

The Family of Saint Gerald 9310 S. 55th Court Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453 May 29 2022 The Ascension Of The Lord





#### Making our faith visible to all

Several years ago, I was at mass and next to me was a young man, who I would guess was in his 40s. As the mass continued, I noticed his responses were the old responses, the responses he grew up with. I saw the look on his face as he recited the prayers from memory, but certain words and lines were now different. As he continued, I could see the frustration in his face. My heart went out to him. He obviously had fallen away from his Catholic faith, but here he was, coming back. It reminds me of when family members attend a funeral service, a wedding, confirmation or First Communion. You can tell who the regular church goers are in the crowd.

Fast forward to 2021. With thanks to Father Robert's vision and the generosity of our parishioners and organizations, we were able to install the TVs in church. The first time we used them was on Easter. The PowerPoint was very simple and mainly had the songs. Over the next few weeks, we added the prayers and the responses. It made me think back to the young man feeling lost when he came back to his faith. If we had the TVs back then, would he have been looking at them and not felt so lost and frustrated? Would he have wondered about the difference in some of the prayers and responses?

Most weekends, I am sitting in the back of the church, clicking through the slides for 2 or 3 of the masses. The first time, I just listened to the congregation and I heard their voices in unison saying the Penitential Act, Profession of Faith and The Lord's Prayer, it took my breath away. I have been reciting these prayers my entire life, but when you hear them being said all together. WOW! What power.

In the past few years, there have been different campaigns to invite Catholics back to their faith. The goal of the TVs is not to take away from the true miracle on the altar, but to enhance the experience, making those who are returning home to not feel lost. What if that young man came back to church today, back to his Catholic faith. I would want him be able to recite the prayers and responses and not feel lost. I would want him to feel the peace of being with our Lord with the hopes, he would come back again and again.

Could we use a few more volunteers to help thru the slides at mass? Definitely!

Do you need technical knowledge or experience? No.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Media Ministry, please email <u>ablaha@stgerald.com</u>, or stop over at the Media Desk in the corner by the piano.

May your week be filled with love and God's blessings.

Annamarie Blaha



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Do you have times on your hands? If so we are looking for volunteers to help with the Queen of Hearts Sales on Sundays and Bingo on Friday evenings. Interested? Please contact Mary Ellen at 708 203-7550. Thank you so very much for your continued support to St. Gerald.



August 11 thru August 14





## Tray for the sick list



Baby Kieran-1 Baby Reese-1 Charles Barsevick-1 Fr. William Browne-1 Maria Cabarello-1 Cameran-2 Karen Cartolano-1 Ron Cerevic-1 Bob Cerf-4 Adriene Cervantes-1 Erin Culik-4 Donna D-4 Ron Dryier-1 Pat Earnest-1 Josephine Gajda-2 Nancy Glowacki-2 Nelson Hathcock-1 Don Henry-1 Clara Hobson-1 Lucie Kavaliauskas-1 Ken Kazmierczak-2 Mike Kelly-1 Mary Klus-3

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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

#### Sunday, May 29

8:00am Franciszlia Lubinski, Spec Int for Jim

9:30am Leon & Antonina Krzyszkowski, John & Mary Weigand, Tito DeLorenzo, Tony Michalak, Jean Kruse, Daniel Morales

11:00am Helen Welsh, Mick & Mary Boyle, Joe Chavez Sr., Rose Vilcich,

James Coglianese, Elizabeth Hannigan, Stefania Wyka, Liiv & Decd Members of Holy Name Society, Daniel Tynan

Monday, May 30

8:15am For All The Souls Of The Faithfully Departed

Tuesday, May 31

**8:15am** Anthony Michalak, Paula Sacino, Jose & Magdalena Castilleja, Karen Deegan, Bruce Sukalo

Wednesday, June 1

**8:15am** Roman Olejarz, Diane Mueller, John & Jean Gnutek, Marilyn Marcinkowski

Thursday, June 2

**8:15 am** Bud Farrell, Spec. Int for Betty & Nick Perrino on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, June 3

8:15am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Mildred Uidl, Anton Vidinich, Richard & James Kern, Algis Ancevicius, Spec Int for the Children of St. Gerald

Saturday, June 4

**5:00pm** Ray Gorski, Dennis Burkowski, Paula Marie Sacino, Richard & Paula Sacino, Anton Vldinich

Sunday, June 5

8:00am Mary E. Seroka

9:30am Barbara Galvin, Aniela, Piotr, & Jan Sroka, Theresa Vorberg,

Tracie McGovern, Agnes Mark, Spec Int for Tom

11:00am Dorothy Scott, Martin Moran Sr., Dorothy Zivich,

Algis Ancevicius, Arlene McGrath



#### **Deaths**

James J. Wallace Agnes Mark John P. Foley Eileen Enright Anthony Nicosia

May Choirs of angels welcome them.

# The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

5/22/22

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 \$8357.00

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Easter to date \$43,606.00
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.



#### **BAPTISMS**

Alice Villafuerte & Sophia Villafuerte Dtrs. of Julio & Elizabeth Merida Villafuerte Jacob Joseph Novris Son of Joseph & Jessica Mazur Novris

We congratulate our parents and families, whose child was welcomed into the new life of Baptism. May God protect this little one, reborn into the Family of God.

Please continue to support the Life affirming work of these local crisis pregnancy centers: Aid for Women; PASS Pregnancy Centers; Southside Pregnancy Center, The Women's Centers. Search engines will bring up their websites. A hike for Life is scheduled for the morning of June 11 at Peace Community Church, 21300 S. LaGrange Road, Frankfort, IL. To register or donate go to PASS Pregnancy Care Centers and click the Support PASS tab. Pray for the righteous decisions to come out of all courts deliberating the correct path. Pray for the sidewalk counselors outside abortion providers seeking to protect life and love the mothers. Pray for Chastity and Abstinence Educators seeking to reach young people with the character building messages that protect Life and their own integrity!

#### What does the Convalidation of a Marriage Mean?

A convalidation is when a couple married outside the Church seeks to have their union officially recognized by the Church. For various reasons, A Catholic party or parties find themselves in a civil marriage or in a marriage that took place before a non-Catholic minister. In time, some seek to have their marriages approved or "blessed" by the Catholic Church. A convalidation involves the willingness of both parties to enter into a sacramental marriage.

Does this describe your situation? Were you married in a civil service and are a baptized Catholic? Were you married in a civil service, divorced and remarried? Have you wondered if you can have your marriage blessed and recognized by the Church? If you answered yes, to any of these questions feel free to start a conversation to get some answers!

A convalidation does not mean you need to plan a big wedding ceremony with all the frills. Actually, it requires some paperwork, possible attendance to Pre Cana and a meaningful ceremony in church to crown your marriage with the sacrament. St. Gerald can offer you a private ceremony or to be included in a Sunday mass group ceremony!

Feel free to contact any of the following staff members to discuss your situation:

Mrs. Laura Kowalski......708-422-0234 (24) or <a href="mailto:lkowalski@stgerald.com">lkowalski@stgerald.com</a>

# Please keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers.



Morning of Reflection Growing in Grace and Holiness" Women's Monthly Morning of Reflection Wednesday, June 29th 10:00-1:30

- Each month's Morning of Reflection includes prayer, meditation, and time for sharing.
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.
- \$30 Donation requested.
- Mount Assisi Center (former high school) 13860
   Main St. Lemont.
- Social distancing and safety procedures will be in place.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 24 to Carrie Peters 630 257 7844 ext 223 carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net

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beckman17631@yahoo.com

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#### Reading I

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

#### Reading II

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. "Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates. "I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star. "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

#### Gospel

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MRS. MARKHAM kmarkham@stgerald.com





St. Gerald Summer Camp is looking for energetic and responsible part-time Camp Counselors. Responsibilities include supervising children each day at St. Gerald and on field trips around Oak Lawn. Most field trips are within walking distance.

#### The Family of Saint Gerald www.stgerald.com Oak Lawn, Illinois

#### WEEK END LITURGIES

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

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

Monday through Friday 8:15am

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

NOT OPEN AT THIS TIME

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays,4:00-4:30 p.m.



**Weddings** should be scheduled six months in advance. Please contact the Wedding Coordinator.

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-5 Sat 9-12 Weds 11-5

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

# St. Gerald School Class of 1972 50 Year Reunion

**St. Gerald Class of 1972** is holding their 50th year reunion on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Chapell Hall. The committee is looking for classmates.

Please contact one of us:

#### Sharon Gregory Duncan

(630)253-9727 shardunc@yahoo.com

#### Mary Rose Lyons Roll

bluggie@sbcglobal.net

Eileen Ruane Sabatino emsabatino@sbcglobal.net

For more information visit our Facebook page St. Gerald Class of 72- 50th Celebration



### **Memorial Day Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father,

With a sober heart we come before You this
Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to
mind all the men and women who have died in the
service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

Amen.

May 28/29	Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Happy Memorial Day!	5:00PM	M Pavlik	C Keiner, L Keiner, G Pierzynski
	8:00AM	D Kobzaruk	P Butkus, J Ryjewski, M Yerkes
	9:30AM	MJ Fekete	K Dansart, P Dansart, S Shinnick
	11:00AM	T Jones	P Walent, D Walsh, B Walsh







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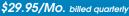
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