



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
October 8, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
27th Sunday In Ordinary Time



Our Lady of the Rosary

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Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

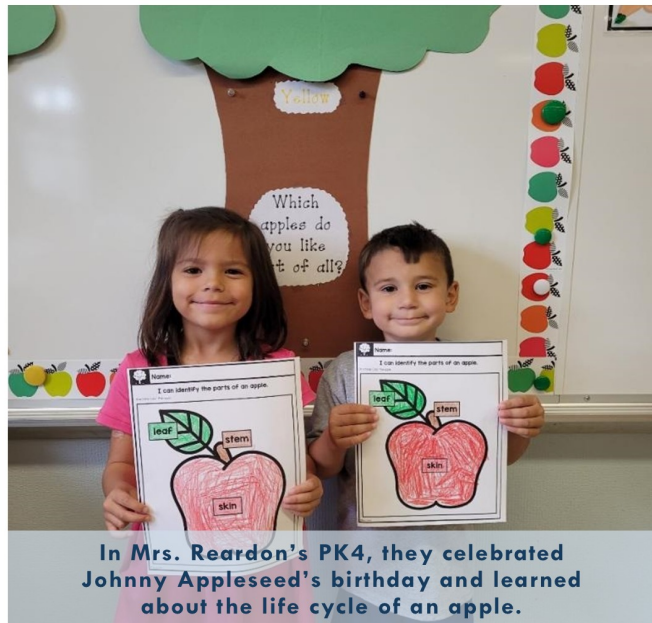
LEARNING · LEADING · SERVING · SUCCEEDING



Celebrating Morning Mass, students carry the gifts to the altar.



After Morning Mass, Father Robert and the Altar Servers' hearts are filled with JOY!



In Mrs. Reardon's PK4, they celebrated Johnny Applesseed's birthday and learned about the life cycle of an apple.



In Ms. Horn's PK3, they learned about the letter "E". Then in Art Class they made their own elephant!

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!



Pictured left to right: Fr. Robert and Jackie Hojnacki (Grandma Smiley). A huge thank you to Jackie for making all of the delicious cookies that were enjoyed by all after each night of our recent mission.



ST. GERALD'S Women's CLUB

Hello Ladies!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 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 some 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

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. 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

Monday, Oct. 9

8:30am Virginia Minonne, Fr. Ed Stockus,
Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Fr. Stan

Tuesday, Oct. 10

8:30am Ceil Olejniczak, Clem Hojnacki,
Spec. Int. for Fr. Robert

Wednesday, Oct. 11

8:30 am Patrick Carmody, Carmody Fam.,
June & Gene Bachta, Daniel F. Leahy,
Toni Santiago

Thursday, Oct. 12

8:30 am Joe Fitzgerald, Edward Uidl,
Charley Samars, Clem Hojnacki,
Spec. Int For Jerry Ryjewski

Friday, Oct. 13

8:30am Clem Hojnacki,
Spec Int for Annette & Larry Bard,
Spec Int for Brenda & Bob Kresgen,
Dep Mem of Our Lady of Fatima
Knights of Columbus

Saturday Oct. 14

5:00pm Daniel Saad, Zenon D. Krupa,
Clara & Edmund Jeziorski, Fr. Gerald Mulcahy,
Robert "Bob" Philbin Jr., Clem Hojnacki,
Annemarie Casey, Blanca Garcia,
Juanita Gonzalez, Charley Samars

Sunday Oct. 15

8:00am Brendan Pierce

9:30am Jean Flynn, Tony & Judy Vidinich,
Kathleen L. Markowski

11:00am Fouzie Hassou, Maria

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

10/01/23

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.



BAPTISMS

Emmy Lee Sokolski

Dtr. of Voytek Sokolski & Eve Majwicz

Victoria Laura Kozbial

*Dtr. of Tomasz & Izabela Trojanowska
Kozbial*

Emery Anne Meany

Dtr. Of Louis Meany & Lydia Jones

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.

Wedding



Banns

III Hannah Rizzo & Robert Lambert

Deaths

Lillian Foley

May Choirs of angels welcome her.

Reading I

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watch-tower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Reading II

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a land-owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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 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

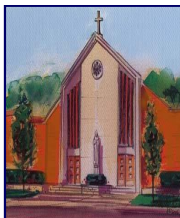
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30AM

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.

A Prayer Request for our Alpha Team & Participants



In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard-warriors, Alpha creates a safe space for honest, open, and judgment-free conversations for anyone to explore the Christian faith.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to sharing more about Alpha at St. Gerald. As we embark on this journey to find others on their journey with Jesus, the Alpha Team is asking for your continued prayers.

Dear Lord,

*We ask that you provide your blessings to the Alpha Team through the Holy Spirit. Bestow the ability to help others cultivate and commit to a close relationship with you Lord. In so doing, the team members will establish a closeness to you Lord and spread the good news in an open, heart-felt discussion with each of the participants. **Amen.***

Save the Date

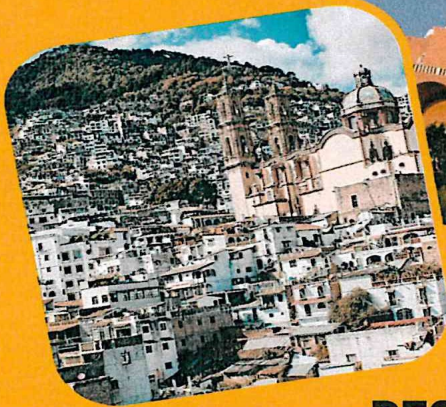
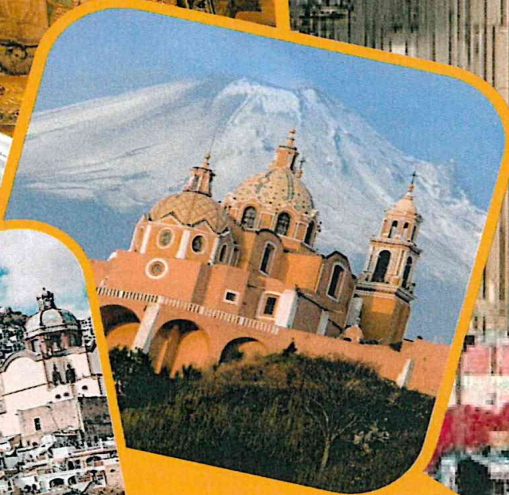
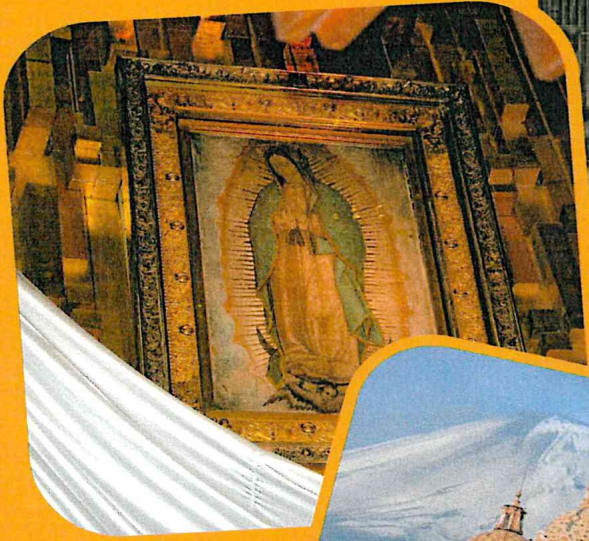
St. Gerald Women's Club will be sponsoring a bus trip to
The Shrine of Passion of Christ
Saturday - November 4

If interested please RSVP by October 28 to Gina 708-691-1036
Cost and more details to come. A limited amount of golfcarts will be available for an additional \$7 per person.



"Jesus took bread; He said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them saying, 'Take and eat; This is My Body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me.'"

Matthew 26:26 & Luke 22:19



DECEMBER 7-17, 2023

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**UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF :
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MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

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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