SAINT GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

The St. Gerald Voice

September 20, 2026 — **TWENTY-FIFTH 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.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'"Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Sept 21 - Sept 25

Monday 9:15 AM
Richard Wojnar +
Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Michael Stec +
Requested byRichard & Cecilia Milkiewicz

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Fr. Ianusz Iwan +

Friday 9:15 AM
Donal Trump
Requested by Bonacchi Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

Sandi Crenshaw
Sherry Eansor Donovan
Arnie Bonser

Offertory Snapshot as of 9/6/2026		
Actual Offertory	$	8,737.00
Budget Offertory	$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	$	74,425.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	$	84,960.00



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

5:00 PM	Sept 26	Fr. Henry
For **Diane Nomm** Requested by Doug & Arlene Foley	LECTOR	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	**Sept 27**	**Fr. Kris**
For **Walter Winiarski +** Requested by Victor Winiarski	LECTOR	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	**Sept 27**	**Fr. Henry**
For **Emma & Renato Bonacchi +** Requested by Bonacchi Family	LECTOR	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM	**Sept 27**	**Fr. Kris**
For **Rose & Stan Galica +** Requested by Ken & Joan Galica	LECTOR	Teddi Williams

Special Collection

If you are giving your donations online through Amplify and would like to make a donation for the **Priest Retirement Fund**, you can do so now through October 4th.

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 **Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia

Gospel
Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



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We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
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Rose M. LaFave

August 14, 1930
September 5, 2026

Eternal Rest Grant Unto **Rose**, O Lord, and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon her.



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.

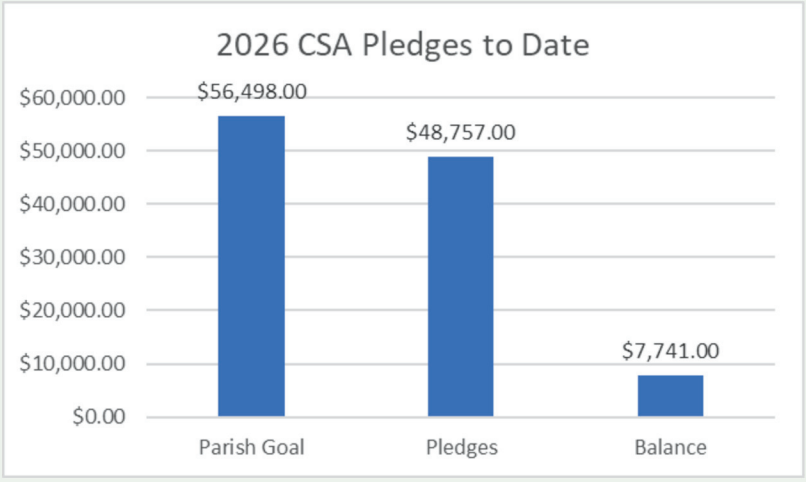
In order for us to make our goal we are asking each family to donate $300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are asking everyone to donate something to allow us to reach our goal. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero. Remember, 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:



Shampoo
Conditioner

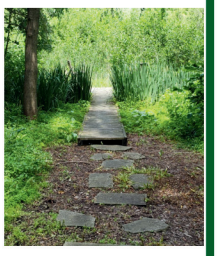
Canned Carrots
Shelf Stable Microwaveable
Canned Corn
Canned Peaches
& Pears

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

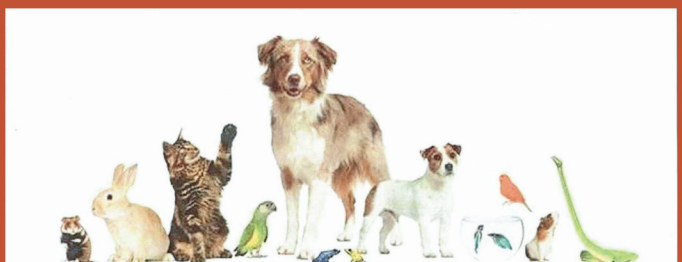
Step away from the cares of your world for a wonderful day of peace and quiet. What could be better than a day all to yourself? A day to do something good for your soul. A day to relax, refresh and reflect in a beautiful setting. There's no better place to spend a day like that than at **Manresa.** Enjoy 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
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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ST GERALD CHURCH

Blessing of the Animals

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 AFTER THE 9:15 AM FIRST SATURDAY MASS. THE BLESSING WILL BE OUTSIDE THE MAIN DOORS PARKING LOT SIDE.



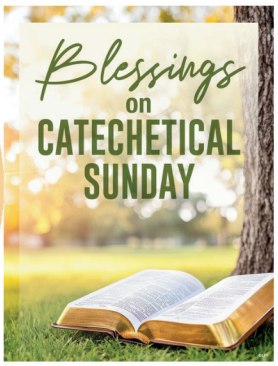
Catechetical Sunday
Sept. 20, 2026



We are grateful for our brothers and sisters who have offered to minister to our youth as catechists (Rosa Russenberger, Isabelle Gerhart, Rachel D'Angelo, Barb Dobric, Mark Cieslak, Keith Kelly, Peggy Oleszkowicz). Through their generous service may the children of our faith formation program grow closer to Jesus this school year.

Lord God,

source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations. In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts, that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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.



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

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8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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TomKruger	Luke Smith

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation	Sacrament of the Sick
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM	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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