

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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.

Greetings!

As your pastor, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations.

On behalf of myself and all of the Staff at St. Gerald, May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year of 2022!

May God bless you,
Fr. Krzysztof Nowak



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 7

Monday 9:15 AM

Lavo Cardozo

Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Michael Dombe

Requested by Thomas Horrill

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

For All Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families**
Requested by C. Kemp

Readings for Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

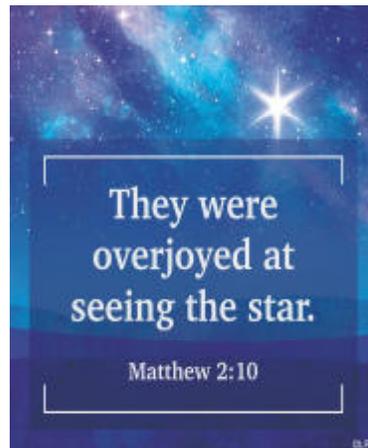


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**First Friday,
January 7,
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
following the
9:15 AM Mass until
5 PM Benediction.
Adorers Are Needed.**



**Sign-up sheet
is in the
gathering
space.**



2021 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your 2021 contribution statement from St. Gerald, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. If you are unable to pick up your statement, they can be emailed or mailed to you upon your request. Please allow one week to process your statement. Thank you!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

5:00 PM January 8 Fr. Briffa

For
All Our Parishioners Lector Diane Blankenship

8:30 AM January 9 Fr. Kris

For
Mark Curtin
Requested by
Rich & Candy Rosowski Lector Candy Rosowski

10:15 AM January 9 Fr. Briffa

For
Amedeo Picano
Requested by
Carl & Kathy Arciero Lector Jeff Antoun

12:00 PM January 9 Fr. Kris

For
Bob Kujawa
Requested by Diane Bonadeo Lector Paul Radzilowski



**If you wish to make an offering for New Year's
through Simple Give you can do so now through
January 9. Thank you!**

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.



**Let us welcome our
newest members to
St. Gerald:**

**Matthew Kelty and
Veronica Fradette**

**We are very happy you are
here!**

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

199 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.

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



CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR



Join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Wednesday, January 12th. The bus leaves St. Gerald parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. For information and to sign up call: Richard Smith (313-421-0204), Bruce Roberts (248-756-9257) or Richard Rosowski (248-477-2511).

2021 CSA Pledges To Date



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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!



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



Invite a friend to Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up, and no charge; it's an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together

On Sunday, January 23, St. Michael the Archangel will host a Come & See luncheon for those who may be interested in attending

think
chat
eat
laugh
connect
explore
question

learn more at livoniastmichael.org/alpha



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.




BANNS OF MARRIAGE 3RD BANN

Let us pray for Rachael Hume and William Reichardt as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on January 8, 2022.



Remembered with Angels



Remembering:

Remembered by:

Donna J. Acker	Gerald & Dolores Maxey
Fr. Ronald Alder	Reynolds Family
Ted & Sylvia Amos	Teddi & Jerome Williams
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R. E. Blankenship	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Dorothy Bliss	Karen Papacharalambous
Earl Bliss	Karen Papacharalambous
Joseph Bongero	Agnes Bongero
John Brook	Rich & Candy Rosowski
Wanda Brook	Rich & Candy Rosowski
Randy Brookshire	Ann
Frank J. Cernak	Steven J. Cernak
Susan Costanzo	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Carmen Fenech	Stella Galea
Angie Ferracciolo	Scott & Susan Horsburgh & Family
Claude Fradette	Daniel & Cheryl Fradette
Carmel Galea	Stella Galea
Evelyn Gates	Gates Palombo Family
Reginald Gates	Deb & Carmine Palombo
Abigael Gilbert	Nancy Gilbert
Dick Graham	Rich & Candy Rosowski
Charlene Green	Diane Petter
Victor Grusendorf Family	Gerald & Gertrude Grusendorf
Eileen & Paul Hamann	Reynolds Family
Frank Hickey Family	Gerald & Gertrude Grusendorf
Jennifer Ann Hixson	Mrs. Martin E. Hixson
Elaine Horsburgh	Scott & Susan Horsburgh & Family
Gordon Horsburgh	Scott & Susan Horsburgh & Family
Nguyen Hoai Huong	Tran & Lan
Linda Kavooras	Diane Roberts
Kaye Family	Joseph Pavco

Remembering:

Remembered by:

Margaret & John Kramer	Reynolds Family
Carol Kronk	Mark Kronk
Helen Kronk	Mark Kronk
Lena Lekogaj	Prena Kalaj
Mary Lietner	Jane Zelnis
Alleene & Roger Lochhead	Johanna (Lochhead) Ward
Patricia Longeway	Richard & Cynthia Sturtz
John MacDougall	MacDougall Family
Evelyn Maldups	Parsla Liepa
James McAskin	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Richard & Wilda McAskin	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Ruth McCartney	Kathy Salerno
James & Leona McGowan	Barb & Bob Kopf
Pat McGowan	Bob McGowan
Fr. Bob McGrath	Julie, Shel & David Levine
Beth McLaughlin	Bill Croitori
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Dianne Mehelas	Julie, Shel & David Levine
Mary Lou & Jim Mehelas	Julie, Shel & David Levine
Jeanette Morales	Mary Yageman
Morelli Family	Josephine Rotondo & Family
Margaret Murphy	Mary & Bob Keller
Phan Van Ngoc	Tran & Lan
Edward Nowak	Paul & Mary Nowak
Bernard J. O'Brien	Katie O'Brien
Wesley Papacharalambous	Karen Papacharalambous
Pavco Family	Joseph Pavco
Joann Pavco	Joseph Pavco
John & Victoria Pitera	Joanne Wojnar
Adolfo Palombo	Carmine Palombo (Deb Palombo)
Anna Palombo	Carmine & Debbie Palombo



Remembered with Angels



Remembering:	Remembered by:	Remembering:	Remembered by:
Grace L. Reed	Bob & Bark Kopf	Hali Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
Joan Rollins	Richard & Cynthia Sturtz	John Swirles	Rich & Candy Rosowski
Anna Rosowski	Rich & Candy Rosowski	Bradley Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Bernard Rosowski	Rich & Candy Rosowski	Bradley Teagan, Jr.	Paul & Mary Nowak
Rotondo Family	Josephine Rotondo & Family	Marion Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
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Josef Sinishtaj	Prena Kalaj	Fred Williams	Daniel & Cheryl Fradette
Joann Slomczenski	Marilou Knight	Mary L. Winston	Teddi & Jerome Williams
Jamie Lee Smith	Smith Family	Eugene Wojnar	Joanne Wojnar
Regina E. Smith	Joseph Smith	Fr. Jim Wright	Julie, Shel & David Levine
Barbara Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak	Peter Zanotti	Armanda Zanotti

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Reading I

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,

and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Alleluia

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MIS @LPi*

**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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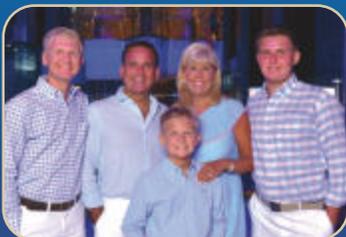


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