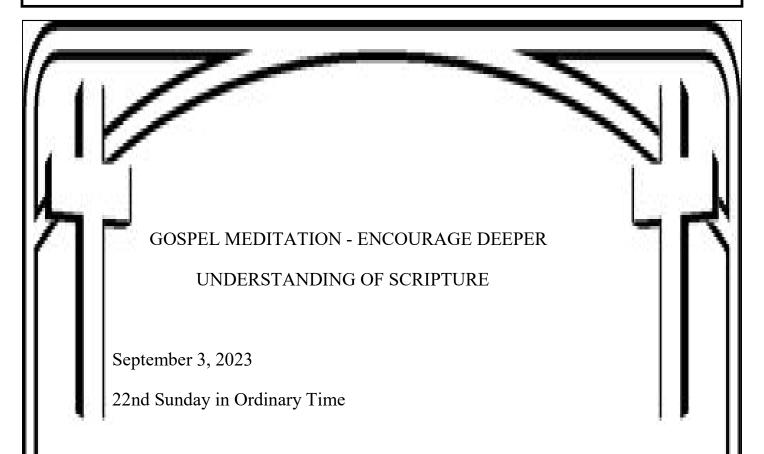


The Family of Saint Gerald 9310 S. 55th Court September 3, 2023 Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

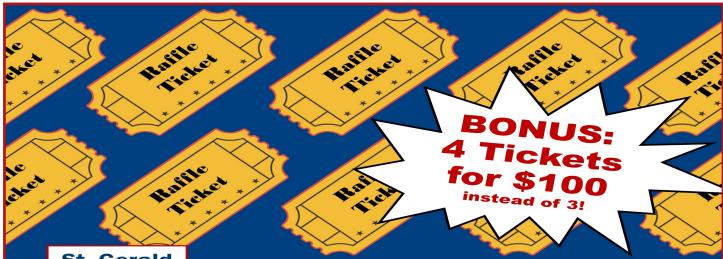




Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.



St. Gerald

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





WISDOM FUND AND STUDENT SPONSORSHIP-Parishioners are key to the Catholic schooling of all our students. Your support of the church allows St. Gerald to continue its 94th year of sponsoring the parish school. Some parishioners choose to make their support even stronger by donating money to the 'Wisdom Fund'. One even more pin point way that occurs occasionally is becoming a partial sponsor to a specific student. Usually done discretely, in that the name of the donor and the name of the student are not disclosed, it is another way to help. There are several students currently in need of partial sponsorship. If you think \$2425 or \$1150 would be a viable donation amount for you, please contact the Principal Mr. Pape at 708-422-0121. Other amounts are workable as well. General donations to the Wisdom Fund are welcome too! Put in collection or drop off at parish office, marked Wisdom Fund St.

MANNA 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) 1st & 3rd Sunday 9 am - 12 pm (Arnold Hall - Door #5)



Tray 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.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Sep. 3

8:00am Edward Uidl, Anna Dzielski,

James Morrison

9:30am James Harrington,

Spec Int for Michael Moran

11:00am Mary McGuinness, Mary Foley

Monday, Sep. 4

8:15am Charlotte Yanowsky, Delia Flynn,

Clem Hojnacki,

Spec Int for for Jim & Gloria Pierzynski

Tuesday, Sep. 5

8:15am Ceil Olejniczak, Eugenia Bronoso,

Delia Flynn

Wednesday, Sep. 6

8:15 am Cameron & Janet Ivey,

Patricia Egan, Megan Hurckes, Delia Flynn, Clem Hojnacki

Thursday, Sep 7

8:15 am Michael Flann Boland, Clem Hojnacki,

Spec Int for Joe & Valerie Ritter,

Spec Int for Fr. Stan

Friday, Sep. 8

8:15am Jackie Giebelhausen, Eric Kern,

Mark Rogers

Saturday Sep. 9

5:00pm Natalio Del Rosario, Mildred Uidl,

Louis Perkne, Robert "Bob" Philbin Jr.

Sunday Sep. 10

8:00am Mary Seroka

9:30am Bertha Rangel, Lawrence Malloy,

Wladslaw Syjud, John Brison

11:00am Pvt. James McGrath, Tom Wood,

Carolyn Krauss, Patrick Pasqua Sr.,

David John Allen

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	8/13/23	8/20/23
Masses	\$6335.00	\$8,733.00
Dropped Off	1370.00	1575.00
Utilities	245.00	109.00
Give Central	1890.00	1676.00
Candles	241.00	351.00
Building & Ren	497.00	671.00
Total	\$ 10,578.00	\$13,155.00

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.

SATURDAY Sept. 9-Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, pray at your parish or St. Mary's Cemetery, Evergreen Park

SEPT 27 to Nov. 5 Forty Days for Life Campaign

SUNDAY October 1 Life Chain in many locations

Thursday Oct. 5 PASS Banquet (also Pregnancy Aid Illinois) <u>donors@helppass.org</u>

For further info contact Al Theis, altheis25@gmail.com

Wedding



Banns



Deaths

Michael T. Sheeraan Robert Kenney

l Enza Albanese & Jacob Lisante

May choirs of angels welcome them.

Reading I

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Reading II

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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

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.

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/49Thank you for 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.



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.

Beginning in September, drawings will be once a month at the end of the month.

Eleventh Annual Memorial Service for Aborted Children at St. Mary Cemetery

On Saturday, September 9th, Pro-Life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the Eleventh Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a joint project of The Pro-Life Action League, Priests for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 50 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 9th, 1:00 PM

Where: St. Mary Cemetery, 87th and Hamlin, Evergreen Park, IL at the gravesite of

500 aborted babies.

Clergy: Rev. James Hyland, Rev. Deogratia Mbonyumugenzi, Rev. Ryan Brady, Deacon Larry Chyba

Please bring your Rosary and a lawn chair.

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.



PARISH MISSION

With Father Tom McCarthy

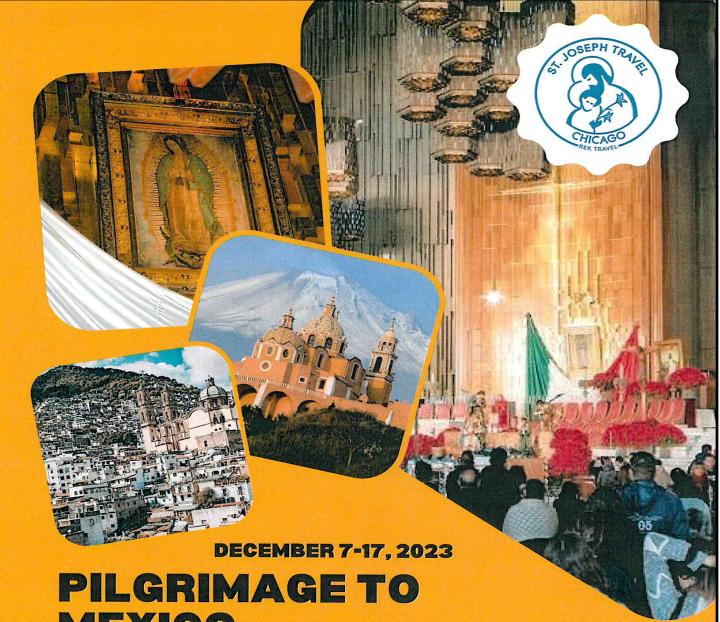
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Sunday · September 17 · 6 pm

Monday · September 18 · 7 pm

Tuesday · September 19 · 7 pm



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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

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Christ the King class of 1973

Please keep the Ukraine in your prayers.

Is planning their 50th reunion for November 2023. Please send contact information to Lynn Rollheiser O'Connor to mo1959@gmail.com



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