parish and in assisting in so many ways. Steve, in addition to being a Knight and our recently elected Council Secretary/Recorder, is also an usher and is always there to hold the door for those entering and leaving Mass. Margaret is an almost every week Eucharistic minister as well as someone who helps in many other ways at the church. We are proud to have these two folks as active members of our church and proud that they are the Family of the Year! Scott Horsburgh again had the honor of presenting the Cernaks with their award.

For those considering joining, there has never been a better time to become a Knight. Membership offers the opportunity to grow in faith, give back in meaningful ways, and build lasting friendships with like-minded men dedicated to service. Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little, your presence makes a difference. Please see any Knight for information about joining. We usually wear our red shirts on the third Sunday of the month for easy identification!

Blood Drive !!!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI



Monday, September 21, 2026
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Blood levels are very low.
Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people. Please consider coming to donate. To schedule an appointment, simply call: Paul Daniel (586) 248-1443. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

Bundle Days

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here for your donations!

November 7 & 8th

We could use a few able bodies, men or women, to help with the truck before and after each Mass. Come by if you can.



Please Note: Do not leave items outside of the truck overnight!

A LOOK AHEAD...



20	Sunday	Fellowship Sunday after all Masses
27	Sunday	Priesthood Sunday & New Member Welcome Reception (following 12:00 Mass)



Thank you, Fr. Kris, for all you do for us!

St. Gerald Parish

If you're new to St. Gerald, save the date for our

NEW MEMBER WELCOME RECEPTION

on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026

We invite all newer members of St. Gerald Parish to join us for 12:00 Noon Mass followed by a Reception with introduction of staff members, key ministry leaders and activities here at St. Gerald.

Volunteer opportunities are available for those who wish to share their talents with our community.

RSVP

To RSVP please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677 ext. 204

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

Baptism: Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Matrimony:

St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Registration of new members

Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA; aka "Becoming Catholic"): Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Contact Emily Long or submit a Becoming Catholic Information Form (found on our website or in the classroom hallway information center).

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

Ifyouare new to thearea, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the parish office at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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