



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
August 27, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Welcome
Back**



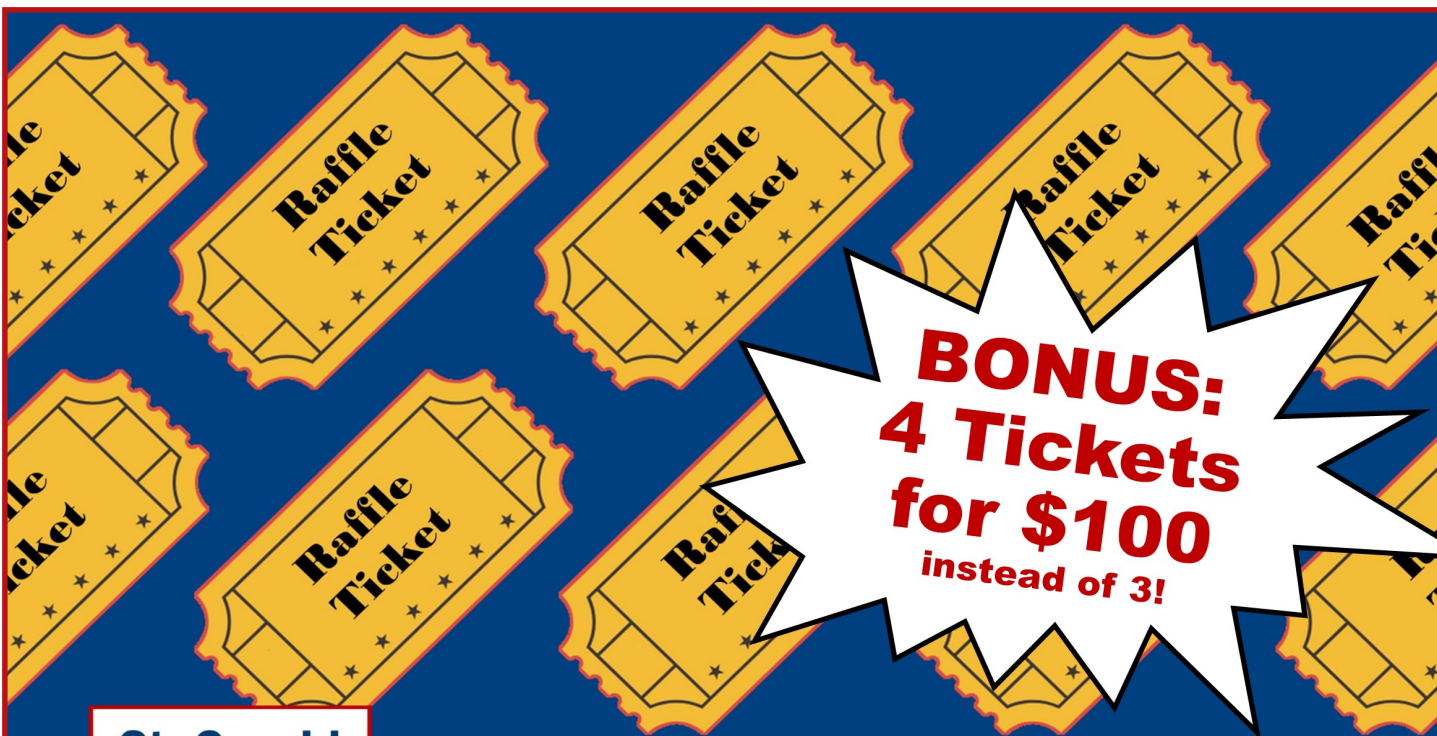
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church is indeed God's beloved family

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

**St. Gerald**

Parish Raffle

Tickets are \$50 each or 3 tickets for \$100

Our goal is to sell 1,500 tickets.

There will be four GRAND PRIZES*

\$10,000

\$2,500 cash or tuition credit for STG 2023/2024

\$1,500 cash or tuition credit for STG 2023/2024

\$1,000 cash or tuition credit for STG 2023/2024

Grand Prize winners will be drawn on Monday, September 18th

Two Early Bird drawings on August 23rd for a chance to win \$250 cash prize

Tickets and payment can be returned via mail to:

ST. GERALD PARISH RAFFLE 9310 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

or dropped off at the Parish Office,

put into the collections baskets at the weekend Masses

or purchased through GiveCentral.com



**Grand Prizes will be prorated if needed based on ticket sales.*

www.stgerald.com/parish-raffle



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



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
John Coleman-1
Maureen Collins-2
Chris Courtney-3
Erin Culik-1
Theresa Curtin-1
Patrick Davis-1
Donna D-4
Ron Dryier-1
Pat Earnest-4
Diane Gomez-3
Michael Griffin-2
Nelson Hathcock-4
Clara Hobson-4
Lucie Kavaliauskas-2
James Kelly-1

Mike Kelly-2
Michael Kennelly-2
Mary Klus-3
Laura Knapp-4
Catherine Kolbe-1
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-2
Ann Thomas-2
Rita Tucholski-3
Cindy Venditti-3
Robert Walsh-3
John Wickman-3
Stella Wisniewski-3
Linda Wydra-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 Aug. 27

- 8:00am** John & Margaret Morrison
9:30am Daniel Morales, Lois Tarasevic,
 Clem Hojnacki
11:00am Dolores M. Kolin, Javier Juarez,
 Zennon D. Krupa,
 All the Deceased Member of HNS

Monday, Aug. 28

- 8:15am** Mildred Uidl, Clem Hojnacki,
 Zennon D. Krupa, Spec Int for Fr. Stan,
 Spec Int for Bart Pernai,
 Spec Int for Robert Cislo Jr.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- 8:15am** Tony Fallon, Zennon D. Krupa

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- 8:15 am** Zennon D. Krupa, Clem Hojnacki,
 Joseph Giuffre

Thursday, Aug. 31

- 8:15 am** Zennon D. Krupa, Clem Hojnacki,
 Dolores & Pete Cook

Friday, Sep. 1

- 8:15am** Edward Uidl, Clem Hojnacki,
 Spec Int for Valerie Ritter

Saturday Sep. 2

- 5:00pm** Ray Gorski, Eileen Moran,
 Ann O'Connor, Gary Maholsky

Sunday Sep. 3

- 8:00am** Edward Uidl, Anna Dzielski,
 James Morrison
9:30am James Harrington
11:00am Mary McGuinness, Mary Foley

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

8/13/23

Masses to come
 Dropped Off
 Utilities
 Give Central
 Candles
 Building & Ren
 Total \$

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.

Myles Kristopher Gaynor
Son of Patrick & Elizabeth Smerz Gaynor
Andrew Joseph Lozada
Son of Jose & Kristyn Contreas Lozada
Camilo Massimo Gonzalez
Son of Ivan Gonzalez & Brianna Yarus
Amelia Catherine Urbana
Dtr. Of Nicholas and Siobhan McAvoy Urbana

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.

Dear God, everywhere I walk, let it be on your path. Everything I see, let it be through your eyes. Everything I do, let it be your will. For every hardship I face, let me place it in your hands.



Wedding



Banns

III *Kaleigh Hayes & Andrew McFee*

Reading I

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Reading II

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Queen of Peace H.S. Class of 1973 will hold their 50th Class Reunion on September 15, 2023 at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, IL. At 6:00p.m. see/join the Queen of Peace Class of 1973 Facebook Page for more info. Note the change of time and location. Email: patricethomas6314@gmail.com




Parish Mission

Our Parish Mission will be held in church on Sunday September 17th at 6:00p.m. Monday and Tuesday will be at 7:00pm. Fr. Tom McCarthy will be speaking at our Parish Mission. More info. to come.

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  generosity and support of St. Gerald!

Reminder

Beginning September 1st our daily Mass Schedule will change. Our morning Mass will begin at 8:30a.m. The weekend Mass Schedule will remain the same.

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

DRAWINGS: Every other week

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



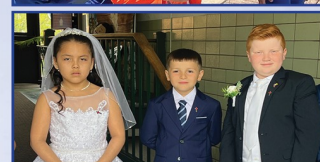
Looking to grow in Faith, Hope & Love?


Give away the “Faith, Hope & Love” that you have and more will be given to you, multiplied and elevated.

Today you may be hearing the call to “share your faith with others”. If so, and you possess a natural gift for working with kids such as an infectious smile, a good sense of humor, love and patience. Then our REY Ministry is the place for you.


Come and hear more about our ministry. We’re always looking for additional greeters, catechists, classroom aides, office volunteers, hall guards, retreat volunteers and more.

For more information please contact Jim Ramos at rey@stgerald.com or leave a message at 708-423-0458





WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS BASEBALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 1:05 PM
OZINGA FIELD, CRESTWOOD
\$11.00 TICKETS
FAMILY DAY
LIVE ANIMAL SHOW, FACE PAINTING
AND PLAY CATCH ON THE FIELD



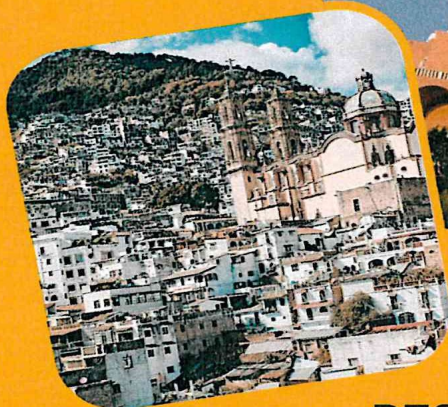
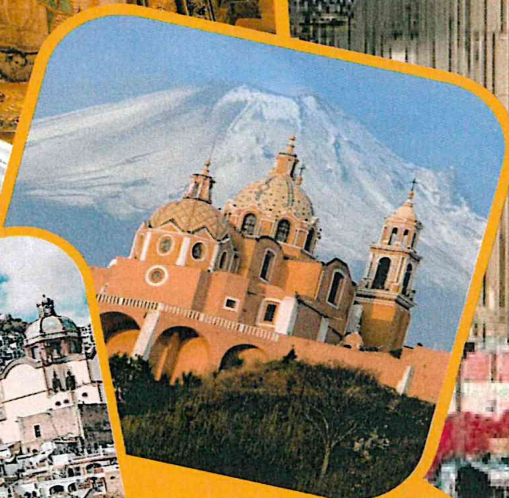
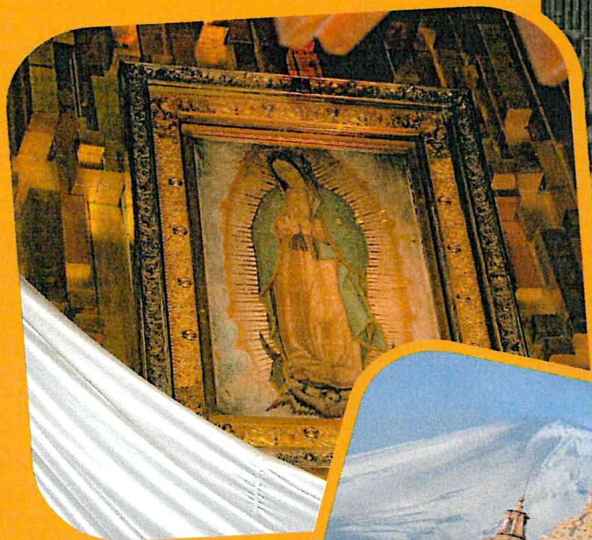
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ST Gerald HSA
 Back to School Celebration
 Sunday, August 27th
 1:05pm

Use the QR code to purchase your tickets.
 Password: GERALD



Any questions, please call Jennifer Solski
 773-520-9228
Jennifer.solski@gmail.com



DECEMBER 7-17, 2023

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7th ANNUAL VETERANS LUNCHEON HONORING MILITARY VETERANS



Saturday – September 23, 2023

FREE LUNCHEON and FREE DOOR PRIZES

at

St. Paul Lutheran Church

4660 W. 94th Street – Oak Lawn, IL

One Block East of the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel

**Veterans, Active, Reserve, Guard and Your One Guest
are invited to join us at a special luncheon
honoring you for your service and sacrifice**

**Speaker: Chaplain Steven Hokana LTC U.S. Army Ret.
Asst. Director Ministry to the Armed Forces LCMS**

Entertainment: Mandy & Sandy The ByGone Gals

Doors open 10:30 am - Luncheon 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Reservations Required

Please RSVP by September 18th

By calling St. Paul Church Office at (708) 423-1040

Between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday

Or on answering machine leave your

Name, Service Branch, Phone# and if you are bringing One Guest

Whether at home or abroad

Active duty / Reserve / Guard / Separated / Retired

If you have served or are serving

Thank You & God Bless You



REY Open Registration continue

July 31, August 2, 5, 10 & 11 (from 9-12pm)



by appointment only in the REY office (Room 114)

located at 9320 S 55th Court, Door#1,

Please use the Sign-up Genius QR code to schedule your time or
call the REY office for assistance.



Late Registration - August 16, 18, 24 & 25 (from 9-12pm)

by appointment only in the REY office located at 9320 S 55th Court, Door#1.

A \$25 Late fee per child will be added to all late registrations.

2023-24 REGISTRATIONS CLOSE AFTER AUGUST 25, 2023.

Contact the REY office at: 708-423-0458 or rey@stgerald.com for appointments or additional questions.

2023-24 Classes Offered:

Kindergarten thru 8th Grade
Sacrament Catch-Up
High School Confirmation
RCIA

(New Class Hours)

Sundays 9:15-10:30 am.

Mondays 6-7:00 pm.

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Tuition is to be paid in full at time of Registration. All tuition and fees from the previous year must be paid in full in order to register for the following year. Please let us know if you require a payment plan.

Scan the QR codes to the left to visit our REY webpage for additional information and to download a registration form and our full Open Registration Instructional. For additional information not found on our website, please contact the REY office at 708-423-0458 or rey@stgerald.com.

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