



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic School's Week

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

After his election as pope in 1958 a journalist asked Pope John XXIII if he knew how many people worked in the Vatican. With a mischievous smile he replied, "Oh, about half." His humorous response revealed the new pope's thinly disguised belief that perhaps the Church's bureaucracy had become too unwieldy and rigid and that the institution of the Church had lost sight of the mission of the Church. No one doubts the need for solid structures and a well run organization. They are necessary and important insofar as they further the mission of our Church to love one another *and* to reflect the glory of God not for material gain or profit but for the good of our own soul and this weary world in which we live.

All structures and organizations and even venerable institutions like the Church evolve and change over time. If we want to thrive and not merely survive we need to believe, despite seemingly overwhelming evidence to the contrary, that things can change and so can we. We don't always have to be adversaries. We don't have to jump down each others' throats over the slightest difference of opinion. Civility, good manners, politeness, respect, common decency and a neighborly smile may not make the world a less angry place any time soon but it certainly is a step in the right direction. Aren't we the better person when we treat others the way we wish to be treated?

No one likes to be mistreated and no one should be mistreated. In stressful and hurtful moments when anger and resentment cloud our judgment should we not, as baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, ask the question, "What would Jesus do?" I think we all know the answer. But can we speak as Jesus spoke? Can we forgive as he forgave? Can we hold our tongue and say to ourselves, "This time I will not give in to anger or pettiness or self-pity. This time and for all time to come I will be gracious." That is wisdom.

An open mind, a loving heart and hardworking hands are the surest signs that as a community of believers we choose not to turn away and tear down but to welcome and build up. When we close our eyes and harden our hearts and think our way is the only way we lose sight of the mission Jesus has entrusted to all of us. That mission is timeless and its guiding light is the virtue extolled in this Sunday's second reading which is taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul wrote that letter around the year 53 to the church in the ancient Greek city of Corinth that was terribly divided and confused. Times were uncertain and people were torn as to who and what to believe. Sound familiar? Weighed down by burdens and constant conflict good people can get discouraged and in their heartache cry out, "Show me the way, Lord."

As Sister Benedict (portrayed by Ingrid Bergman) fervently implored at the end of **The Bells of St. Mary's**, "Dear Lord, remove all bitterness from my heart. Help me to see thy holy will in all things." St. Paul does just that when he tells the Corinthians and all of us, "I will show you the way that surpasses all others." It's not power or control. It's not wealth or fame. It is not the exclusive domain of the privileged and those who think

they are entitled. It is love and this is how we know it is real and alive in our hearts. *"Love is patient; love is kind. It is not jealous; it does not boast; it does not put on airs. It is not rude; it is not self-seeking; it is not prone to anger. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails."* We may fail. Love will not. That is the promise of the Cross. That is the assurance of the Resurrection.

You might remember the TV show 'Mission Impossible' from the late sixties and early seventies. It starred Peter Graves as Jim Phelps, the stoic director of the Impossible Missions Force. As the show began Director Phelps pressed the button of a carefully hidden tape recorder and you heard a deep voice say, "Your mission, Jim, should you decide to accept it..." Then that episode's mission was detailed. It invariably involved a complicated and seemingly impossible plot to thwart the sinister designs of evil men. The bad guys though were no match for the ingenious and clever team led by Jim Phelps. There was, however, an ominous warning from that same deep voice, "As always if you should be caught or killed the secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This tape will self-destruct in five seconds. Good luck, Jim."

Our mission as people of faith (should we decide to accept it) may seem impossible in today's world. There is so much meanness and distrust and those of us who choose love over hate risk being dismissed as hopelessly naïve and out of touch with the so-called 'real' world. The good news is that even though we may fail Jesus will not disavow us. The gospel will not self-destruct. The voice of truth and justice will not be silenced. The light of hope will not be extinguished. Our mission is not impossible. There may be bumps in the road and we may stumble and grow weary but as long as good people keep trying and we do our best then we can rest assured that in the end all will be well.

Catholic schools have played a vital part in furthering that mission. Today we begin **'Catholic Schools Week.'** COVID has changed but not dampened our celebration of the values and accomplishments of Catholic education. Our principal, faculty, staff, students, parents and supporters have demonstrated remarkable resolve and ingenuity as they teach and learn under very trying circumstances. Their dedication and sacrifice are to be commended. Like all schools and parishes COVID has impacted us for almost two years. It has been a time of struggle and hardship both financially and emotionally. But I think we are emerging stronger in our faith and even more committed to the values of Catholic education and to all those who selflessly give of themselves to our students, your children, who we trust will one day carry on the mission of the Church as proud alumni of St. Gerald School.

Tom Forbes
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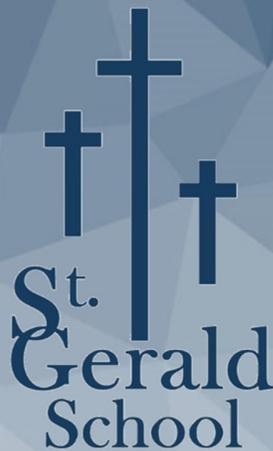
P.S.-Peter Graves had a brother who was also an actor who who portrayed an iconic TV Character for almost twenty years. Do you know who he was and the name of his character and the name of the show? Answer next week.



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MASSES

Sunday, Jan 30

8:00am Spec Int for Gene Marcinkowski

9:30am Theresa Vlach, Daniel Morales

11:00 am Dolores Tynan, Fei Family, Grant Family,
Vicky Sye, Antoinette Catalado,
Deceased Members of Sarah & James
McGrath Family, All Souls

Monday, Jan 31

8:15am For All The Faithfully Departed

Tuesday, Feb 1

8:15am John Conlon, Vicki Sye, Richard

Wednesday, Feb 2

8:15am Leahy & Broderick, Michael & Hannah Boland

Thursday, Feb 3

8:15am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Wally Tarasevic,
Clem Hojnakci, Vicki Sye

Friday, Feb 4

8:15am Spec Int for Donna D.

Saturday, Feb 5

5:00pm Muriel Earnest, Matthew Giliberto,
Edward Giliberto, Mary Lou Feerick,
Joseph & Therese Langan,
Spec Int for Mike Kelly

Sunday, Feb 6

8:00am Spec Int for Gene Marcinkowski,
Spec Int for Dave Pawlak

9:30am Christy Heins, Mary M. Weigand,
Mary Raftery, Spec Int for Mike Kelly

11:00 am Salvatore Vancheri, Kevin Martyka,
Evelyn Hurley, Purificacion Irabagon

Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support catechetical faith formation, lay formation, Catholic Relief Services and more. As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give.

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	01/9/22	01/16/22
Masses	\$5782.00	\$7613.00
Dropped Off	\$3640.00	\$3080.00
Utilities	\$220.00	\$220.00
Give Central	\$2288.00	\$2008.00
Candles	\$124.00	\$216.00
Building & Ren	\$286.00	\$216.00
Total	\$12340.00	\$13888.00

CHRITMAS COLLECTION \$50763.00

These figures include masses, give central and mailed in. Thank you for your continued support. Our parish family depends upon your support and cannot exist without you. When you are not able to be here we thank you for remembering your financial commitment to our faith community and each other.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Family of St. Gerald-

People of God, brought together in the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. We gather as sisters and brothers with the Lord, welcoming and inviting others to journey with us to become more like Christ. We strive for spiritual fulfillment by building a community of love and service.



Deaths

Margaret M. Papa

May choirs of angels welcome her.

Pray For Respect For Life In The New Year

The New Year will bring many events and decisions that render greater respect for life: Both in Chicago and the U.S. Capital many will gather to show support for pro life causes, pray for their impact and safety. Many women may contemplate what to about an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, pray they may find the many centers that can support them and the child. These outreaches often render support for up to three years of their baby's life! Area centers include: Aid for Women in Flossmoor; PASS Network for Life in Tinley Park, Lansing and South Holland, and soon in Aurora; Southside Pregnancy Center and the Women's Center in Evergreen Park. Please pray also for the Supreme Court Justices who are considering important rulings in the New Year.

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ST. PAT'S & ST. JOSEPH EVENTS

The Holy Name Society and the Women's Club, have both made the decision to not host the St. Pat's Party or the St. Joseph Table.

We encourage those that were planning on attending either event, to consider attending the upcoming Casino Night on Saturday, February 12.



Pray for the sick list



- Baby Christopher Pajak-2
- Baby Samuel-1
- Baby Reese-2
- Charles Barsevick-2
- Allan Beazley-1
- Fr. William Browne-1
- Cameran-3
- John Campbell-4
- Ron Cerevic-3
- Erin Culik-1
- Marlene Curran-1
- Donna D-1
- Ron Dryier-2
- Pat Earnest-2
- Josephine Gajda-4
- Nancy Glowacki-2
- Mack Graham-1
- Ken Hansen-1
- Clara Hobson-3
- Zoe Johnson-2
- Lucie Kavaliauskas-4
- Mike Kelly-1
- Richard Kern-1
- Mary Klus-2
- Catherine Kolbe-2
- Leonard Kosacz-4
- Katherine Kroeck-2

- Samantha Latarski-1
- Audrey Lenoci-1
- Gene Marcinkowski-3
- Gene Martyn-3
- Maureen-2
- Mary McMullen-4
- Joyce Meredith-2
- Anthony Michalak-4
- Brian O'Callahan-2
- Lucas Patrick-4
- Carol Paprocki-1
- Dave Pawlak-1
- Roselyn Peary-1
- Charles Petraitis-3
- Rebecca-1
- Bruce Renz-2
- Merideth Scaglione-2
- Sister Maria Paulina-1
- Carol Sitarz-3
- Ryan Smith-3
- Linda Stearns-3
- Megan Steiner-1
- Richard Tendy-1
- Marie VanCura-4
- Robert Walsh-3
- John Wickman-2
- Elizabeth Zalapi-4

In order to add a person's name to our Pray for the sick listing, the person that is ill or a relative must call. Please call the office at 708 422-0234 to add the name of the person that is ill. We will keep the names of the sick for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks we will clear the list. If you want to add yourself or a loved one on again please call the office.

Thank you

S T G E R A L D

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

CASINO NIGHT



**SATURDAY FEB. 12TH, 2022
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Feb 5-6	MASS TIMES	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
	5:00 PM	L McGinnis	C Keiner, L Keiner, S Weber
	8:00 AM	R Smith	B Kuesnter, J Ryjewski, N Smith
	9:30AM	I Paraga	K Breier, S Harrington, L Harrington
	11:00AM	D Czaja	R Paprocki, L Torres, C Vendetti

First Reading**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.

Second Reading**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.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Covid conditions permitting, Fair Trade Week-End will take place the week-end of February 19th and Sunday, February 20th. On Saturday, Feb. 19th, after the 5:00p.m. Mass and on Sunday, Feb. 20th, after the 8:00a.m. Mass and before and after all Masses thereafter. We will be in Arnold Hall-Room 121 and hope you will join us for a cup of the delicious Fair Trade Coffee either regular or decaf. Hope to see you then!

The Fair Trade Committee

WEEK END LITURGIES

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:15AM

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Baptisms will be celebrated at 12:30pm on Sundays. We will baptize on the first and third Sunday's of the month.

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The Main Event

Saturday March 26, 2022 – 9320 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn

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Registration and First Practice

February 12, 2022, practices in Chapel Hall

Kindergarten thru 6th Grade Fee - \$50.00

Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade 11:00am – 12:30pm

4th Grade thru 6th Grade 12:30pm-2:00pm

Dates for Other Practices

February 19th, February 26th, March 5th K thru 3rd – 11:00 – 12:30, 4th thru 6th 12:30 – 11:00

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