

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 13, 2021 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.

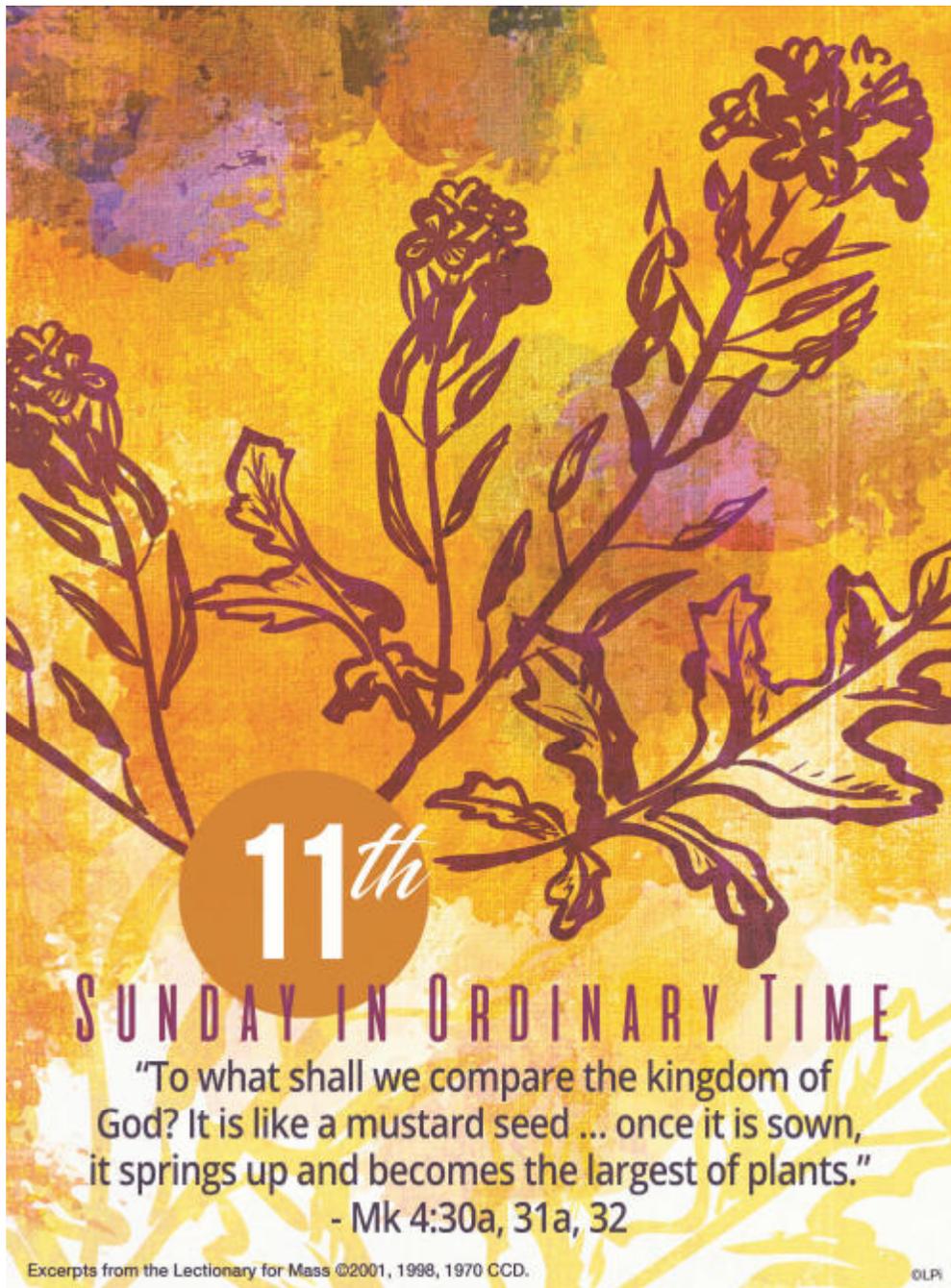
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JUNE 14 – JUNE 18

Monday 9:15 AM
Betty Murphy
 Requested by Steve and Lorrie Peck

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Diane Nomm
 Requested by Doug and Arlene Foley

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Craig Croitori
 Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM
**Living and Deceased Petter,
 Beckes and Kasinec Families**
 Requested by Diane Petter

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS AND/OR TO HAVE THEM SENT TO YOUR
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at:

stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

and their name will be added to our prayers.

Please Pray for:

Joan Goniea	Sally Battishill	Bill O'Donohue
Deloris Macknosky	Chloe Lynn Roberts	Frank Adams
Robert Retelle	Raymond Rudzki	Leianna Dutton
Marlene Bergin	Mary Duemler	Cathy Blaszczyk
Gerald Grusendorf	Kimberly Plonka	

If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer Request List above, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. Thank you!

FEELING ILL?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill. **We are asking that you wear a mask when you come to church.**



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 2021

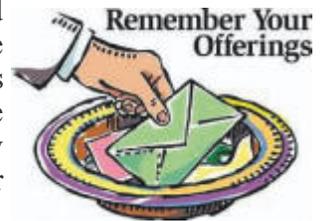
5:00 PM June 19 Fr. Kris		
For David George Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Alice Sheehan
8:30 AM June 20 Fr. Kris		
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM June 20 Fr. Kris		
For Diane Nomm Requested by Doug & Arlene Foley	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM June 20 Fr. Briffa		
For Carol Kronk Requested by Mark & Family	Lector	Sharon McCarthy

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

Just a Note . . .

During this unprecedented time, please note that there are collection baskets located in the back of the church for your weekly donation. Thank you for your support of our parish.



Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 6	\$ 11,132.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 6	\$ 8,407.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of June 6	\$407,804.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of June 6	\$420,350.00

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm

92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Reading II

2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”

He said,

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” With many such

parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.



As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows! ©LPi

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN

By now you should have received a CSA mailing with your new pledge card for the 2021 campaign. If you did not, please call the Parish Office, as we have blank cards available.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is **\$70,574.00**. We are asking each family to contribute **\$285.00** this year to meet our goal. Having said that, we know there are some families who can afford more; and some families who cannot afford anything. That is why we say it is not an equal gift, it is an equal sacrifice. Any amount you can donate would help us get closer to our goal.

It is also important to remind you that any shortfall to the goal of \$70,574.00 has to be made up from our savings account. However, any extra we collect over this goal, we get to keep. Your generous support of past CSA efforts at St. Gerald have been most appreciated.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese everyday. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

Please note the new address on the return envelope is directed to Minnesota. Also, all checks should be payable to *The Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA*. If you choose to give on-line, go to <http://stgerald.aodcsa.org>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

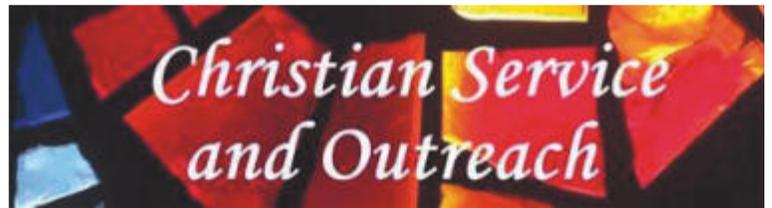
2021 CSA Pledge Update



GROUNDS COMMITTEE DONATION REQUEST



Donations of earth toned (not painted) slate stones 1 1/2 feet in diameter or larger would be greatly appreciated to help fill in our garden area in the front of the church. You may place your donations on the side of the garage by the small door.



We are collecting socks for St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services to be distributed to the homeless throughout the downtown area. If you would like to make a donation, you will find a bin placed in the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



St. Vincent De Paul is now offering home pick up for items that you would like to donate. This would be good for any larger items you may have that cannot be placed in our bins located behind the garage. The phone number to call for home pick up is 313-393-3025. Please note that because of the shortage of staffing, it can take up to six weeks before a truck can come to your house for donations. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.



Confirmation candidate interviews need to be scheduled. Please call 248-476-7677, ext. 208 or email Gerryanna at: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com to schedule a date that is fitting for you. All interviews must be done by the end of **July**.



Let us congratulate
Monica Melonio and Daniel Sprys
who were married at St. Gerald Parish
last Saturday!

May you both be blessed with happiness
and joy as you celebrate your new lives
together as Mr. and Mrs.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP
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Briffa**



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OUR NEWEST MEMBER is Paul Misch (pictured to the right) who experienced his initiation June 1st. A retired dentist, Dr. Paul and his wife Denise have three grown daughters and are former members of St. Collette Parish. He was one of two parishioners who attended the Council's Open House in late May. At his on-line degree ceremony Grand Knight Frank Gariepy pinned him with the Order's official pin.



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Taken from the Book Abounding Grace, by
M. Scott Peck, M.D.

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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!

RCIA: Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to the area, 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 rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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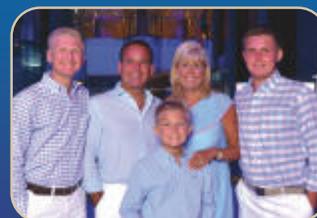
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