The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 3, 2021 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

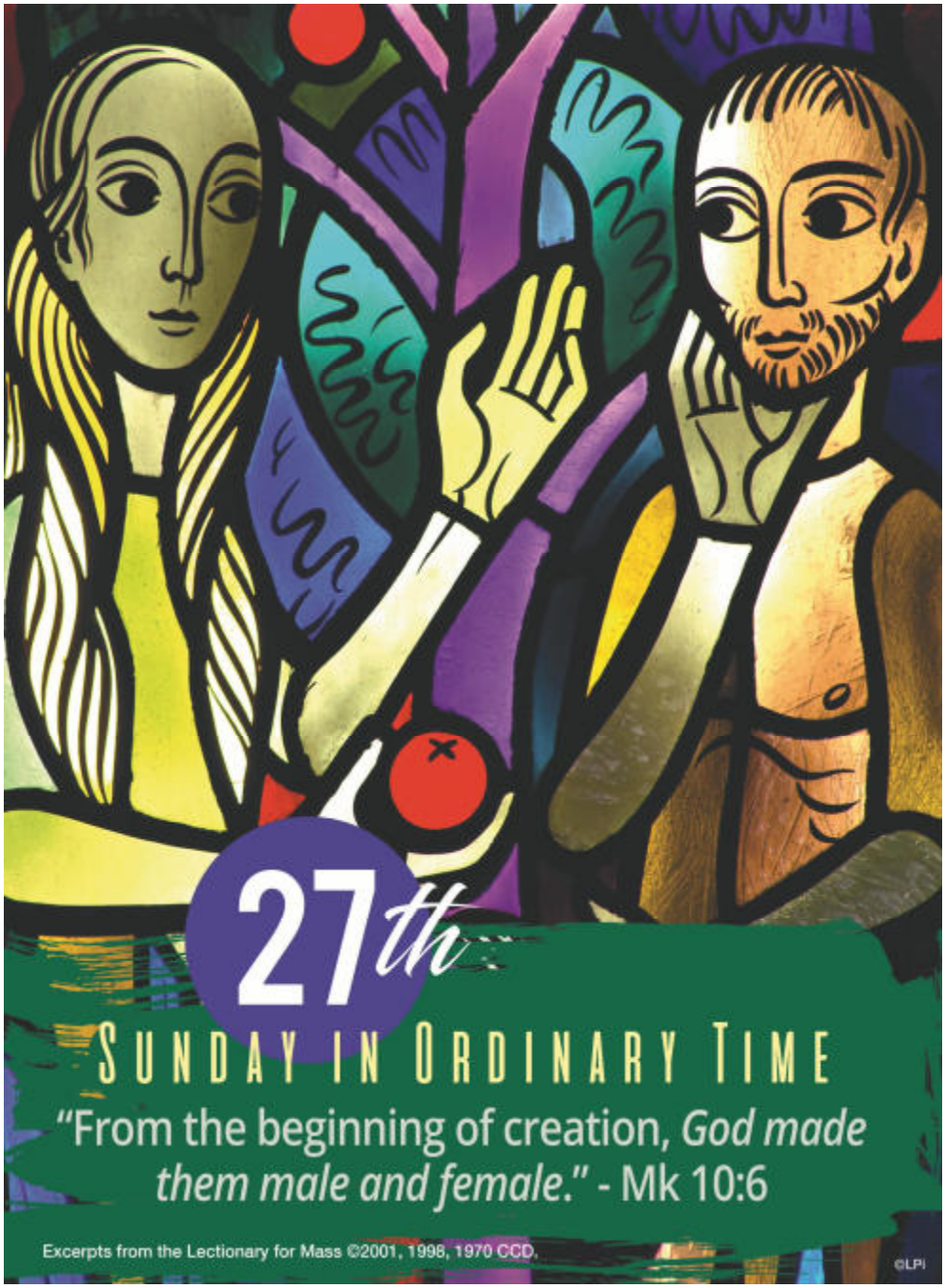
Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

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

October 4 – October 8

Monday 9:15 AM
Samantha Mullen
Requested by Mullen Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Florence Lesiak
Requested by Mullen Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
Jerry and Mark Mellendorf
Requested by Croitori Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Liturgical Publications, Inc
(For a list of daily readings and/or to have them sent to your email: go to 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
2nd 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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

5:00 PM	**October 9**	**Fr. Briffa**
For **William Strick** Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	**Lector**	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	**October 10**	**Fr. Briffa**
For **Nathan Steele** Requested by Flora Rossi	**Lector**	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	**October 10**	**Fr. Kris**
For **William Shea** Requested by Jean Shea	**Lector**	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM	**October 10**	**Fr. Maka**
For **All Our Parishioners**	**Lector**	Paul Radzilowski

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. 19	$ 7,124.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 19	$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Sept. 19	$ 93,608.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Sept. 19	$ 97,260.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this weekend on Sunday during the 10:15 AM Mass.
Children in grades Kindergarten through 4th Grade are welcome!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I **Gn 2:18-24**

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

Reading II **Heb 2:9-11**

Brothers and sisters:
He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

Alleluia

Gospel **Mk 10:2-16**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage. God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two. The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey! ©LPi

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.

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.

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.

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

Let us welcome our newest members:

Mark and Meredith Fisher

Welcome to St. Gerald!
We are glad you are here.

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

A parish celebration of Hallow-eve!

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.
The K of C will be providing some grilled hotdogs for you to enjoy.
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.

Halloween Candy For Sacred Heart Major Seminary

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please drop your donation off in the container located at the main entrance of the church no later than October 20th. Thank you!

Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God…" is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

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 Five 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.

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.

St. Francis Of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith. Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day. ©LPi

Climate Emergency: How Do We Respond As People Of Faith?

"Bring the whole human family together . . . For we know that things can change."
Pope Francis, Laudato Si #13

With these words and more, we hear Pope Francis challenge the entire Church and world to make concrete actions on behalf of the health of the planet. On October 24th, hosted at St. Thomas More Parish, Fr. Charles Morris from Madonna University will discuss the specifics of the **Laudato Si Action Platform** laid out by the Vatican this week. Fr. Morris will also share his personal journey of moving from faith to action through his involvement with Michigan Interfaith Power & Lights. All are welcome.

Sunday, October 24th from 2-4 PM
St. Thomas More Parish, 4580 Adams Road, Troy, MI 48098

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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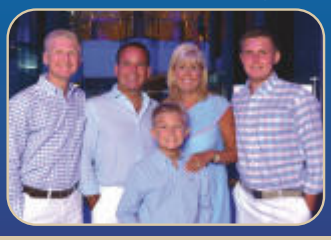

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