



*The Family of Saint Gerald*  
9310 S. 55th Court  
July 2, 2023  
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time





*The Good Place is a 4-season comedic television show starring Kristen Bell and Ted Danson. This show is about moral philosophy through the lens of a fictional, lighthearted take on the afterlife. Why did people, young and old, gravitate towards this show? Perhaps it was the star power of the lead actors or the lead writer, Michael Schur. Perhaps it was the bright colors. Perhaps it was the distillation of the complex subjects of moral philosophy. The Good Place has a special position in modern television due to the commitment of its writers and the honesty of the storytelling.*

The trend in modern story-telling involves the good, the bad, and the ugly. This is why we have so many origin stories focusing on villains. For example, the musical, *Hamilton*, makes references to the sins of the Founding Fathers regarding slavery and personal failings alongside the romanticization of the time period. *The Good Place* started off with the two main characters asking who was “right” about the afterlife. Ted Danson’s character replies saying “Every religion guessed about 5%.” This line bridged the gap between religions, laying the groundwork to explore moral philosophy instead.

Moral philosophy is essentially religious instruction without the assumption of a deity or an afterlife. Moral philosophy addresses a non-believer’s desire to be a good person. This is part of what makes this show so popular. The main character is a crummy but not outright bad person. This could represent a person with no ear or eye seeking more than themselves. Why would a person with no interest in helping anyone besides themselves accept a thing as dry as moral philosophy into their lives? The show references “the little voice” in one’s mind, trying to urge its person towards goodness. This little voice can easily be interpreted as God or one’s conscience. The difference in religion and moral philosophy might just be how we label this voice.

A strong critique of the the world’s religions comes when the characters meet the Judge of the Afterlife. The Judge criticizes the characters by telling them all that “You should do good things *because you are good and not because you are seeking moral dessert.*” The concept of moral dessert can be seen across religions. Valhalla, reincarnation into something desirable, karma, heaven vs. hell...Punishment and reward are powerful motivators. Even those who are sure of what their upbringing tells them comes after death can learn from this. And those who might not see moral dessert in their own thinking might ask how much of their behavior is born of love and how much is born of fear? With the eyes of God on us this is no matter of which to be made light. That fear is real and serious. But it is not the only thing at the heart of Christianity. In fact the emphasis on that fear can drive people away from religion.

Everyone fears punishment. Everyone fears the wrath of God. Everyone fears the Bad Place. No one fears love. No one fears friends. No one fears decency. *The Good Place* redirects the viewer’s attention to that “little voice” urging you away from wrong and towards the right. That little voice and the love we bear our fellow man can guide us when we struggle to feel God’s presence.

*Leah Andricopulos*



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**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**

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## Pray for the sick list



Frank Apicella-1  
Baby Reese-1  
Charles Barsevick-4  
Laura Bingenheimer-1  
Susan Bingenheimer-1  
Maria Cabarello-2  
Cameran-4  
Karen Cartolano-3  
Ron Cerevic-3  
Shirley Cerf-4  
Adriene Cervantes-3  
Mary Coffman-1  
Maureen Collins-2  
Erin Culik-1  
Theresa Curtin-1  
Donna D-4  
Ron Dryier-1  
Pat Earnest-4  
Frankie-2  
Diane Gomez-3  
Michael Griffin-2  
Nelson Hathcock-4  
Don Henry-1  
Clara Hobson-4  
Lucie Kavaliauskas-2  
Mike Kelly-2  
Michael Kennelly-2

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

Art Rivas-3  
Milo Rusin-1  
Savannah-3  
Merideth Scaglione-2  
Deirdre Scott-2  
Ryan Smith-3  
Linda Stearns-3  
Joe Streit-  
Ann Thomas-2

Rita Tucholski-3  
Cindy Venditti-3  
Robert Walsh-3  
John Wickman-3  
Stella Wisniewski-3  
Linda Wydra-2  
Elizabeth Zalapi-1

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 July 2

- 8:00am Walter Foody, Amelia Morrison  
 9:30am Kenneth Ritter Sr., Fr. Lawrence Malcolm,  
 Mary C. McGuinness  
 11:00am Marie Revoir, All Souls in Purgatory, Fei Family,  
 Grant Family, Carolyn Kraus

### Monday, July 3

- 8:15am Helen Kwak, Gene Marcinkowski,  
 Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for St. Gerald Office Staff

### Tuesday, July 4

- 8:15am Katie & Patrick Fallon, Dorothy Sirak,  
 Fr. Lawrence J. Malcolm, Clem Hojnacki,  
 Spec Int for Fr. Robert

### Wednesday, July 5

- 8:15 am John Trolia, Spec Int for Bruce

### Thursday, July 6

- 8:15 am Rosalie Eier, Josephine Killen, Sarah McGinnis,  
 Charlie Samars, Betty Forbes, Clem Hojnacki

### Friday, July 7

- 8:15am Maria Marcano, Paul Zawtawnik, Clement Hojnacki,  
 Spec Int for Jackie Hojnacki, Clem Hojnacki,  
 Spec Int for Mary Uryasz, Spec Int for Ceal Beyer,  
 Spec Int for Carl Adamow, Spec Int for Sr. Rose,  
 Spec Int for Gloria Pierzynski

### Saturday July 8

- 5:00pm Marilyn Joy Marcinkowski, Doug Ackerman,  
 James & Nellie O'Grady, Eline Cunningham,  
 Genevieve Jankauskas, Pat Quinn

### Sunday July 9

- 8:00am Michele Cesaro, Colette McGinnis  
 9:30am Coach Daniel Carroll, Zofia Banas,  
 Mary Jo Desmond, Roman Olejarz,  
 11:00am All Souls in Purgatory, Fei Family,  
 Grant Family, Thomas A. Wood

## The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	6/18/23
Masses	\$ 7814.00
Dropped Off	905.00
Utilities	163.00
Give Central	2035.00
Candles	267.00
Building & Ren	1026.00
Total	\$12,210.00

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

*Thomas A. Wood*  
*Irene A. Baranowski*

*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!



*Thank you all so very much for your attendance at my Anniversary Mass. It was so very nice to see all of you. My heart is still smiling. I will always treasure your gifts and thoughtfulness. You are always in my prayers.*  
*Sincerely, Fr. Bill Browne*



### Reading I

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

### Reading II

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

## PRAY FOR OUR NATION

On Friday July 21 from 5pm to 7pm join with other faithful to pray for the USA. We pray for respect for human life from conception to natural death; we pray for our leaders to answer God's call for true justice; and we pray for all individuals and families to experience the mercy of God.

This annual event occurs at the outdoor grotto of Our Lady of Sorrows on the grounds of the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict in Oak Forest, IL. The grotto is along 147 St. between Ridgeland and Central Ave. on the south side of the street.

Bremen-Orland Families for Life sponsors the event. In the first hour, besides prayer, Pro-Life leaders will speak and give updates on current initiatives, in the second hour the Rosary and other prayers will be offered for everyone's intentions. More information by contacting Al Theis 708-532-9211 or Lana Stack at 708-429-0760.



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**WEEK END LITURGIES**

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

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

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

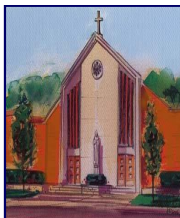
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:15AM

**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**



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. Total pot is split 50:50 between winner and St. Gerald.

**DRAWINGS:** Every other week

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## What are MANNA Gift Cards?

MANNA Gift Cards are an easy way to help support St. Gerald by using gift cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses. Here is how it works: we purchase gift cards at a discounted price. Parishioners/School Families/Friends purchase the gift cards for the face value and use them to pay for their everyday expenses.

With 750+ local and national brands to choose from, there is a brand for every household need or wish list and are the perfect gift. Plus, you can pick from eGift cards, physical gift cards, and reloading funds digitally onto existing physical gift cards. It's instant earning with every purchase. Gift cards from the Manna Gift Card program have no activation fees. To use the RaiseRight app, our code is: **CA5122423553**

Here is an example of how it works. A home project will use \$2,000 worth of materials from Home Depot. You purchase gift cards from the Manna Gift Card program to pay for the materials. St. Gerald and you earn a rebate of 2% on the Home Depot gift cards, which you can then decide how to use. It can be used to help pay for school/REY tuition, help a school family in need with their tuition or it can be given back to you to spend any way you like.

Want more information? Email: [MannaOffice@stgerald.com](mailto:MannaOffice@stgerald.com) or call 708-422-0121 x126 or stop in at our in-person sales.

**1st and 3rd Sunday 9am - 12 noon in Arnold Hall**

*(the hallway in the back of the church)*

**Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30pm**

*(inside door 10)*

Below are just a few ideas on ways to utilize the Manna Gift Card Program.  
Be sure and follow St. Gerald Manna on Facebook!





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## Gift Cards



Support St. Gerald by purchasing Gift Cards to your favorite places. Choose from over 750 stores, restaurants, gas stations and MORE! There is no extra cost to you, just a benefit to you and to St. Gerald. Stop in and get yours today!



**SUMMER SALE TIMES:** Wednesday 6 pm – 7:30 pm (Door #10)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9 am – 12 pm (Arnold Hall – Door #5)

### Missionary Cooperation Plan

We will soon be hosting a missionary visitor! The summer Missionary Cooperation Plan is an opportunity for our parish to learn about, support and be inspired by the work of missionaries ministering in another part of the world. We are pleased to receive a visit from Sr. Deanna Therese Love, a representative of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel on the weekend of July 22nd and 23rd. The sisters of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel serve in education, healing ministries, social work, faith formation, and parish ministry in India, Africa, America, Canada, Italy, Germany, Peru, and Iraq. Congregation dispensaries, clinics, and hospitals are the hands of Jesus compassionately healing the sick. Schools and residences provide a loving shelter for children of all backgrounds, especially those with a variety of physical and mental disabilities. Venturing into new areas of India and Africa, our sisters' revolutionary spirit initiated creative ways to meet new needs. The lives of countless vulnerable women and children around the world are being transformed through the missionary efforts of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel. Please continue to pray for missionaries worldwide who empower local leaders to form and nourish communities of faith where the Church is young, struggling, or economically strained. If you are able, place a donation to support this mission cause in the second collection basket. Please make checks out to the parish. Or you can make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/give](https://WeAreMissionary.org/give).



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## 2023

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### 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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