



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
October 1, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
26th Sunday In Ordinary Time



Respect Life Sunday

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A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. “Which did the will of his father?” asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir



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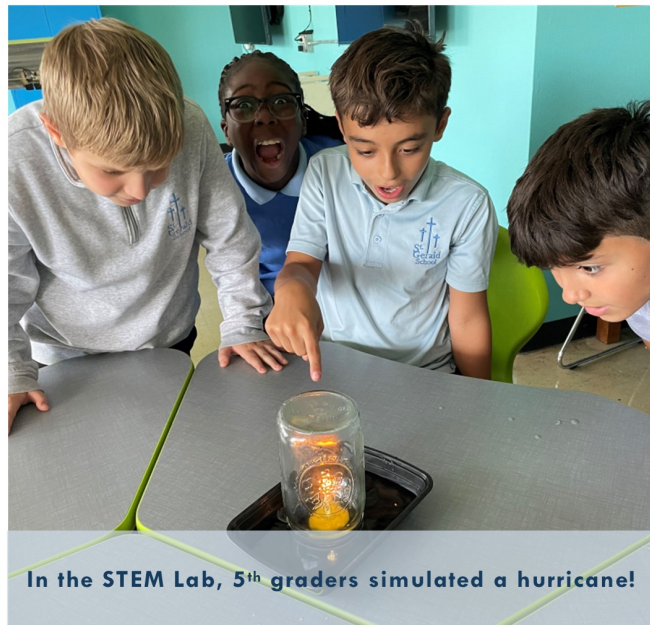
In Mrs. Reardon's PK4, students showed Simon the Sorting Sleuth their own super sorting skills.



In Mrs. Hosty's Kindergarten, everyday students engage in hands-on activities as they explore, experiment, and learn.



One of our 5th grade students painted this for the Art Room. It's called "Rainbow-topia".



In the STEM Lab, 5th graders simulated a hurricane!

WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. GERALD SCHOOL:

Bingo! Every Friday in Arnold Hall Games start at 6:45 pm

Manna Gift Cards: 1st & 3rd Sunday 9 am - 12 noon in Arnold Hall and
Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30 pm and Fridays 8:15 am - 9:30 am in the School Office.



HAVE A GIANT HEART!

A Prayer Request for our Alpha Team & Participants

Alpha

The world as we know it is changing everyday. It seems what was right yesterday is questionable today. People are falling away from religion and more importantly away from God. It is not only happening in the Catholic religion but all of Christianity. All dominations are asking how we get people back to God and the church in a way that is more meaningful to them and not just feeling like just an obligation to be fulfilled. The Archdiocese of Chicago has offered several different programs to all the churches. Our Pastor, Father Robert has chosen the Alpha program for the St Gerald's Parish. What is Alpha? Honestly, I don't really know. That is why 20 other people and I are going to participate in a 10 week pilot program to seek the answer to this question. In the end you all will have a chance to participate in the Alpha program and experience the same thing. We ask for your prayers for a successful mission:

Dear Lord, God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Watch over us mustard seeds as you sow us into this Alpha pilot program. May we land on fertile ground and flourish so we may bring it back to our Parish. May it continue to grow and bring people back to You and your Church. May the Holy Spirit come down upon all of us to open our eyes, our minds and our hearts. Please help this program to be a success. Please grant us the knowledge of what Alpha is all about.



Hello Ladies!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 12th. We will begin with the Rosary in church at 6:30pm followed by a brief meeting at 7pm in Arnold Hall-Room 121. We are looking forward to having one of our ladies from the Rosary Makers teach us to make beaded rosaries.

We are excited to announce our new officers that were installed at our September meeting.

President: Diane Ward
Vice-President: Sue Speaber
Secretary: Kim Koukola
Treasurer: Gina Vancheri

We look forward to welcoming you.



Pray for the sick list



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

Mike Kelly-1
 Michael Kennelly-3
 Mary Klus-4
 Laura Knapp-1
 Catherine Kolbe-2
 Leonard Kosacz-4
 Katherine Kroeck-2
 MaryAnn Krupa-3
 Dorothy Kubala-3
 Laverne Leahy-1
 Joyce Lewandowski-1
 Trish Lunn-1
 Bernadette Magana-1
 Monica Martancik-3
 Gene Martyn-3
 Maureen-4
 Maureen C.-1
 Mary McMullen-4
 Joyce Meredith-4
 Lillian Miszkiewicz-4
 Michael Moran-1
 Catherine Motyka-3
 Brian O'Callahan-3
 Michael O'Keefe-2
 Lucas Patrick-3
 Carol Paprocki-4
 Dave Pawlak-4

Charles Petraitis-2
 Andrea Pierzynski-3
 Randy-1
 Bruce Renz-1
 Grace Ritter-4
 Art Rivas-4
 Milo Rusin-2
 Savannah-4
 Merideth Scaglione-3
 Deirdre Scott-3
 Ryan Smith-4

Linda Stearns-4
 Joe Streit-3
 Ann Thomas-3
 Dave Tishka-1
 Paul Tishka-1
 Rita Tucholski-4
 Cindy Venditti-4
 Robert Walsh-4
 John Wickman-4
 Stella Wisniewski-4
 Linda Wydra-3

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.

Thank you.

Mass Schedule

Sunday Oct. 1

8:00am James T. Kilcran, Michael Vopinek

Spec. Int for Danny Salihar,

Spec. Int for Delia Flynn

9:30am Spec. Int for Connie Gotto

11:00am Evelyn Hurley, Patrick Quinn,

The Garbowski Fam., Maria Lopez

Spec Int for Mary Kay & Ronald McKay

on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Monday, Oct. 2

8:30am Spec Int for Alene B.,

Spec Int for Judy Collignon

Tuesday, Oct. 3

8:30am David Witenkind, Thoma Barton,

Rose Grum, Martha Albert,

John & Margaret Morrison,

Spec Int for the Theis Family

Wednesday, Oct. 4

8:30 am Spec Int for Randy

Thursday, Oct. 5

8:30 am Foley Family

Friday, Oct. 6

8:30am Cipriani & Eriksen Family,

Robert "Bob" Philbin Jr.

Saturday Oct. 7

5:00pm James T. Kilcran III, Ray Gorski,

Raymond Wawrzyniak,

Robert Kenney, Nadine Grandi,

Anne Marie Casey, Martin Spain,

Edward Hanania

Sunday Oct. 8

8:00am Mary Seroka

9:30am Teresa McDermott,

Paddy & Kathleen Doherty,

Jacqueline Giebelhausen,

Decd members of the Coyle Fam

Czeslawa Augustyn

11:00am Leahy & Broderick, Fei Fam.,

Grant Fam.,

All Souls in Purgatory

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	9/17/23	9/24/23
Masses	\$ 8141.00	7726.00
Dropped Off	1030.00	339.00
Utilities	172.00	190.00
Give Central	1911.00	1511.00
Candles	227.00	402.00
Building & Ren	298.00	579.00
Total	\$ 11,779.00	10,747.00

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.



Please join us on the second Saturday of each month as we pray the Rosary and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will meet in front of the Grotto of Mary at 12:00 Noon. It will be determined where we will pray due to inclement weather.

Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council #1444 and the volunteers from organizations that provide quality of life programming for our neighbors with intellectual disabilities thank each of who donate during the recent Intellectual Disabilities Drive, commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. Ninety per cent of your donation will be distributed to organizations in Our area that provided quality of life programming for our neighbors with disabilities and could not if not for your, our caring and sharing community parishes.

Wedding



Banns

II *Hannah Rizzo & Robert Lambert*

Sir Knight Ed. Fineran, Grand Knight

Reading I

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Reading II

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" ([Galatians 6:9](#)).



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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!



Reunion

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

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

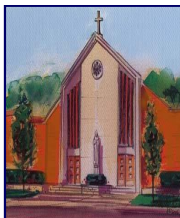
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30AM

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.

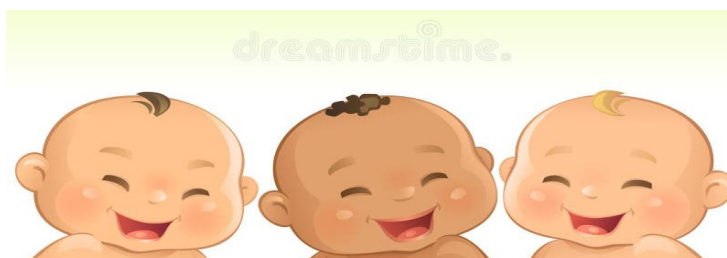
Beginning in September, drawings will be once a month at the end of the month.

Support Moms and Babies



Please join us a Pregnancy Aid Illinois (formerly PASS) celebrates its annual fundraising banquet. Go to donors@helppass.org and sign up or simply donate. Wish soon to be 5 centers, this vibrant organization is situated to help scores if not hundreds of women and nannies, as well as their families and dads. The event is scheduled at 6pm at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park on Thursday October 5th. Centers are located in Tinley Park, Lansing, South Holland, North Aurora and soon south side Chicago

Please join us for the Blessing on Wednesday, October 4th at 6p.m. The blessing will be held in front of the entrance to the Church. Hope you and your pets will be able to join us. Weather permitting.



The Breaking of the Bread Ministry

formally invites you to our new monthly Bible Study

When: Thursday, October 5th

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Where: Arnold Hall room 119

To sign up scan the QR code or follow the link.
<https://forms.office.com/r/zSk1PQhevD>

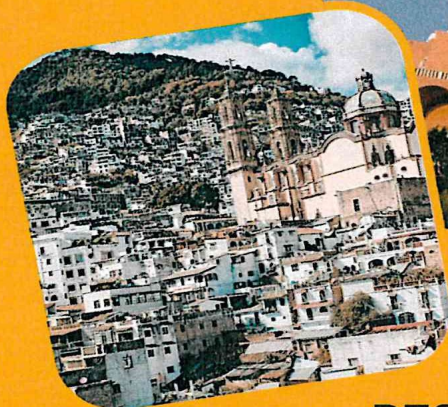
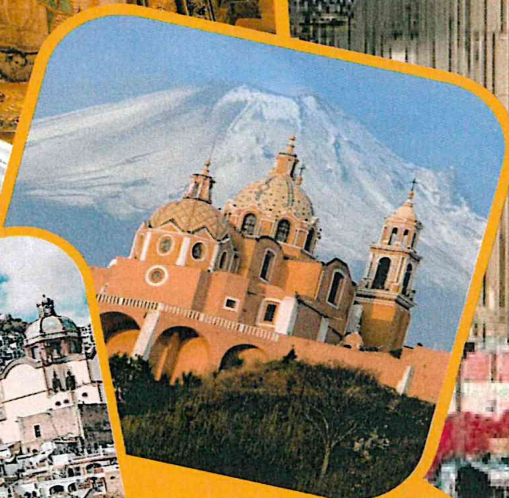
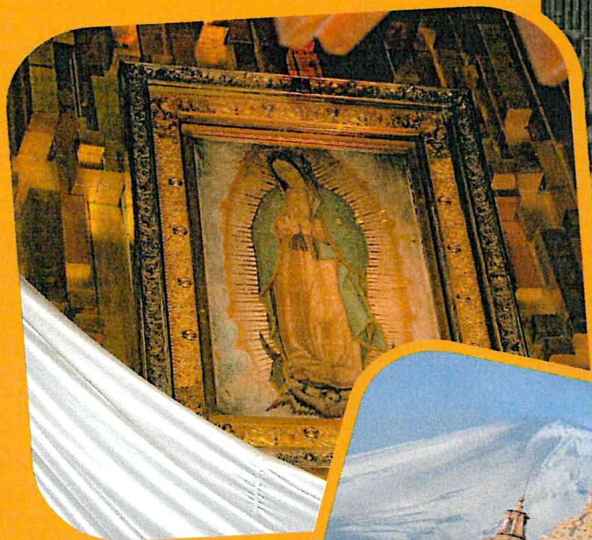


For more information you can email Nicole at nargudin@stgerald.com.

"They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Luke 24:31





DECEMBER 7-17, 2023

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LITURGY TRAINING

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Initial Training for Lectors

Description of presentation: These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees attend Monday evening's Scriptural foundation, overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry

Part 1 is Monday, October 9, is required for both ministries

Part 2 for Training for Lectors is Wednesday, October 11
Participants will learn the theology of serving as a Liturgical Minister at Mass. Participants will also learn the practical skills necessary to Proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass

Part 2 for Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist is Thursday, October 12

This training is required by the Archdiocese for parishioners who will become extraordinary minister of the Eucharist in their respective parishes.

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Monday (All) , Wednesday (Lectors),
Thursday (EM's) -
October 9, 11, 12, 2023

TIME:

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION:

Incarnation-St. Terrence Church
5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL
Handicap accessible, park and enter under the canopy



Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

PLEASE REGISTER AT: <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Please keep the Ukraine in your prayers.

Christ the King class of 1973

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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