



*The Family of Saint Gerald*  
9310 S. 55th Court  
May 14, 2023  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453  
6th Sunday of Easter





## The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, also St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Mother of God or the Virgin Mary is believed by many to be the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother “was after her Son, exalted by divine grace all angels and men. Mary is venerated with a special cult, called by St. Thomas Aquinas, hyperdulia, as the holiest of all creatures. The main events of her life are celebrated as liturgical feasts of the universal Church. Mary’s life and role in the history of salvation is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament.

Traditionally, she was declared the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Born In Jerusalem, Mary was presented in the Temple and took a vow of virginity. Living in Nazareth, Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the Mother of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit. She became betrothed to St. Joseph and went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was bearing St. John the Baptist. Acknowledged by Elizabeth as the Mother of God, Mary intoned the Magnificat. When Emperor Augustus declared a census throughout the vast Roman Empire, Mary and St. Joseph went to Bethlehem, his city of lineage, as he belonged to the House of David. There Mary gave birth to Jesus and was visited by the Three Kings. Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, where St. Simeon rejoiced and Mary received word of sorrows to come later. Warned to flee, St. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. They remained in Egypt until King Herod died and then returned to Nazareth.

The first recorded miracle of Jesus was performed at a wedding in Cana, and Mary was instrumental in calling Christ’s attention to the need. Mary was present at the Crucifixion in Jerusalem, and there she was given into John the Apostle’s care. She was also with the disciples in the days before the Pentecost, and it is believed that she was present at the resurrection and Ascension. No scriptural reference concerns Mary’s last years on earth. Another tradition states that she remained in Jerusalem. The belief that Mary’s body was assumed into heaven is one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic Church. The Catholic four dogmas are: Mother of God, Perpetual virginity of Mary, The Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15. The Assumption was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. According to Pope Pius XII, the Virgin Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

This Queen is also our Mother. While she is not our Mother in the physical sense, she is called a spiritual mother, for she conceives, gives birth, and nurtures the spiritual lives of graces for each person.

**Happy Mother’s Day!**

*Sandy Weber*







# ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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In the STEM Lab, 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a Cinco de Mayo challenge and made maracas.



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It was a beautiful day in 7<sup>th</sup> grade when the students went outside to fly paper airplanes.

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# Pilgrimage to Poland

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MALBORK-GDANSK- SOPOT**

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:**

**Cash or Check issued to Rek Travel Services LLC**

**Memo: Pilgrimage to Poland**

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## Pray for the sick list



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

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

Milo Rusin-4  
Savannah-2  
Merideth Scaglione-1  
Deirdre Scott-1  
Michael Setlak-1  
Ryan Smith-2  
Linda Stearns-4  
Joe Streit-1  
Ann Thomas-2

Rita Tucholski-3  
Cindy Venditti-3  
Robert Walsh-3  
John Wickman-3  
Stella Wisniewski-3  
Linda Wydra-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.

## Mass Schedule

### Sunday May 14

**8:00am** Marilyn Joy Marcinkowski, Edith Fisher,  
Carolyn Kraus, Cecelia B. Olejniczak, Ester Zenari,  
Spec Int for Marilyn B. Alksnis

**9:30am** George Bisk, Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Maria Syjud,  
Gertrude Fryer, Aniela Gronski

**11:00am** Concetta Musso, Marie Revoir, Grace Ferris,  
Daniel & Rosemarie Sobcak Sr., Maria Lopez, Helen Welsh,  
Patricia Egan, Rose Johnston, Nellie Scannell,  
Daniel Morales, Carlos Morales, Fei Fam., Grant Fam.,  
All Souls in Purgatory, Arlene McGrath, Concetta Musso

### Monday, May 15

**8:15am** Leahy & Broderick Families, Mildred Uidl,  
James T. Kilcran III, Philip Dore

### Tuesday, May 16

**8:15am** Robert Lou Ferris, Members of the Vidinich Fam.,  
Josefina Chavez

### Wednesday, May 17

**8:15 am** Ceil Olejniczak

### Thursday, May 18

**8:15 am** For All The Faithfully Departed

### Friday, May 19

**8:15am** Matthew Knurek

### Saturday May 20

**5:00pm** Ann & Thomas Mulhall, Kaitlyn DeLara

### Sunday May 21

**8:00am** Francisz Kax Jozek Lubinski, Bernice Butkus

**9:30am** Cecilia Olejniczak, Richard V. Lindzius,  
Ken, Sandy & Jen Bartosz, Tom Dolan

**11:00am** Larry & Bud McGrail, Rita Walsh, Arlene McGrath,  
Edward Hanania, Deceased Members of the McGrath Fam.,  
All Souls in Purgatory, Fei Family, Grant Fam,  
Ray Dearth and McCann Family

## The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	5/7/23
Masses	\$9,015.00
Dropped Off	940.00
Utilities	1191.00
Give Central	5127.00
Candles	351.00
Building & Ren	476.00

Total \$ 17,100.00

**Easter 4/9/23 as of 05/07/23 \$40,059.00**

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.



Hello Ladies!

Have you thought about finding more information about the Women's Club?

We invite you to come and meet other ladies in the parish at our next meeting on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will begin with the Rosary in church at 6:30pm followed by a brief meeting at 7pm in Arnold Hall-Room 121. Please enter at Door 5 (which faces Central Avenue.)

We look forward to welcoming you.



## Deaths

*Mario A. Manfredi*

*May choirs of angels welcome him.*



*Please keep the Ukraine in your prayers.*

### Reading I

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Reading II

#### Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

### Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

### Tribute to Blessed Mother



May is the month to honor Blessed Mother and to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Our tribute to Blessed Mother will be on Sunday, May 21st during the 11 am mass. Please join us for this ceremony including our special guests; our new First Communicants and their families. The First Communicants are asked to wear their First Communion dresses and attire for this occasion, as they will honor Blessed Mother with flowers during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the First Communicants and their families are invited to Chapell Hall for a continental breakfast celebration.

## Rosary Rally

*Please join us on Saturday,  
May 20th at 1:30p.m. We will be  
praying for our young people.  
We hope that you are able to join us  
by Mary's Grotto.*





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**WEEK END LITURGIES**

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

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

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

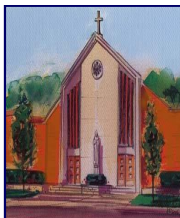
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:15AM

**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.

St. Gerald's  
**SPLIT**  
the **POT**



**This week's winner:**

**Fran Mittler**

**\$120**

**Thanks for supporting St. Gerald!**

# 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>. Order forms are available at [www.stgerald.com](http://www.stgerald.com) or at the Parish Office. Contact Laura at [lkowalski@stgerald.com](mailto: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.



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### To Our Lady

Lovely Lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray. God was just your little boy, tell me what to say! Did you lift Him up, sometimes, gently on your knee? Did you sing to Him the way mother does to me? Did you hold his hand at night? Did you ever try, telling him stories of the world? O and did He cry? Do you really think He cares if I tell him things, little things that happen? And do the angel's wings make a noise? And can He hear me if I speak low? Does He understand me now? Tell me for your know! Lovely Lady dressed in blue teach me how to pray! God was just your little boy and you know the way!

This was Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's favorite poem

## MORNING OF REFLECTION

### "Growing in Grace and Holiness"

### Women's Monthly Morning of Reflection

Wednesday, May 17th 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.

**Please RSVP by FRIDAY, May 12th to Carrie Peters**

**630-257-7844 ext. 223**

**carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net**

### 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!



## Attention

We are in need of Ushers for Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you are interested please call Tom Flynn at 708 280-2774 and leave a message.

## Manna

Manna Sales are every Wednesday at

Door 10 on 55th Court from 6-7:30pm

Friday mornings from 8:15-9:30am at

Door 1 and the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Arnold Hall from 9am-12pm. This is a

Great way to support St. Gerald Tech. without spending any additional money.

Gift cards are purchased at face value.

Both St. Gerald and you will receive a percentage of your purchase.



# ST. GERALD SUMMER CAMP

## 2023

**STARTING JUNE 12TH**

Camp enrollment fee: \$45 per child due by May 29th

Come join us for a full day of summer fun as we play games, do arts and crafts, practice our cooking skills, go on field trips, have outdoor adventures, swimming, and more!  
With our camp, you have the ability to choose ANY or ALL 5 sessions when you register.

### Day Camp 5 Days/Week:

Monday-Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM

Cost per session \$325 (entering pre-school 3 and pre-school 4)  
\$280 (entering kindergarten-8th grade)

### Extended Day Camp 5 Days/Week:

Monday-Friday 6AM-6PM

Cost per session \$515 (entering pre-school 3 and pre-school 4)  
\$415 (entering kindergarten-8th grade)

Multi-Child Family Rate ONLY applies to the Extended Day Camp 4 or 5 days

2 children per session: \$755

3 children per session: \$1,135

Add \$35 per session per preschool child to the above Multi-Child Family Rates

### Day Camp 3 Days/Week:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 8:30AM-2:30M

Cost per session \$255 (entering pre-school 3 and pre-school 4)  
\$205 (entering kindergarten-8th grade)

### Extended Day Camp 3 Days/Week:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 6AM-6PM

Cost per session \$350 (entering pre-school 3 and pre-school 4)  
\$310 (entering kindergarten-8th grade)

**Session 1: June 12-June 23**

(closed Monday June 19)

**Session 2: June 26-July 7**

(closed Tuesday July 4)

**Session 3: July 10-July 21**

**Session 4: July 24-August 4**

**Session 5: August 7-August 18**



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