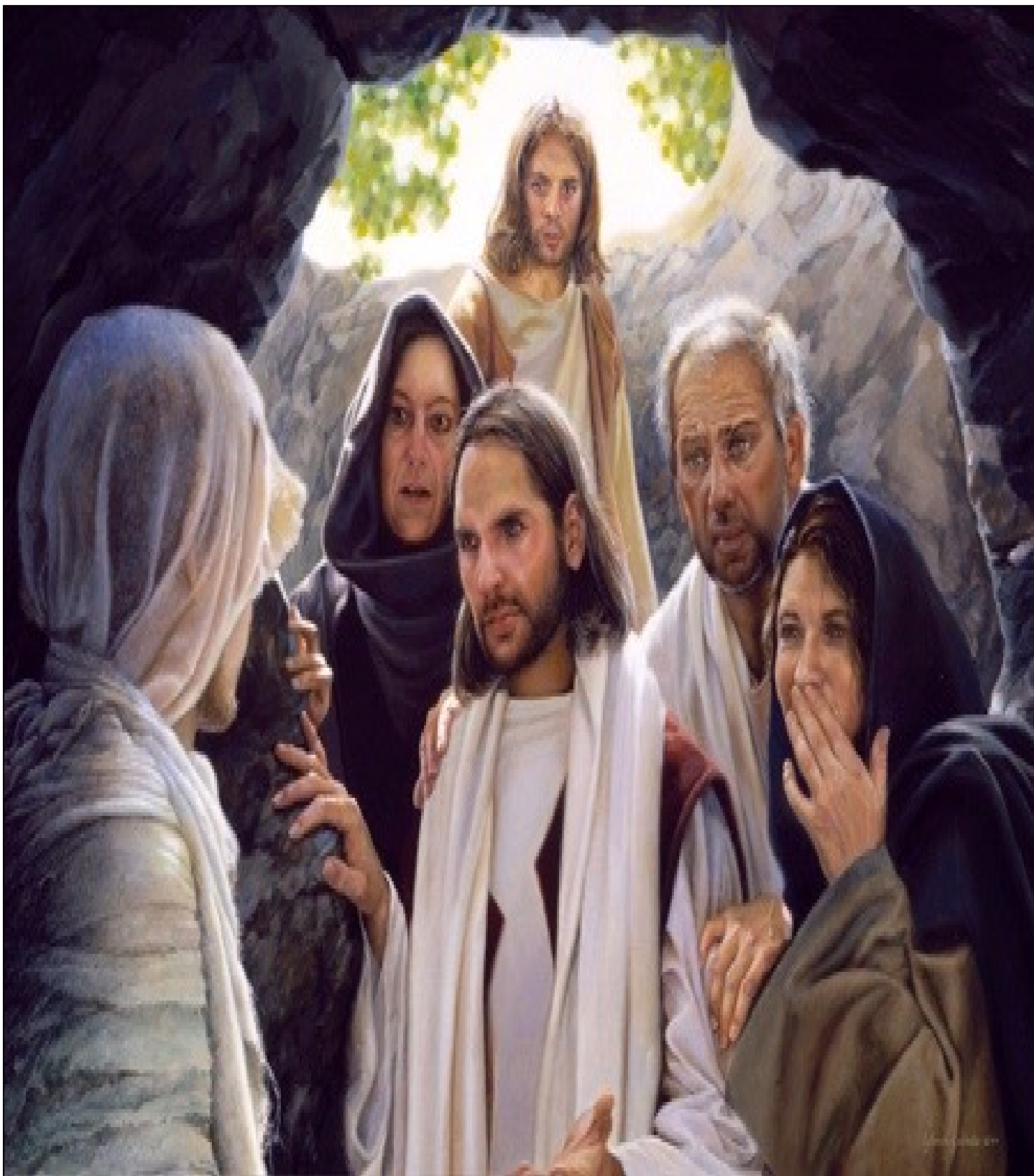




The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
March 26, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
5th Sunday of Lent



St. Vincent De Paul Here to Help St. Gerald Families!

St. Vincent De Paul is one of our long-term ministries serving St. Gerald families and our community neighbors in need. It is a society rooted in 131 countries and numerous parishes since 1831. The purpose of the Society is to fulfill two great commandments; love of God and love of neighbor!

The president, Jan Goetz took over after her father, Hank Nuel, passed away and after he humbly served as president for 25+ years. Jan has been president since 2005 and she and her team are committed to providing help in a prompt and confidential manner.

Who Benefits from getting help from St. Vincent De Paul?

Any St. Gerald parishioner, school family or neighbor within our community in need can request help from St. Vincent De Paul. You may have lost a job and are behind on bills; or have extra medical expenses due to an illness or have other issues causing a need for help with tuition etc. The process is without judgment and is strictly confidential. It is meant to be *Emergency help, Temporary and limited*. St. Vincent De Paul has a dedicated, private voice mail for personal requests. The requests must come from the individual in need. A friend or family member cannot recommend someone in need, but they can certainly refer them to the private number (see below)

St. Vincent De Paul is funded via donations to the poor boxes in church and via the monthly collection envelope in our St. Gerald packet. Our parishioners are very generous and therefore, St. Vincent De Paul strives to maintain a firm effort to serve St. Gerald parishioners and families in need. They are grateful for the funds and have helped numerous families and individuals. Christmas toys for children; clothing; food vouchers; gas cards; help with rent; financial aid for our school lunch program are just some of the ways they help. It is all done behind the scenes, with sincere privacy and compassion. The team is very resourceful with recommendations about state and local programs as well as financial and material needs they provide on a case-by-case basis.

I am not aware of all the team members and that is a good thing because it lends to the private nature of their mission and help for all.

As a parish staff member, I felt it was worthwhile to remind all about the impressive work they do on our behalf AND to share the good news for those who may need it.

St. Vincent De Paul (*private voicemail*) Call anytime--**708-422-0234 (press #113)**

*Regards,
Laura Kowalski*



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING • LEADING • SERVING • SUCCEEDING
PRESCHOOL AGE 3 - 8th Grade

*At St. Gerald,
we believe
every child is
created for greatness!*



ARE YOU CONSIDERING PRIVATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Look no further! Our excellent faculty is dedicated to nurturing your child's potential. We invite families interested in more information about St. Gerald School to schedule a Private Tour. Prospective students and their families have the opportunity to learn about St. Gerald's academic program, activities, faith formation and athletics. Applications are being accepted now in all grades for 2023-2024.

- ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PREPARING STUDENTS TO EXCEL IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND
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- MULTI-STUDENT DISCOUNT

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Or to schedule a private tour <https://school.stgerald.com/request-a-tour>



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Under spiritual guidance of Fr. Robert Pajor



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

\$3195



**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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mar. 26

8:00am Josephine Gajda, Edward Hanania
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

Monday, Mar. 27

8:15am Maureen & John Boland, Richard Pollak,
 Lois Tarasevic, Clem Hojnacki

Tuesday, Mar. 28

8:15am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Spec Int for Bruce

Wednesday, Mar. 29

8:15 am Joseph Novak, Spec Int for Cathy

Thursday, Mar. 30

8:15 am For All The Faithfully Departed

Friday, Mar. 31

8:15am Theresa Vorberg, Clem Hojnacki

Saturday, Apr. 1

5:00pm Karen Javorski, Pawel Berezowski,
 Spec Int for John & Robin Vidinich

Sunday Apr. 2

8:00am Mary Seroka
9:30am Patrick Walsh, Jan Gronski, Emilia Zajac,
 Edward Hanania
11:00am Concetta Musso, Ray Reidy, Pawel Berezowski,
 Arlene McGrath, Sean & Peggy Ralph, Alma Guadalupe Nieto

Holy Thursday Bus Pilgrimage

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Immediately following the 7:30p.m. Mass

If time allows we will visit the following churches:

1. St. Gerald (boarding bus after 7:30 p.m. Mass)
2. Holy Family
3. Shrine of Our Lady Of Pompeii
4. St. John Cantius
5. Assumption
6. St. Mary of the Angels
7. St. Clement

The fee is \$15.00 per person, which will be collected when boarding the bus. Unfortunately there will not be any restroom facilities on the bus, however each church will have open restroom facilities. Please RSVP to Gina Vancheri at 708 691-1036 by 4/3/23

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	3/12/23
Masses	\$ 8,914.00
Dropped Off	645.00
Utilities	431.00
Give Central	1773.00
Candles	276.00
Building & Ren	1390.00
Total	\$ 13,429.00

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

Paul E. Millies

Luis Alvarez

Justina Lee Callahan

Jeanette C. Kantowski

May choirs of angels welcome them.

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!



I Reading

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

II Reading

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,

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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

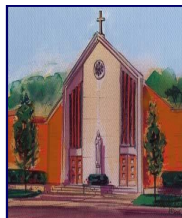
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:15AM

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.

"Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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!



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.

For more information call 708-422-0121

Easter Egg Hunt at 5:30pm

9320 S. 55th Court • Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 422-0121 • school.stgerald.com



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

**St. Gerald Church
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2023**

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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.

THE ST. GERALD HSA INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

A Girl's Best Friend Dance

WHO: Preschool-8th grade girls and their dad or "special someone"

WHEN: Saturday, April 1st, 2023 | 6pm – 8:30pm

WHERE: JCAC (St. Gerald Gym)

COST: \$35 for Dad / "Special Someone" & Child
\$5 for each additional child

**Option to pre-purchase a wrist corsage for \$8
on the registration form for pick up at the dance.*

DRESS CODE: Suits and Sparkles

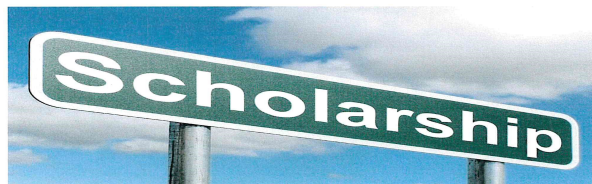
RSVP: By Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Snacks | Refreshments | DJ | Dancing | Photographer | Framed Keepsake Photo

*All girls and their "special someone" are also invited to attend 5pm mass
prior to the dance on April 1st for a special blessing.*

Registration forms went home in student folders.
Please fill out and return with payment by March 21st.

CONTACT HALEE ALTENBURG AT 309-825-9785 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Opportunity For High School Seniors (Female)

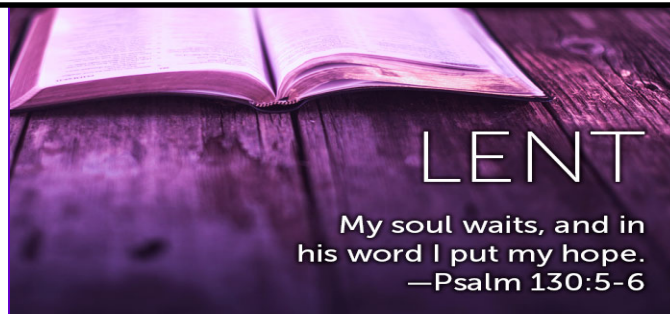
The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
(ACCW)

4 Year \$1000 Renewable Scholarship

Application and guidelines available on website:
accw.archchicago.org

Deadline for submission: April 30, 2023

Call 312-534-8325



Eucharistic Adoration Dates Wednesdays 6-8p.m.

May 3rd May 17th
June 7th June 21st
July 5th July 19th



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.



**All Donations Due
 March 30, 2023**

**If making an offline donation,
 please make checks payable to:
 St. Gerald HSA**

**Thank you for your
 continued support for
 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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