

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

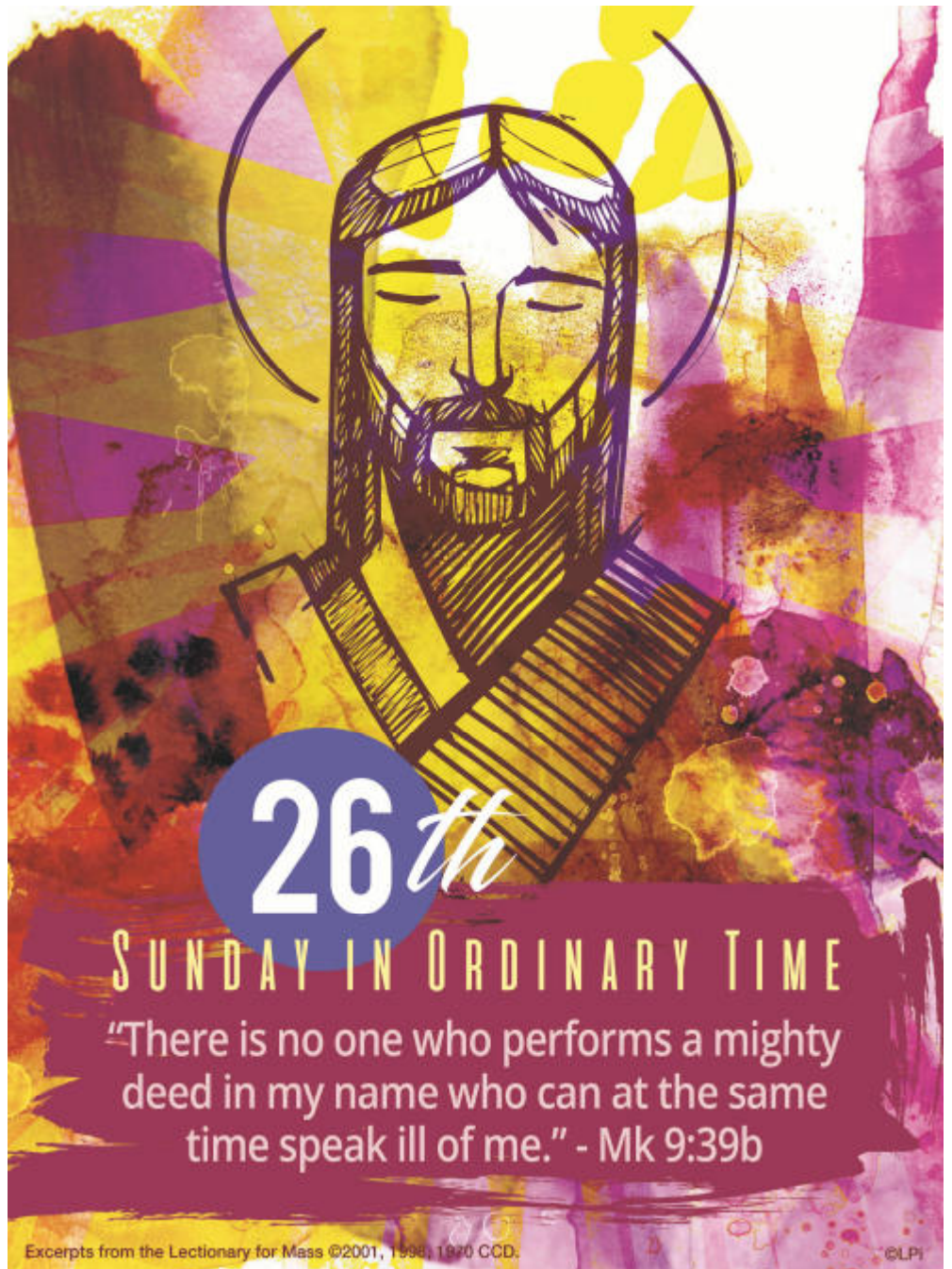
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 2

Monday 9:15 AM
All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Michael Stec
Requested by Milkiewicz Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht
and Goderman Families**
Requested by C. Kemp

Saturday 9:15 AM
Special Intention
Requested by N. Battel

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
[1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk
10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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EMAIL: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



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

Pray for our Sick:

Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola

Joan Goniea Karen Bayer Pat Centers



BANNS OF MARRIAGE 1ST BANN

Let us pray for Stacey Bywalec and Arthur
Rucinski, III, as they prepare to be joined in
Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on
October 16, 2021.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

This weekend is our collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund.
Your donation will help offset our per priest assessment for the
Retirement Fund. Please fill out and return the envelope that was
attached to last weekend's bulletin and place in the collection
basket located in the back of the church or drop it in the Parish
Office. Your contribution is very much appreciated!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2021

5:00 PM October 2

For
Lucille Strick
Requested by
Dennis & Sharon Weberlein

Lector Alice Sheehan

8:30 AM October 3

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Lector Jim Bergin

10:15 AM October 3

For
Eglandina Valente
Requested by
Family

Lector Caron Kott

12:00 PM October 3

For
St. Michael the Archangel
Requested by J. Rotondo
& 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.



If you prefer to give by check or cash, collection baskets
are located in the back of the church for your weekly
donation or you may drop your donation in the Parish
Office. Thank you for your continued support of St.
Gerald Parish.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 12	\$ 8,554.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 12	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Sept. 12	\$ 86,484.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Sept. 12	\$ 89,155.00

ONLINE GIVING FOR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

Those who wish to give to the Priest Retirement Fund
through the online giving can do so now through
September 28. If you have any questions, please call the
Parish Office. Thank you!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

READING I

Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Reading II

Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"



Eucharistic



Adoration

**OCTOBER 01, 2021
FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
AFTER 9:15 AM MASS
WITH BENEDICTION
AT 5:00 PM
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**OCTOBER 02, 2021
FIRST SATURDAY
MASS AT 9:15 AM**

**Mark your calendars
and
Save the Date!**



The **Man of the Shroud Touring Exhibit** will be here at St. Gerald Church on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20.

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

If you have not received your CSA pledge card for 2021, please call the Parish Office as we have blank cards available.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is **\$70,574.00**. We are currently half way to our goal. Please consider making a donation. We are asking each family to contribute **\$285.00** this year to meet our goal, but whatever you are able to donate would be very much appreciated.

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.

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 Pledges To Date



CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR SPONSORED BY OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Wednesday, November 10th. The bus leaves St. Gerald Parish parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. For more information regarding cost, etc., and to sign up, please call Richard Smith at 313-421-0204, Bruce Roberts at 248-756-9257 or Richard Rosowski at 248-477-2511.

A WARM WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CATECHISTS

Many thanks to the following people who have answered the call to service as catechists in our Religious Formation program: **Rosa Russenberger, Joyce Kopp, Susan Hill, Carolyn Arlen, Mary Power.** Assisting **Gerryanna Luseri** with the Middle School program are **Peggy Oleszkowicz** and **Steve Conaster**. Thank you also to our other Religious Formation support volunteers **Sharon Weberlein** and **Laurel Hoetger**. If you would like to volunteer in any way with the Religious Formation program or become involved with the Education Commission, please call Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201.

I would also like to invite all members of the parish to join the children and catechist in church for prayer services each week before classes; Monday at 5:30 PM for our elementary students and every other Monday at 7:00 PM for our Middle School students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

FLU SHOTS



Flu shots will be administered on Sunday, October 10, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. We need to know approximate numbers. Please sign up on the sheet at the Health Ministry information table in the social hall.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screening will begin on October 17, and will usually coincide with Fellowship Sunday each month **after the 8:30 and 10:15 AM Masses**. Look for us in the social hall. The dates are as follows: October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, and May 15. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures. Please call the number below if you can help, or would like to be trained.



HEALTH & WELLNESS BULLETIN

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table. Please let me know if you have any special topic request.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am looking for help with the Parish Health Ministry, to help with taking Blood Pressures, Flu Clinic, Health/Safety program presenter, etc. If you are not sure what you can do, I can train you. The big plus, no meetings, and we have a lot of fun with helping people with health choices. Please, call to see how you can do God's work.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Barbara Seabolt, Parish Health Ministry
248-477-4752 (home) 248-231-4184 (cell)

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

In honor of Priesthood Sunday on Sunday, September 26, 2021, the Office of Priestly Vocations is inviting parishioners to offer a spiritual bouquet for their pastors and associate pastors: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/priesthood-sunday/>.

Part of that bouquet includes an option to share a story about how this priest's ministry has impacted your life. Our hope is to collect and share these stories with each priest through Priesthood Sunday.

We had a GREAT day and a good time at our **Outdoor Social!!**

God blessed us with a bright sunny day to enjoy under the shade trees of our beautiful church grounds. The games and fellowship were welcoming.

Our Knights of Columbus grilled hotdogs that hit the spot and we all enjoyed being together on such a nice day. A few people even suggested that we have it once a month. Great idea, right! ;)

Thank you to all the Knights and families that participated in the day!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 23rd.

And, watch for a date coming soon for our traditional Pancake Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus.



Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 6:30 PM



In the South parking lot of St. Gerald Parish.
This is an outdoor event only. Costumes optional.
Rain or Shine!

Fill your trunks with candy and treats to share.

Join us around a bonfire, weather permitting. RSVP to Parish Office 248-477-7477.

Kids of all ages welcome.

Questions, please email Gerryanna at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or
Mary Taylor at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com.

Activities Within our Community



Please join our St. Gerald Knights of Columbus at the **34th Annual Right to Life-Lifespan's Life Chain** on Sunday, October 3rd from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Our council will be meeting in Livonia at Middlebelt Road, between Jamison and Six Mile Road. This event will provide a visual statement of solidarity by our local community. Please join us for a peaceful and prayerful event. Stand and be counted with thousands of others. For more information, please refer to the Knights of Columbus bulletin board located at the main entrance of the church.

THE BREATH OF LIFE
ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER FALL BANQUET
Please join us on Thursday, October 7th, at 6:00 PM
at Laurel Manor



With Guest Speaker: Jennifer Christie

To purchase tickets go to: <http://AWPCBanquet.Eventbrite.com>

Ticket prices:

Individual (1): \$60 per ticket

Pair (2): \$55.00 per ticket

Table (10): \$45 per ticket

Questions please call 248-939-5900.

BLOOD DRIVE Sponsored by St. Gerald Parish

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall
19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI

Date: Monday, September 27

Time: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

St. Gerald, in collaboration with the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Knights of Columbus Hall on September 27th. This blood drive will replace the semi-annual drive we typically have in our social hall. You can give blood at the Knights of Columbus hall on behalf of St. Gerald.

To Donate: Simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit versiti.org/mi to schedule your appointment to donate. Walk-ins are welcome. Masks are required.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 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!

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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