

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 24, 2021 THIRTIETH 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.

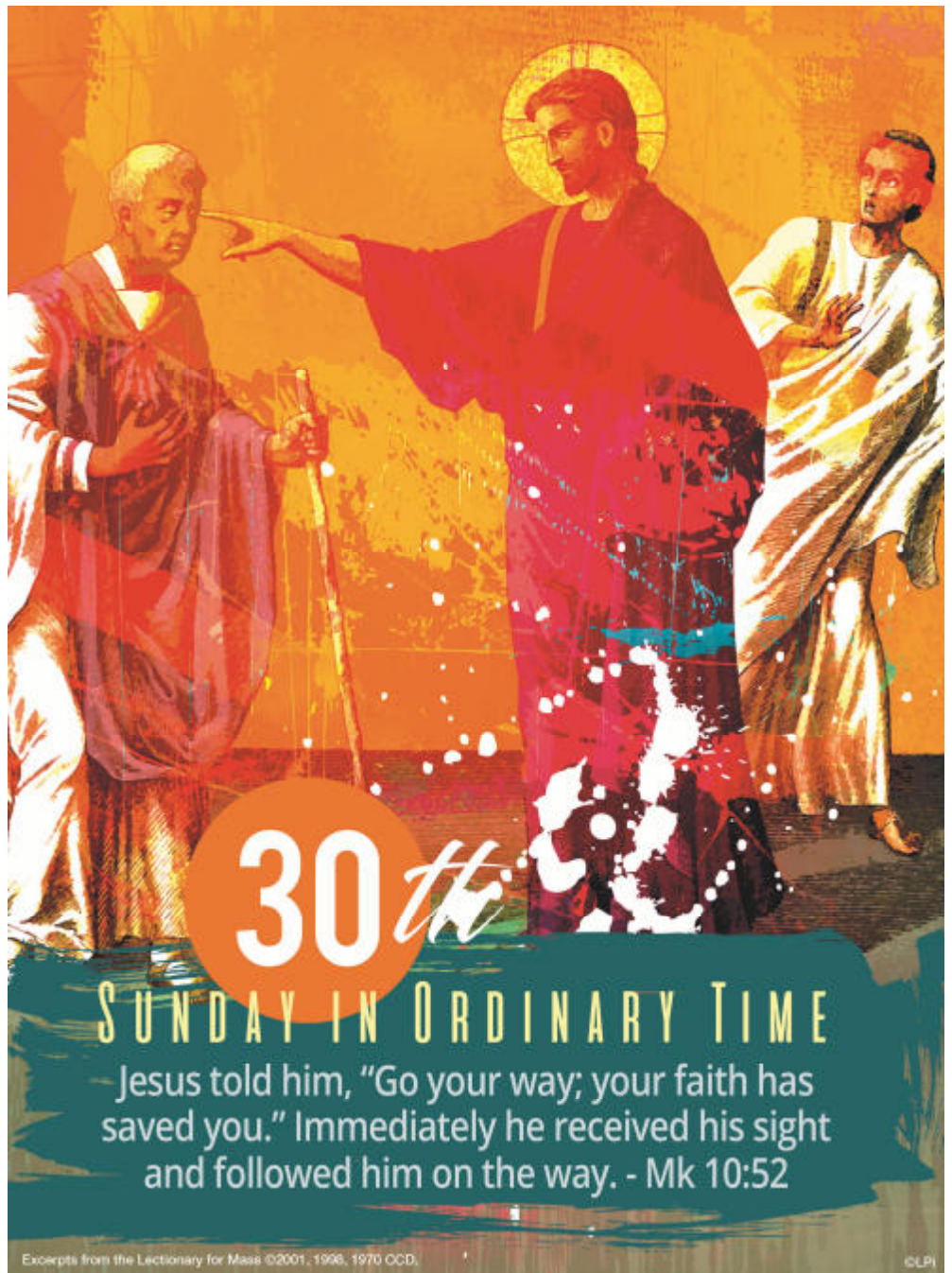
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 25 – OCTOBER 29

Monday 9:15 AM

Victoria Coville

Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Jerry Kasinec

Requested by Diane Petter

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Laura B. Fsadni

Requested by Julee Berger

Friday 9:15 AM

Monica and Robert Koenig

Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/
 Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



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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 Robert Bliss

Joe Pierozysnki Dan Eastwood Joe Camilleri

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



RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Saturday, October 30th, we will be having the Celebration of the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00 PM Mass. The Most Reverend Bishop Gerard Battersby celebrant.

Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit enlighten these candidates with the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Knowledge, Fortitude and Fear of the Lord. May their lives be enriched as they offer their talents to God, and our community, as full members of our faith.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 31, 2021

5:00 PM

October 30

**Fr. Kris/
Bishop Battersby**

For
Margaret Weberlein
Requested by
Dennis & Sharon Weberlein

Lector

Diane Blankenship

8:30 AM

October 31 Fr. Kris

For
Ken Hartsig
Requested by
Victor Winiarski

Lector

Rosa Russenberger

10:15 AM

October 31 Fr. Briffa

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Lector

Angela McLoughlin

12:00 PM

October 31 Fr. Kris

For
Howard Petter
Requested by
Diane Petter

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 October 10	\$ 5,549.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 10	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of October 10	\$118,778.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of October 10	\$121,575.00

DONATIONS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for World Mission Sunday you can do so now through October 31st. Thank You!

**For Right-to-Life information,
 please visit the Archdiocese website
 at www.aodonline.org**

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I

Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Heb 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

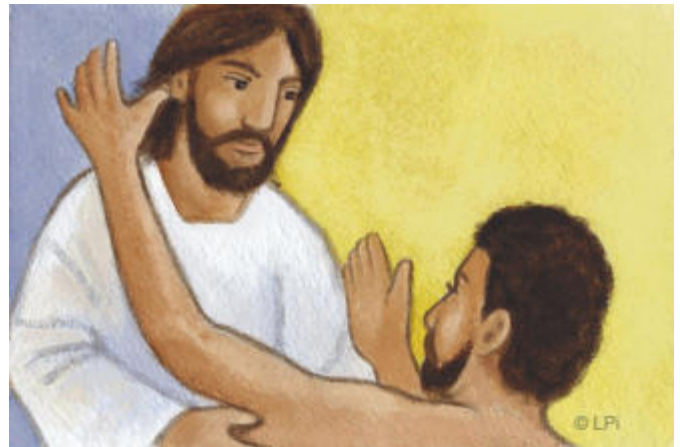
Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: *You are my son: this day I have begotten you;* just as he says in another place: *You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



CALLING ALL "AT WILL" VOLUNTEERS . . . IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER FALL CLEAN UP



In this season of safety, we hope volunteers can help with this Fall's Annual Clean Up. Volunteers can come when they can and how they are able. On **November 5th through 12th** we will have a dumpster on the property for disposal of refuse from our parish grounds.

Lawn bags are available for your use and can be found inside the building in the Religious Education hallway or outside the door of the Parish Office entrance in a plastic bin. We ask that you bring your own rake or make arrangements to use one of St. Gerald's (text Gerryanna at 734-341-1999 or ask in the Parish Office).

Areas in need:

- Garden beds need to be cleaned up of the spent flowering plants and annual plantings.
- Trash pick up along the perimeter fence line
- Raking leaves from under bushes
- General pick up of branches and twigs

Change of Date



Thank you for keeping St. Gerald a beautiful place to visit and worship.
The St. Gerald Gardening Team

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are slowly getting closer to our goal. If you have not donated to CSA for 2021 and need a pledge card, please call the Parish Office as we have blank cards available.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is **\$70,574.00**. We are still hopeful that we will reach this amount. 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.



ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN AT BOYSVILLE

The Knights of Columbus here at St. Gerald need your help by gifting a hooded sweatshirt to the boys and girls at Boysville (Holy Cross Children's Services). This may be the only Christmas gift these children will receive. Hooded sweatshirts (men's sizes large and extra large) are needed with sports, high school or college names printed on sweatshirts. Please drop them off no later than **Sunday, November 14th** in the box on the Knight's table in the social hall. Thank you for your generosity. For additional information, contact Richard Smith, Chairperson at 313-421-0204.



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.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screening 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: 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, 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)



CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR

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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.



ST. GERALD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

Thought we would update you on what we have been doing with your generous donations to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul.

June through September was a busy time for St. Gerald Vincentians. Thirty-six families, totaling 48 people, requested our help. With the lifting of the eviction moratorium and the cessation of federal unemployment benefits, many families can no longer afford their housing. We helped with requests for rent and water bills. Despite multiple food pantries and federal and state dollars pouring into social service agencies, some families were still without food. Others needed help with car repairs and gas. So far this year we have helped 75 families in need. As you might guess, our funds are dwindling, and any additional support you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Because of the generosity of this parish, St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to help all of these families, our neighbors in need. We could not do any of this without our St. Gerald community. We greatly appreciate your prayers and financial support of this ministry.

We also want to thank Frank and Kathy Garipey for their participation in the St. Vincent de Paul Walk for our Friends in Need on Belle Isle this September. They survived the rain and raised over \$1200 for our conference.

Always remember, "Whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do for me." (Mt 25:40)

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.



Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



We joyfully announce the union of:

Stacey Bywalec and Arthur Rucinski, III

Stacey and Arthur
exchanged vows on
Saturday, October 16th
at St. Gerald Parish

May your days be blessed!

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.



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
STEVEN M. BONADEO

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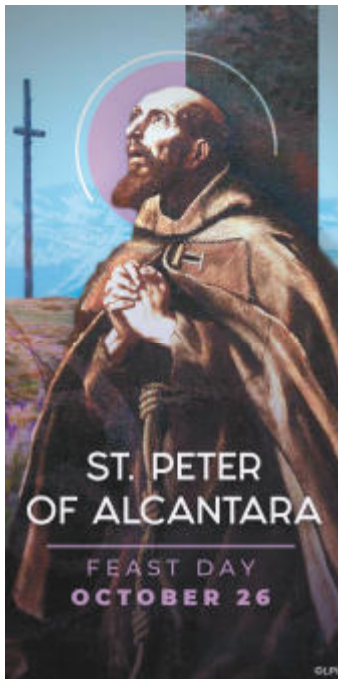
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STEVEN O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL
LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669. ©LPi

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUEST . . .

We are now collecting Depends and other brands of briefs to benefit Lighthouse of Michigan. The drop-off location is in the main entrance of the church. Briefs of all sizes are needed, both men and women. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you.

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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