



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
May 21, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
The Ascension Of The Lord

God Bless Our First Communicants

5/6/23



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Gabriella DeLorenzo
Robert Dengler
Anthony Diaz
Edwin Diaz
Jacob Duran
Mary Fudala
Arely Gomez
Cooper Harris
Hattar Hattar
Noel Hernandez
Jesus Hernandez
Veronika Hudacek
Hailey Janor
Lucas Kadlub
Aiden Kalchbrenner
Michael Lally
Sean Letrero*

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Jackson Marshall
Emilie Medina
Connor Moore
Veronica Morales-Pacheco
Victoria Morales-Pacheco
Caleb Newman
Ryan Niznik
Cara O'Donnell
Delilah Ochoa
Everett Oglesby
Alexander Orozco
Jack Peterson
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Anayeli Rivera
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Adam Walker
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Parishioners---Our Community of Faith and Stories

While at 5pm mass last Saturday I was praying and thanking God for all my blessings. It was Mother's Day weekend, and I was at mass with my youngest daughter Emily. We were going out to dinner after mass to celebrate and life was good!

Normally we attend 11 am mass, but that weekend we went to 5pm. During the year we'll attend other masses as our schedule requires. During my prayers I started to observe the different people in the congregation, and I was reminded of many of their stories. Many of these stories are part of my blessings and many of them remind me to pray more for others and their struggles. While I should be more disciplined in prayer, I tend to do this observation practice at Sunday mass. Maybe you do too? No matter what, it makes me realize that during mass, Sunday after Sunday, we pray, we observe, and we are TOGETHER. Here are some of the stories over the years:

- The lady who heard my name as a special intention during mass and sent me a beautiful card with sincere thoughts and prayers.

- The kind and loving woman who is healing from surgery and still found time and energy to acknowledge my birthday with a special mass intention and a plate of homemade cookies.

- A few weeks ago, my whole family went to 9:30am mass to celebrate my birthday. A young mother came to greet me, and I told her why we were all together, to which she cheerfully wished me a wonderful day. The next day she surprised me at the parish office with homemade lasagna for my lunch. Such a delicious act of kindness.

- The woman who stopped me, my husband, and my youngest daughter after mass to tell me that over the years she has enjoyed watching my family grow especially since Emily was an infant while she was passed around by us and her older siblings. I have personally made this same observation to other families in church. We have been parishioners for 37 years, so I have witnessed the growth of many families. I am sure you have too.

- The usher whose father passed away a few days earlier was still at church volunteering in his dad's honor and memory.

- The Eucharistic Minister who stopped to thank me for helping her with her schedule when I should have been thanking her for serving for so many years.

- The many parishioners who during Covid were at mass before or after to serve as greeters/hand sanitizers or to clean and sanitize the pews etc. before the next mass.

- The three Moms at various masses who all lost young adult sons over the past 3 years relying on God, prayer and us for strength and the opportunity to share a story about their son.

- The few people I do not recognize who may be visitors or hopefully might be finding their way back to church and their faith.

- The widows and widowers who sit alone, but even in grief are faithful and determined to be joyful.

Again, I think and pray about these observations during mass. Everyone has a story, but sometimes it's the little comments, behaviors and gestures of kindness that mean so much and touch our souls.

The recessional song at that 5pm mass was *Ave Maria* sung by our music director Leah Andricopulos. Her silk, gentle and inspiring voice truly touched the hearts and emotions of those listening and TOGETHER we applauded with joy---an observation made by all!

Laura Kowalski



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

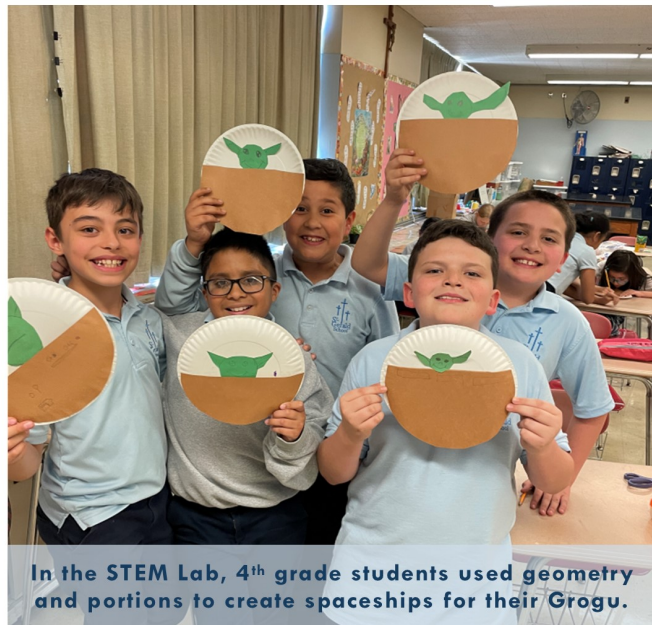
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Enjoying their role as Principals for the Day, first order of business was announcing NO homework!



Kindergarten students dressed as their favorite Super Kids characters.



In the STEM Lab, 4th grade students used geometry and portions to create spaceships for their Grogu.

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Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30 pm and Fridays 8:15 am - 9:30 am in the School Office.



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Pilgrimage to Poland

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WADOWICE- AUSCHWITZ/BIRKENAU-
CZESTOCHOWA- WARSAW- TORUN -
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:

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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
Frankie-1
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 21

8:00am Francisz Kax Jozek Lubinski, Bernice Butkus, Edward Hanania

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

11:00am Larry & Bud McGrail, Rita Walsh, Arlene McGrath, Deceased Members of the McGrath Fam., Michele Cesaro, All Souls in Purgatory, Fei Family, Grant Fam, Ray Dearth and McCann Family, Robert "Bob" Philbin Jr.

Monday, May 22

8:15am James T. Kilcran III

Tuesday, May 23

8:15am Frank Brogno, Charlene Kelly, Colette McGinnis, John Foley

Wednesday, May 24

8:15 am Michael Flann Boland, Anthony O'Grady, Albert Safranek

Thursday, May 25

8:15 am For All The Faithfully Departed

Friday, May 26

8:15am Walter Revoir, Josephine C. Gajda

Saturday May 27

5:00pm Ceil Olejniczak, Sofie Walczak

Sunday May 28

8:00am Franciszek Drag, Irene Concialdi, Josephine Gajda, John Hresil

9:30am Jean Kruse, Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Marie Mauge, John & Mary Weigand, Hynes Family, Tom and Ann Mulhall, Mick & Mary Boyle

11:00am Susann M. Kucharzak, Sophie Walczak, All the deceased members of the Holy Name Soc., Deceased Members of the McGrath Fam., Robert "Bob" Philbin Jr.

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 Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	5/14/23
Masses	9170.00
Dropped Off	949.00
Utilities	247.00
Give Central	1467.00
Candles	338.00
Building & Ren	135.00

Total \$ 12,306.00

Easter 4/9/23 as of 05/14/23 \$40,109.00

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

*Robert J. Philbin Jr.
Douglas E. Ackerman
Eugene Marcinkowski
Genevieve Jankauskas
Andrew R. Slonskis*

May Choirs of angels welcome them.



BAPTISMS

*Amelia Mary Araiza
Dtr. Of Adriel Araiza and Elizabeth McGrail*

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.

Reading I

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Reading II

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Gospel

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



Father Browne, is celebrating his 25th year of his ordination into the priesthood. All are invited to St. Linus on Sunday, June 25th at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Please join us to help Father celebrate the day.

*The Family of St. Gerald invites you to our
Corpus Christi Procession
Sunday, June 11, 2023
Mass at 11:00am
Procession to follow.*

*Children ages 6-12 are welcome to participate in
The front of the formal procession. First
Communicants are encouraged to wear their
Dresses and suits. Please see next weekends
Bulletin for more information.*

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

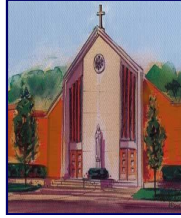
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:15AM

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.

St. Gerald's

SPLIT the POT



Only \$10 per entry

HOW TO PLAY: Fill in your details, put \$10 in the envelope, seal and place it in the collection boxes located in the vestibules.

NEXT DRAWING: May 8

Thank you for your continued support!
For complete details visit www.stgerald.com

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 1st. 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.



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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 PreCana 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 lkowalski@stgerald.com

Eucharistic Adoration Dates
Wednesdays 6-8p.m.

June 7th June 21st
July 5th July 19th



Please keep the Ukraine in your prayers.

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.



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 13th.

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.

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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