



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
March 19, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
4th Sunday of Lent

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fast . pray . give



St. Joseph

St. Joseph in the New Testament Jesus' earthly father and the Virgin Mary's husband. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the universal Church in Roman Catholicism, and his life is recorded in the Gospels, particularly Matthew and Luke. Joseph was a descendant of the house of King David. After marrying Mary, he found her already pregnant and being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, decided to divorce her quietly, but an angel told him that the child was the Son of God and was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Obeying the angel, Joseph took Mary as his wife. After Jesus' birth at Bethlehem in Judaea, where the Holy Family, received the Magi, an angel warned Joseph and Mary about the impending violence against the child by King Herod the Great of Judaea, where upon they fled to Egypt. There the angel again appeared to Joseph, informing him of Herod's death and instructing him to return to the Holy Land. Avoiding Bethlehem out of fear of Herod's successor, Joseph, Mary and Jesus settled in Nazareth in Galilee where Joseph taught his craft of carpentry to Jesus. Joseph is last mentioned in the Gospels when he and Mary frantically searched for the lost young Jesus in Jerusalem, where they found him in the Temple. Like Mary, Joseph failed to comprehend Jesus' ironic question, Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? The circumstances of Joseph's death are unknown, except that he probably died before Jesus' public ministry began and was certainly dead before the Crucifixion. The feast of St. Joseph is March 19th.

Sandy Weber



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**MORE INFORMATION:
St. Gerald Parish Office
708-422-0243**

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**Enrolment starts: 11/7/2022. Deposit \$1500.
Final payment: July 10 th, 2023:**

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Pray for the sick list



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

Katherine Kroeck-2
Dorothy Kubala-3
Laverne Leahy-3
Joyce Lewandowski-1
Bernadette Magana-1
Gene Marcinkowski-3
Gene Martyn-3
Maureen-3
Maureen C.-1
Mary McMullen-4
Joyce Meredith-4
Lillian Miskiewicz-4
Catherine Motyka-3
Brian O'Callahan-3
Michael O'Keefe-2
Lucas Patrick-3
Carol Paprocki-4
Dave Pawlak-4
Charles Petratis-2
Bob Philbin Sr.-1
Andrea Pierzynski-3
Bruce Renz-1
Grace Ritter-1
Art Rivas-4
Milo Rusin-2
Merideth Scaglione-3

Deirdre Scott-3
Ryan Smith-4
Linda Stearns-2
Joe Streit-3
Ann Thomas-4
Tom-1
Rita Tucholski-1

Robert Walsh-1
John Wickman-1
Stella Wisniewski-1
Elizabeth Zalapi-2

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 Mar. 19

8:00am James & Nora Collins,
Decd Members of the Pierce Fam.

9:30am Wayne Tishka, Koziarz Fam.,
Stanley Babinska, Patrick & Kathleen Doherty,
Frank, Don, & Mary Wasik, Diane Petska, Joe Shiel,
Ellen Quinn, Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Fr. Robert,
Spec Int for Fr. Stan, Spec Int for Andrea Pierzynski

11:00am Fei Fam., Grant Fam., Ross McCarthy,
All Souls in Purgatory, Spec Int for Anne Marie Casey

Monday, Mar. 20

8:15am Louis Vorberg, Billy Barker, Stan Kwak, Greg Plesha,
Shirley A. Sanow, Clem Hojnacki, Francisco Balderas,
Spec. Int for Anne Midler

Tuesday, Mar. 21

8:15am Marie Crowe, Betty Olson, Clem Hojnacki,
Spec Int Fr. Stan

Wednesday, Mar. 22

8:15 am Mary O'Flaherty, George & Agatha Smolianec

Thursday, Mar. 23

8:15 am Theresa Vorberg, Clem Hojnacki,
John & Stephanie Jakopich

Friday, Mar. 24

8:15am Janet Ivey, Stanley Kwak, Clem Hojnacki

Saturday Mar. 25

5:00pm Ron Anderson, Butler Family, Bonita Scala,
Fr. Dan Tomich, Clem Hojnacki

Sunday Mar. 26

8:00am Josephine Gajda

9:30am Daniel Morales, Jacqueline Giebelhausen,
Stricula Family, Ronald Frederick, Hynes Family,

11:00am Catherine Fixel, All the Decd Members of the
Holy Name Society, Thomas Mastro

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	3/5/23
Masses	\$ 10,827.00
Dropped Off	1934.00
Utilities	647.00
Give Central	1964.00
Candles	295.00
Building & Ren	940.00
Total	\$ 16,607.00

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.

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!



Hop into St. Gerald's **Preschool & Kindergarten**

OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH
5:00 - 6:30PM

All incoming pre-3, pre-4 and kindergarten children are welcome to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny

This open house will give you an opportunity to see the preschool and Kindergarten classrooms, meet some teachers and ask questions you may have.

Easter Egg Hunt at 5:30pm

For more information call 708-422-0121

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I Reading

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

II Reading

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"—which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself. His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, 'He is of age; question him.'" So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

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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

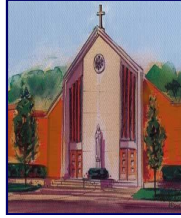
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:15AM

ADORATION IN CHURCH

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH 6-8PM

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 the 11:00am Mass or at 12:30pm on Sundays. We will baptize on the first and third Sunday's of the month.

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

Disciple Maker Index Survey

Dear Parishioner:

Thank you for participating in the Disciple Maker Index Survey. This survey will provide you the opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of the parish to help you grow.

The survey should take you between 10-15 minutes to complete. Please do not skip questions unless instructed to do so. Please note that your responses are kept confidential. Your Parish and Catholic Leadership Institute will not have access to individual survey responses.

We thank you again for your participation in this important initiative!





*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

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**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND**

8:15am Mass
5:00 pm Ash Service
7:00 pm Mass

LENTEN ALMSGIVING SIMPLE BROWN BOX

Please take a simple brown almsgiving box from church on Ash Wednesday. Use this collection box during lent to collect your spare change or more for a holy week donation. Proceeds will go towards St. Gerald expenses and/or families in need.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7pm during Lent except Good Friday
Prayerful Stations lead by our St. Gerald Ministries

Friday, 2/24.....Fr. Stan Stuglik
Friday, 3/3.....Boy Scouts
Friday, 3/10.....Holy Name Society
Friday, 3/17..... Sr. Ann and Sr. Rose 2nd & 4th
Grade Students
Friday, 3/24.....REY Students
Friday, 3/31.....Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

Hosted by the St. Gerald Women's Club. Bus leaves after the Holy Thursday liturgy and returns to St. Gerald by midnight.
Please watch the bulletin for details.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, 4/6, 8:15am prayer service
Holy Thursday, 4/6, 7:30 pm Mass

Good Friday, 4/7, 8:15 am prayer service
Good Friday, 4/7, 3 pm Stations
Good Friday, 4/7, 7:30 pm
Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord

Holy Saturday, 4/8 8:15 am prayer service
Holy Saturday, 4/8, 7:30 pm Vigil Mass

Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets
Saturday-4/8, 11:30 am in Church

**EASTER SUNDAY
MASSES
APRIL 9 TH**

8:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am

*All are
Welcome!*

SPECIAL EVENTS

*Irish/Feast of St. Gerald Mass
March 11th
5:00 pm mass*

See bulletin for details

**LENTEN
CONFESSIONS**

March 25, Saturday, after the 5 pm mass
March 27, Monday, after 8:15 am mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

When Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina a saint, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (feast day associated with the message,) as a feast day for the entire church. The feast day falls on the second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life." Chaplet prayers to Divine Mercy will be said before those masses.

St. Gerald

Annual Boxing Show

Presented by The St. Gerald Holy Name Society The Main Event

Saturday March 25, 2023 – 9320 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn

Doors open at 6:00pm – Concessions, beer & wine for purchase, split the pot raffles

Registration and First Practice

Kindergarten thru 6th Grade Fee - \$50.00

February 11, 2023, practices in Chapel Hall “Side Entrance”

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

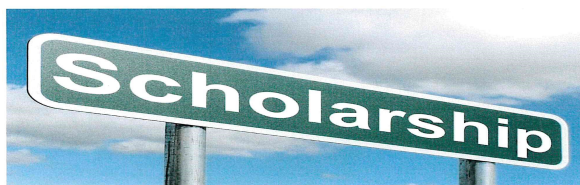
4th Grade thru 6th Grade 12:30pm-2:00pm

Dates for Other Practices

February 18th, February 25th, March 11th K thru 3rd – 11:00 – 12:30, 4th thru 6th 12:30 – 2:00

March 18th K thru 3rd – 8:00 – 9:30, 4th thru 6th 9:30 – 11:00

For Any Questions Call: Mike Daly at (708) 262-9274



Opportunity For High School Seniors
(Female)

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
(ACCW)

4 Year \$1000 Renewable Scholarship

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accw.archchicago.org

Deadline for submission: April 30, 2023

Call 312-534-8325

The **St. Gerald Holy Name Society** would like to say **Thank You** to the great crowd that enjoyed Clancy's Corned Beef dinner, Heinie's Catering fried chicken, watched the Cross Keys Irish Dancers, the Shannon Rovers Bagpipers and danced the rest of the evening away to our DJ at last Saturday nights St. Patrick's Party in Chapell Hall. A good time was had by all and we look forward to seeing you again next year.





ST. GERALD SCHOOL FAMILIES & PARISH!
We need your support!

Together, we are raising funds for Fr. Malcolm's Day of Awesomeness!

All funds will help support new gymnasium equipment, technology enhancements, and remodeling the science lab.

Scan the QR Code and help support St. Gerald and Fr. Malcolm's Day of Awesomeness!

Scan here to support.



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March 30, 2023

If making an offline donation,
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St. Gerald HSA



Thank you for your
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St. Gerald School & Parish!

ALL students will enjoy our
FR. MALCOLM'S DAY OF AWESOMENESS
& DJ DANCE PARTY!



Check out Fr. Malcolm's
Day of Awesomeness!



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