The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Servant Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit

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

MASS SCHEDULE

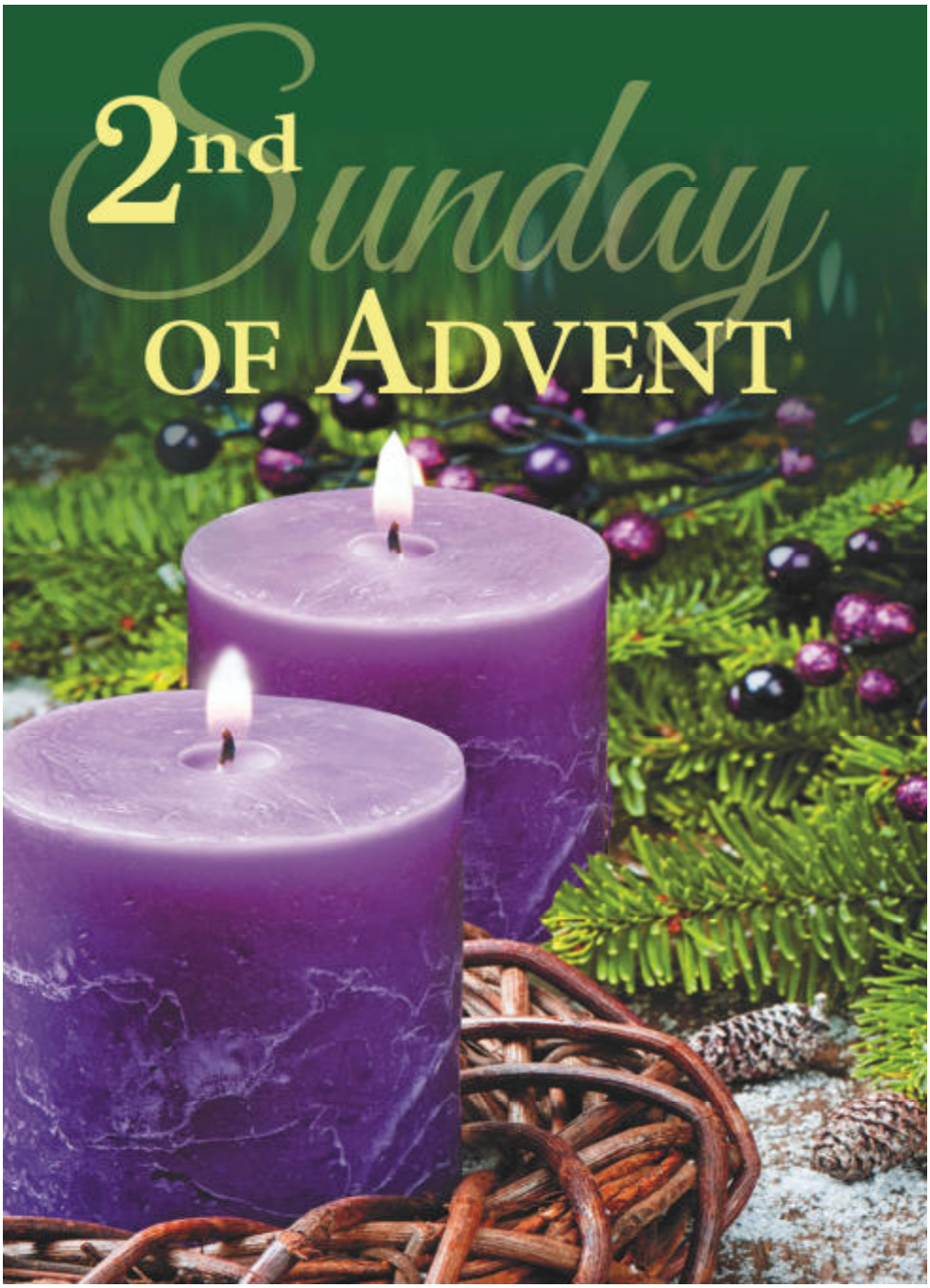
Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

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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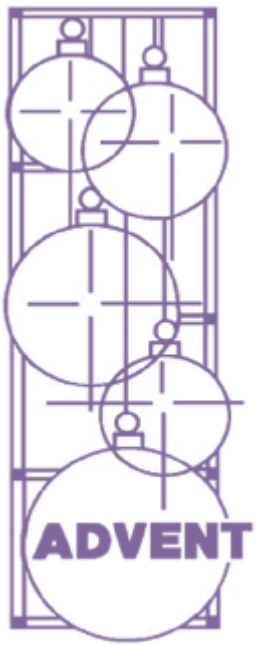
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



December 6 – December 10

Monday 9:15 AM
Lana Perkins
Requested by Diane Petter

Tuesday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday 9:15 AM
For all Our Parishioners

7:00 PM
For All Our Parishoners

Thursday 7:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Aon and Kattan Families
Requested by Suad Kattan

Friday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families
Requested by Makowski Family

Readings for Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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(For a list of daily readings and/or to have them sent to your email: go to http://www.usccb.org/nab)

Pray for our Sick:

Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola
Joan Goniea Karen Bayer Pat Centers Anna D'Orazio
Ida Picano Robert Bliss

Please remember to pick up a 2022 Calendar. They are located on the table in the main entrance of the church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

5:00 PM	**December 11**	**Fr. Kris**
For **Mary Lou Olschansky** Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	**Lector**	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	**December 12**	**Fr. Briffa**
For **Mario Rossi** Requested by Flora Rossi	**Lector**	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	**December 12**	**Fr. Kris**
For **David Suchan** Requested by Ron & Gloria Bozak	**Lector**	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	**December 12**	**Fr. Kris**
For **All Our Parishioners**	**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.

Those who wish to give to Immaculate Conception through online giving can do so now through December 12th. And those who wish to give online for Religious Retirement can do so now through December 19th. If you are donating to Religious Retirement with an envelope, please return it next weekend and place in the collection basket located in the back of the church. Thank you!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times: 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM

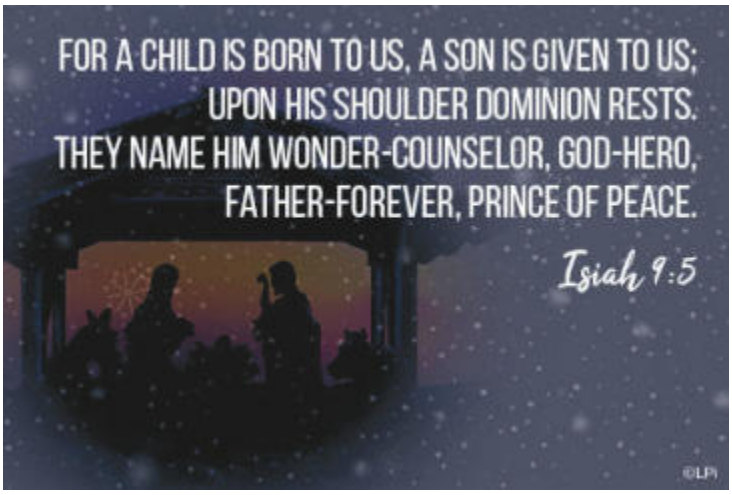
Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I **Bar 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm



Reading II **Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters:
I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia

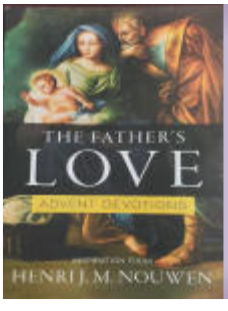
Gospel **Lk 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Oplatek Or "Christmas Wafer"

Oplateks are available after all the Masses this weekend on the table in the gathering space of the church. A Free Will donation is not required, but would be appreciated! Please note there is only one wafer in each envelope.



The Father's Love - Advent Devotions are available to parishioners on the table in the gathering space of the church. Please take only one per family. Thank you!

CSA 2021 Campaign Update

196 members have donated thus far. 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.

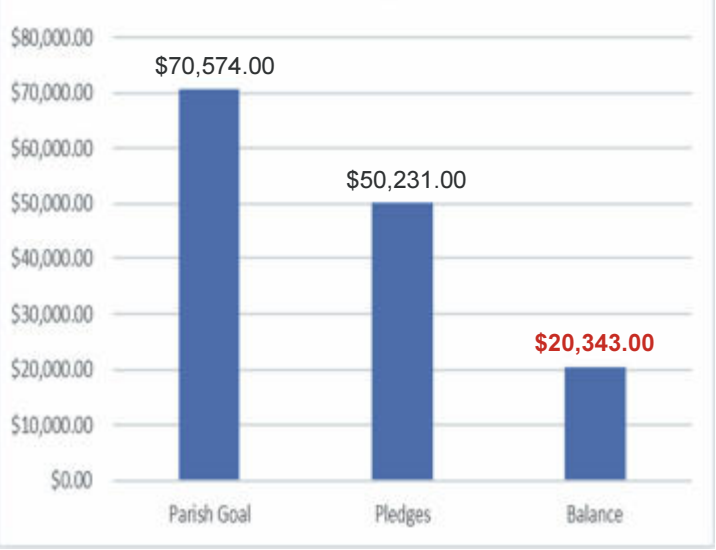
Our CSA goal for 2021 is **$70,574.00**. Please consider making a donation. We are asking each family to contribute **$285.00** this year to meet our goal, **but whatever you are able to donate would help us get closer to our goal**.

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. 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



St. Gerald Parish
Advent Reconciliation Service
with individual confession and absolution

Monday, December 13th 7:00 PM

Banns of Marriage 3rd Bann

Let us pray for Jennifer M. Kopeck and Joseph D. Russell as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on December 11, 2021.

SAVE the DATE!

Roadside Christmas Caroling at St. Gerald
on Sunday, December 19th
11:15 AM to Noon.
Come sing and bring cheer to others.
Get a doughnut at Fellowship and dress warm.
Song sheets will be provided.

The Knights of Columbus will have buttons available this weekend before and after all the masses encouraging people to *Keep **Christ In Christmas***. A free will donation would be appreciated! Please wear one and help us all to ***Keep Christ in Christmas***!

Fresh Wreaths Available To Order

Fresh Wreaths will be for sale after all the Masses on Sunday, December 5th. The proceeds of this sale will help in supporting the Boy Scout Troop in which two of our students participate. The wreaths are priced at $27 for the smaller size and $37 for the medium size. The stand will also be available for $6 each. Please consider supporting this worthwhile activity.

Lifespan Christmas Cards

Lifespan Christmas cards will be available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend.

Friendly Reminder. . .
Christmas Gifts Are Due Back The Weekend Of December 11th And 12th.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
JOSEPH BRISH
+
JANUARY 18, 1932
NOVEMBER 18, 2021
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JOSEPH O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.

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.

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER

Annual Christmas Blessing Event
Thursday, December 16

In need of:

- Volunteers
- Homemade cookies (30 dozen total)
- Snacks
- Water bottles and juice boxes
- $5.00 gifts for mothers and fathers
- Books for ages 0-12

Please contact Alyssa at 248-471-5858 to volunteer or for more information.

ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT PROGRAM THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all the parishioners and Knights of Columbus members who helped to make this program a great success!

78 sweatshirts were collected for Christmas gifts for the boys and girls at the Holy Cross Children's Center (Boysville). Thank you again for your support and generosity!

Many had a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner thanks to our great St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, Bob Kuhr, Karen Goheen, Sue Wiktor, and all the generous members of the parish who so kindly donated food and gift cards for this worthy cause.

Let us welcome our newest members

Timothy and Joan Funchar

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

ST. GERALD 2021 CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ANGEL TREE

This year St. Gerald will once again have a special CHRISTmas Tree with colored glass angels. These angels will be a memorial gift to the families who would like to contribute towards our CHRISTmas decorations. After CHRISTmas, the families who have contributed will be able to take an angel home as a remembrance of their loved one(s).

If you would like to contribute, the suggested donation is $10.00 per name. Just fill out this form. Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Angels" and drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses or bring it to the Parish Office.

Please, clearly print your name, phone number and each memorial name. A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the New Year's edition of the Voice.

(Deadline for donations is Monday, December 20, 2021)

In Memory of: _____
(Please legibly print name of deceased)

Remembered by: _____
(Your Name)

Your phone number: _____
(In case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church.

ST. GERALD PARISH
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—**M, T, F-9:15 AM; Th-7:00 PM; First Saturday-9:15 AM**

Weekend Mass—**Dec. 11-12, 18-19**
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24
4:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Mass, 10:00 PM Choir Mass, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25
9:00 AM Mass & 11:00 AM Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 26
8:30 AM Mass, 10:15 AM Mass & 12 Noon Mass

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31
9:15 AM Mass & 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, **Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
Saturday, January 1 - 10:00 AM Mass

Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday, January 1 - 5:00 PM,
Sunday, January 2 - 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM & 12 Noon Masses

First Friday observance-adoration, Friday, Jan. 7
Adoration begins after the 9:15 AM Mass and ends at 5:00 PM with Benediction

St. Aidan Advent Pageant: Cradle, Cross & Crown Lessons, Carols & Sing-A-Long

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Donation: $5.00 and/or two canned food goods for Christmas Food baskets for the needy

St. Aidan:
17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

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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Kim Smith

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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