



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
January 15, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On April 5th 1968, one day after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Senator Robert F. Kennedy delivered a speech entitled “On the Mindless of Violence” at the City Club of Cleveland. Kennedy began his speech by announcing that King had been killed. He was the first to publicly inform the audience of King’s assassination, causing members of the audience to scream and wail in disbelief. Several of Kennedy’s aides were worried that the delivery of this information would result in a riot. Once the audience quieted down, Kennedy spoke of the threat of disillusion and divisiveness at King’s death and reminded the audience of King’s efforts to “replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand with compassion and love. Kennedy acknowledged that many in the audience would be filled with anger, especially since the assassin was believed to be a white man. He empathized with the audience by referring to assassination of his brother, United States President John F. Kennedy, by a white man. The remarks surprised Kennedy aides, who had never heard him speak of his brother’s death in public.

Quoting the ancient Greek playwright Aeschylus, with whom he had become acquainted through his brother’s widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, Kennedy said , “Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God. Kennedy then delivered one of his best remembered remarks: “What we need in the United States is not Violence or lawlessness, but is love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice towards those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or whether they be black.

To conclude, Kennedy reiterated his belief that the country needed and wanted unity between blacks and whites and encouraged the country to “dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and to make gentle the life of this world. He finished by asking the audience members to pray “for our country and for our people. Rather than exploding in anger at the tragic news of King’s death, the crowd exploded in applause and enthusiasm for a second time, before dispersing quietly.

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Sunday - January 29, 2023

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St. Gerald Commemorative Bricks

Building Memories One Brick at a Time

Our ongoing Memorial Garden with commemorative bricks surrounding the statue of our Blessed Mother creates a peaceful and beautiful setting for prayer and meditation and honors our loved ones.

The final phase of our Memorial Garden project is nearing completion with less than 200 bricks remaining.

We are excited to offer the opportunity to support St. Gerald with the purchase of a commemorative brick to celebrate life's many occasions. Bricks can be purchased for Birth/Baptism, Sacramental Celebration, Christmas/Easter, Memorial to a loved one, Special Occasion, Wedding/Anniversary, Birthday, and First Communion/Confirmation. Memorial Garden bricks start at \$200 each and are available in various sizes.

Orders are now being taken for our spring installation. Please submit orders no later than February 15th. Order forms are available at www.stgerald.com or at the Parish Office. Contact Laura at lkowalski@stgerald.com or call 708-422-0234 ext. 124 for more details or an order form.

Commemorative Brick Gift Certificates are available upon request.



Pray for the sick list



Luis Alvarez-1
Baby Reese-1
Charles Barsevick-1
Fr. William Browne-1
Maria Cabarello-1
Cameran-2
Karen Cartolano-1
Ron Cerevic-1
Shirley Cerf-2
Adriene Cervantes-1
Maureen Collins-1
Erin Culik-4
Donna D-3
Ron Dryier-4
Pat Earnest-3
Michael Griffin-2
Nelson Hathcock-3
Don Henry-3
Clara Hobson-3
Lucie Kavaliauskas-1
Mike Kelly-1
Michael Kennelly-1
Mary Klus-2
Laura Knapp-4
Leonard Kosacz-1
Katherine Kroeck-3
Dorothy Kubala-3

Laverne Leahy-3
Donald C. Lesiak-1
Bernadette Magana-2
Gene Marcinkowski-4
Gene Martyn-4
Maureen-4
Maureen C.-2
Mary McMullen-1
Joyce Meredith-1
Lillian Miskiewicz-1
Catherine Motyka-1
Brian O'Callahan-1
Michael O'Keefe-4
Lucas Patrick-1
Carol Paprocki-2
Dave Pawlak-2
Charles Petraitis-4
Bruce Renz-3
Grace Ritter-3
Art Rivas-2
Milo Rusin-4
Merideth Scaglione-1
Deirdre Scott-1
Ryan Smith-1
Linda Stearns-4
Joe Streit-1

Ann Thomas-2
Tom-3
Rita Tucholski-3
Robert Walsh-3

John Wickman-3
Stella Wisniewski-3
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.

**Sunday Jan. 15**

8:00am Eleanor Wojtas Stella Petrasek,
Hannah Langan,
Jozef, Fransiska Lubinski
9:30am Sandra Heneghan,
Spec Int for Lisa & Karim & Family
11:00am Peter Laylo, Daniel Tynan,
Rosemary Bingenheimer-Rissler
Spec Int for Gianna Cislo

Monday, Jan. 16

8:15am Natalio Del Rosario, Marian Andersen,
Robert Lou Ferris, Vidinich Family

Tuesday Jan. 17

8:15am Michele Alexander,
Spec Int for Lisa Hannon & Fam.
Spec Int for Roseann Schipma & Fam

Wednesday, Jan. 18

8:15am For All The Souls of the
Faithfully Departed

Thursday, Jan. 19

8:15 am Anne Langan, Veronica Redd,
Ronald Tibbett

Friday, Jan. 20

8:15am Lawrence & Julie Cassidy, Ed O'Malley

Saturday Jan. 21

5:00pm Carol Zwolinski, Mary Lou Facko,
Paddy Doherty, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tunida

Sunday Jan. 22

8:00am Brian Brady, Katarzyna Franciszek Drag
9:30am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Maria Syjud,
Nicholas Giuffre Jr., Chuck Thompson
11:00am Jim Nash

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald**1/01/23**

Dropped Off	\$12,158.00
Utilities	470.00
Give Central	321.00
Candles	1878.00
Building & Ren	263.00
Flowers	461.00
Total	\$15,551.00

Christmas Collection as of 1/7/2023 \$51,399.00

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**

John G. McBride
Jim Nash
Ross McCarthy

May Choirs of angels welcome them.

MORNING OF REFLECTION**"Growing in Grace and Holiness"****Women's Monthly Morning of Reflection**

Wednesday, January 18th 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, January 13th to Carrie Peters
630-257-7844 ext. 223

Consider switching to weekly contributions online

Give Central Online Giving is a convenient way to make weekly offertory contributions to St. Gerald. It's a secure online system with several payment options.

Go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/49> Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Gerald!



**The Parish Office will be closed,
Monday, January 16th.**

I Reading

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoke who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

II Reading

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

PASS Network for Life is expanding its horizons in the new year. Four current and more developing centers are combining forces to offer pregnancy aid, educational, formational and healing programs. All combined now under the name Pregnancy Aid Illinois. PASS centers in Tinley Park, Lansing, and South Holland along with Pregnancy Information Center in Aurora will all still respond to inquiries under their former names, but grow stronger in tandem and with a known desire of pastors in the city of Chicago to develop more outreaches in their own churches. This is an exciting time for this Life saving work! Donations may be made at www.helppass.org

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 3-5, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

***Upcoming Eucharist Adoration
in the Church:***

Wednesday January 18th 6-8pm
Wednesday February 1st 2023 6-8pm
Wednesday February 15th 2023 6-8pm

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WEEK END LITURGIES

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

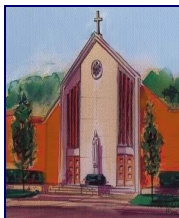
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In order to provide available open Mass dates for families who have recently lost a loved one, we ask that initially you limit your requests to eight (8) Mass intentions. After all our families have had an opportunity we will make the Mass Book available to those who wish more intentions.

The suggested donation is \$15.00 per mass intention. We ask that you include the donation with your request form. We will contact you by mail with confirmation of your requests. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

<u>Name of Intention</u>	<u>Requested Date/Time</u>	<u>Confirmed/Changed To</u>
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