

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH 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.

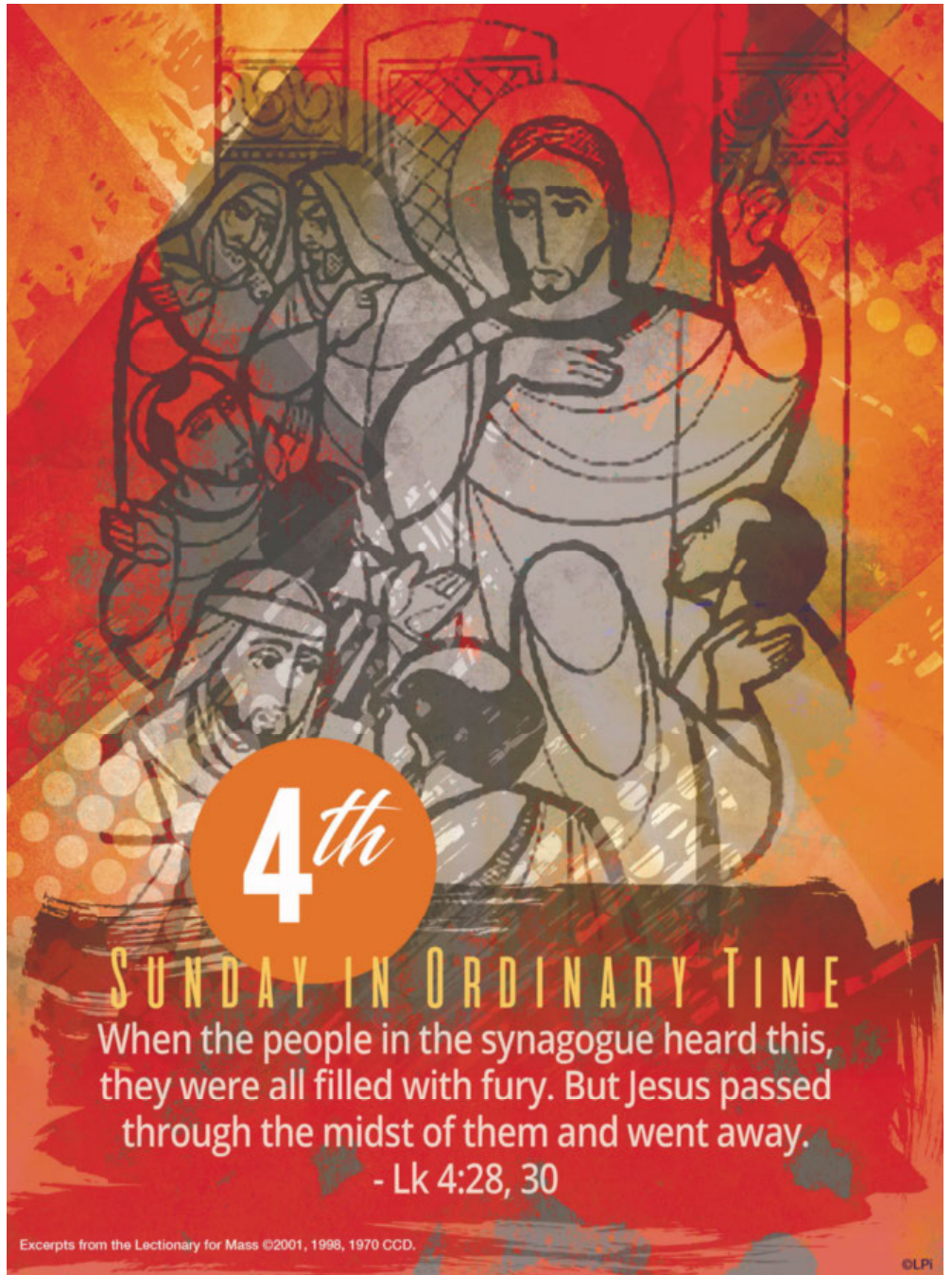
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



4th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

- Lk 4:28, 30

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 5

Monday 9:15 AM

Carmen Fenech

Requested by Stella Galea

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Alberta Shuler

Requested by Joyce McFadden

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM

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

Requested by C. Kemp

Saturday 9:15 AM

Chubb and Barbara Stemic

Requested by Croitori Family

Readings for Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



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**On Thursday, February 3rd,
Feast of St. Blaise,
there will be a general
Blessing of Throats
during the 7:00 PM Mass.**

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6, 2022

5:00 PM

February 5

For
Dombe Family
Requested by
Phyllis Dombe

Lector

Sharon McCarthy

8:30 AM

February 6

For
Eglantina Valente
Requested by
Family

Lector

Hannah Smith

10:15 AM

February 6

For
Alessio Iafrate
Requested by
Josephine Rotondo & Family

Lector

Jeff Antoun

12:00 PM

February 6

For
Dombe Family
Requested by
Phyllis Dombe

Lector

Teddi Williams

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 January 16	\$ 7,058.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 16	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of January 16	\$212,280.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of January 16	\$235,045.00

Eucharistic



Adoration

**First Friday,
February 4,
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
following the
9:15 AM Mass until
5 PM Benediction.
Adorers Are Needed.
Sign-up on the sheet
in the gathering
space of the church.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING I

JER 1:4-5, 17-19

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING II

1 COR 12:31—13:13

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains; but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

OR:

1 Cor 13:4-13

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ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

LK 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land.

It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

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. **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.

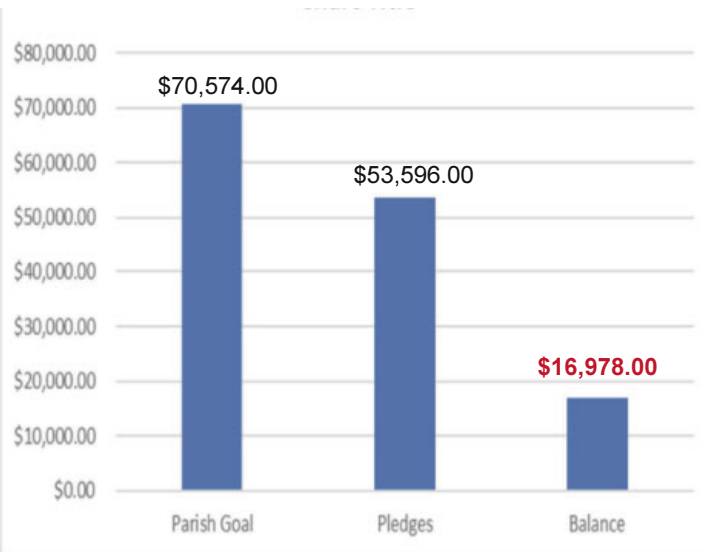
Please note the new address on the return envelope is directed to Minnesota. Also, all checks should be payable to *The Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA*. If you choose to give on-line, go to <http://stgerald.aodcsa.org>

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.



2021 CSA Pledges To Date



You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPI

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God’s poor is indeed living gospel values.

Is God calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? More information is on page 5 of the bulletin.

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!

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- Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola
 Anna D’Orazio Ida Picano Karen Bayer
 Joan Goniea Patricia Hayes Marie Josette Bolivar



**Live Your Faith.
Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

Since 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been servicing those in need.

In last Sunday's Gospel (**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**), Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Your generous donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2021 to St. Gerald Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ministry enabled us to provide food for 19 families – a total of 52 individuals (\$1900) in our Farmington/Farmington Hills community. Between your donations of \$2880 in food cards and the Knights \$540 in food cards, we still have plenty left to help other neighbors with food or gas needs in 2022. St. Gerald SVdP extends our deepest appreciation and thank you for your unceasing support in another challenging year!! You truly are the body of Christ!!



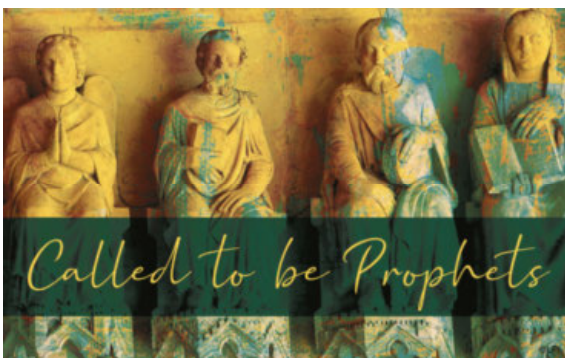
But I would be remiss if I forgot to thank those who shopped, made phone calls, carried food to and from the church to the pantry and back so bags could be filled and given out. Also, those who stood out in the cold to hand out bags, those who delivered bags to our neighbors who were not able to pick them up and the young people who helped as well. God sure has graced St. Gerald with loving and giving hearts. God bless you ALL!

Are you interested in joining the St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Ministry but would like to know more? If your answer is **YES**, please leave your name and contact information on the St Gerald SVDP Hotline at (248) 476-7677 ext. 5 or contact Bob or Sherry Kuhr at 248-888-9335.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.



Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

**We pray for our loved ones serving in the
Armed Forces and for peace in the world.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Say one Hail Mary for our Parish today!

**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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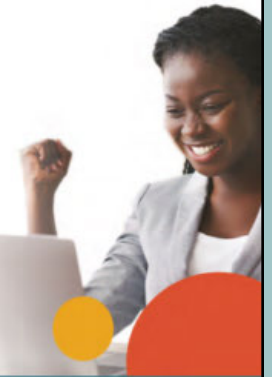
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