

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND 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.

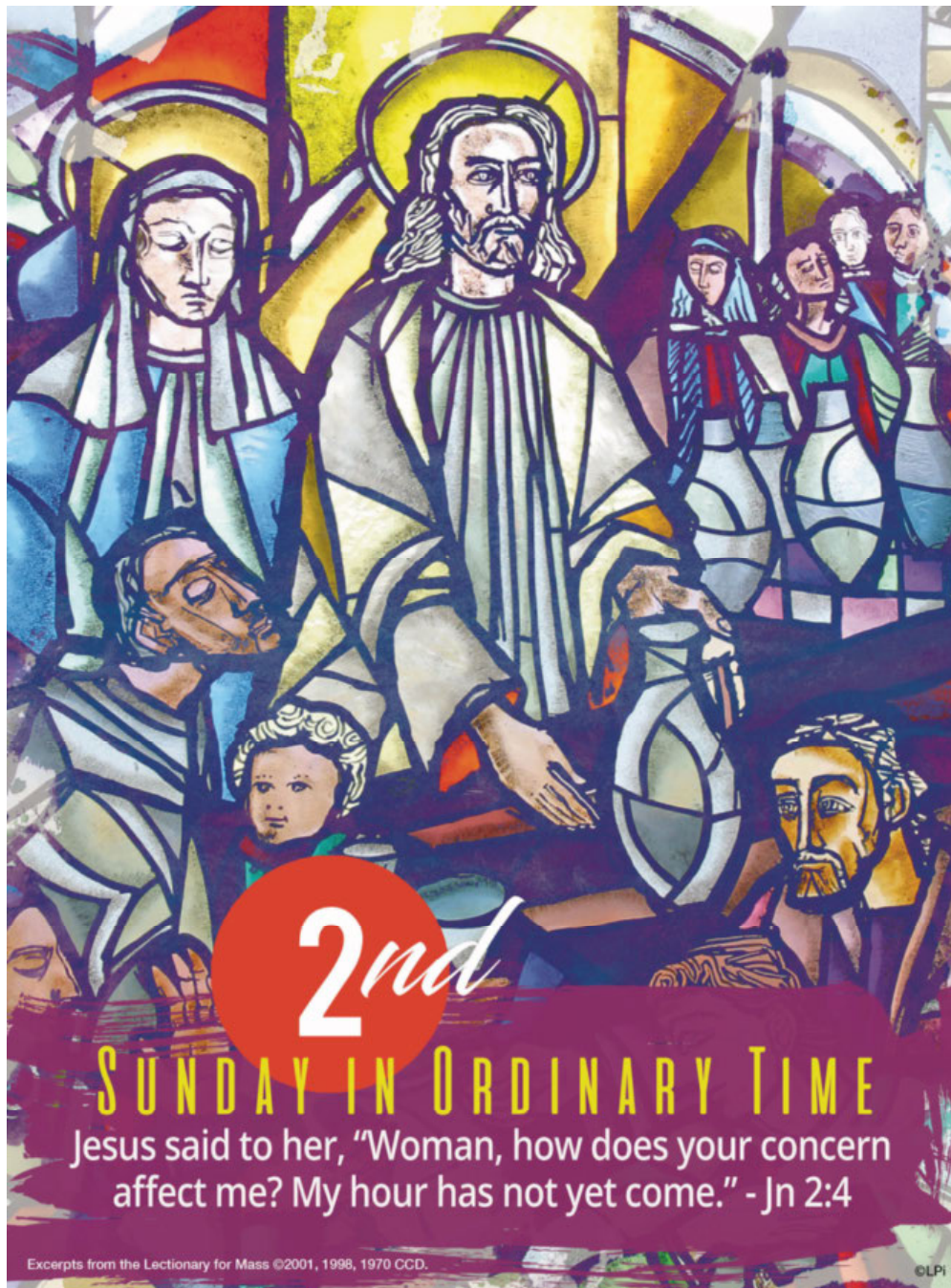
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 21

Monday 9:15 AM

Terrence Galloway

Requested by Ed and Connie Buelow

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Amedeo Picano

Requested by Angelina Petrucci

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Magina Family

Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Donald Summers

Requested by Ismena and Al Lefkis

Readings for Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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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](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022

5:00 PM

January 22

Fr. Briffa

For
Giuseppina & Sante Tullio
Requested by
Nazzareno & Adriana Troiani

Lector

Diane Blankenship

8:30 AM

January 23

Fr. Briffa

For
Robert Kujawa & Al Howley
Requested by
Ralph & Diane Fernley

Lector

Rosa Russenberger

10:15 AM

January 23

Fr. Kris

For
Rito Scappaticci
Requested by
Josephine Rotondo & Family

Lector

Angela McLoughlin

12:00 PM

January 23

Fr. Kris

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Lector

Renetta Jacob

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.

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com.

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!

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of January 2	\$ 7,184.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 2	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of January 2	\$198,568.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of January 2	\$218,835.00
Christmas Collection Actual	\$ 38,313.75
Christmas Collection Budget	\$ 40,000.00

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 stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Alleluia

Gospel

Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF

ELAINE S. SALATINO

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JANUARY 24, 1936
DECEMBER 26, 2021

JOHN E. FLECK

+

JUNE 17, 1935
JANUARY 2, 2022



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O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM.

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Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI
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Blood levels are very low. Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people. Please consider coming to donate.

Donor Raffle Reward! Donate three times at Monaghan Blood Drives in 2022 and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 Walmart Gift Card. That will be one raffle per blood donation. Drawing will be held in December 2022.

To schedule an appointment, simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

212 members have donated thus far but we still have a way to go. **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>

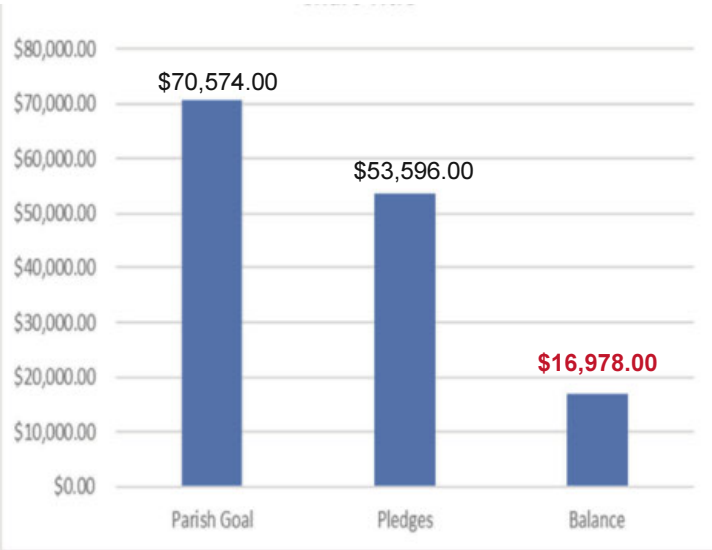
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

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




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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.



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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- Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola
 Anna D'Orazio Ida Picano Karen Bayer
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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.

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!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi



Sit and Chat
A small group of parishioners gather in the social hall on Monday and Tuesdays after morning Mass for some coffee, tea, snacks and conversation.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



We joyfully announce the union of:

**Rachael Ann Hume and
William Edwin Reichardt**

Rachael and William
exchanged vows on
Saturday, January 8, 2022
at St. Gerald Parish

May your days be blessed!

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

**MASS FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE
MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

AT CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT IN DETROIT

In gratitude for the life, work and example of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., all are invited to participate in Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or via livestream to pray for peace and justice in our country and our world. Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM by Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ.

**AN EVENING WITH THE MADONNA UNIVERSITY JAZZ AND STRING
ENSEMBLE**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

AT MADONNA UNIVERSITY IN LIVONIA

Join the Madonna University Jazz and String Ensemble for a free concert Thursday, January 27 at 7 PM in Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

It is free admission with advanced registration only. You can get your free tickets at www.madonna.edu/tickets. For more information, contact Kevin Del Pup, director of instrumental music, at (734) 432-5461 or email kdelpup@madonna.edu.



Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

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)

STAFF

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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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