



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
January 14, 2024
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



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As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

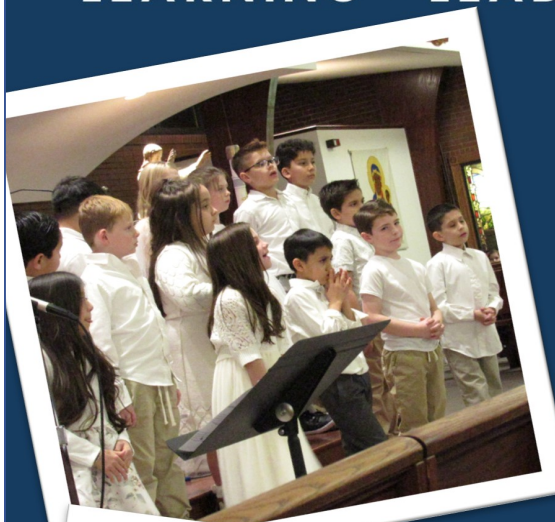
What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING · LEADING · SERVING · SUCCEEDING

Student Testimonials



"St. Gerald has the best classes. I love the Superkids!"

Amina · Kindergarten

"Teachers are very nice, and they provide me with a great education."

Michael · 3rd Grade



"St. Gerald is a great place to be because 'Generous Giants' activities are fabulous. I have the chance to participate in Altar Serving."

Corazon · 4th Grade

"My teachers assist me immediately whenever I need help. Religion is the best because I've learned many things I didn't know at all!"

Marty · 5th Grade

"St. Gerald is a great place to be and let me tell you why. St. Gerald's students are smart, kind and just outstandingly amazing. Another reason that makes St. Gerald great are the teachers. They are caring and helpful towards the students. And those are my reasons why St. Gerald is a great place to be."

Patricia · 6th Grade



"I feel St. Gerald is a very friendly and comfortable place. I've made many friends and have learned a lot of things to prepare for high school and the future. They also have great sports like soccer, basketball, and volleyball."

Victoria · 7th Grade



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Visit Our School Open House Sunday · Jan. 28 after 9:30am mass - 1pm

HAVE A GIANT HEART!

What does the Convalidation of a Marriage Mean?

A convalidation is when a couple married outside the Church seeks to have their union officially recognized by the Church. Forious reasons, A Catholic party or parties find themselves in a civil marriage or in a marriage that took place before a non-Catholic minister. In time, some seek to have their marriages approved or “blessed” by the Catholic Church. A convalidation involves the willingness of both parties to enter into a sacramental marriage.

Does this describe your situation? Were you married in a civil service and are a baptized Catholic? Were you married in a civil service, divorced and remarried? Have you wondered if you can have your marriage blessed and recognized by the Church? If you answered yes, to any of these questions feel free to start a conversation to get some answers!

A convalidation does not mean you need to plan a big wedding ceremony with all the frills. Actually, it requires some paperwork, possible attendance to PreCana and a meaningful ceremony in church to crown your marriage with the sacrament. St. Gerald can offer you a private ceremony or to be included in a Sunday mass group ceremony!

Feel free to contact any of the following staff members to discuss your situation:

Mrs. Laura Kowalski.....708-422-0234 (24) or lkowalski@stgerald.com

Please join us on the second Saturday of each month as we pray the Rosary and pray for 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.



Pray for the sick list



Frank Apicella-2
Baby Reese-2
Charles Barsevick-1
Robert S. Belin-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
Erin Culik-2
Theresa Curtin-2
Jack Daley-1
Evan Danner-1
Patrick Davis-2
Donna D-1
Ron Dryier-2
Pat Earnest-1
Joseph Galenziewski-1
Michael Griffin-3
Jackie Hokinson-1
Nelson Hathcock-1

Lucie Kavaliauskas-3
Mike Kelly-1
Michael Kennelly-3
Mary Klus-4
Laura Knapp-1
Catherine Kolbe-2
Leonard Kosacz-4
David Kowalewski-1
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 Miskiewicz-4
Michael Moran-1
Catherine Motyka-3
Brian O'Callahan-3
Michael O'Keefe-2
Karen Ortiz-1

Dave Pawlak-1
Carol Paprocki-4
Andrea Pierzynski-3
Randy-1
Bruce Renz-1
Grace Ritter-4
Art Rivas-4
Dennis Ross-1
Milo Rusin-2
Savannah-4
Merideth Scaglione-3
Deirdre Scott-3
Ryan Smith-4

Susan Speaber-1
Linda Stearns-4
Joe Streit-3
Ann Thomas-3
Dave Tishka-1
Rita Tucholski-4
Cindy Venditti-4
Tom Vodicka-1
Robert Walsh-4
John Wickman-4
Stella Wisniewski-4
Linda Wydra-3
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.

Thank you.

Mass Schedule

Sunday January 14

8:00am Mary Seroka, Jozef, Franciszka Lubinski

9:30am Paddy, Owen & Martin O'Grady,
Spec Int for Anna Maciej Szremski, Clem Hojnacki

11:00am Rosemary Bigenheimer-Rissler,
Daniel Tynan

Monday, January 15

8:30am Lawrence and Julie Cassidy, Ed O'Malley,
Clem Hojnacki, Decd mem of Vidimich Fam.,
Spec Int for the Parish Staff

Tuesday, January 16

8:30am Roger Kasper, Marian Andersen,
Natalia Del Rosario, Robert Lou Ferris

Wednesday, January 17

8:30am Michelle Alexander,
Spec Int for John & Pat O'Connell

Thursday, January 18

8:30 am Decd Members of the Riordan Fam.,
Spec Int for Fr. Robert, Clem Hojnacki

Friday, January 19

8:30am Ron Cipriani, Ronald Tibbett, Clem Hojnacki,
Spec Int for Fr. Stan

Saturday, January 20

5:00pm Ron Anderson, Gteg Plesha, Clem Hojnacki

Sunday January 21

8:00am Franciszek and Katarzyna Drag

9:30am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Paul Tishka,
Fred Stockus, Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Fr. Stan

11:00am Stanley Bzdyk, Concetta Conticello

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

| | 12/24/23 | 12/31/23 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Masses | 10,326.00 | 8,544.00 |
| Dropped Off | 1,310.00 | 775.00 |
| Utilities | 155.00 | 60.00 |
| Give Central | 1,786.00 | 3,457.00 |
| Candles | 366.00 | 243.00 |
| Building & Ren | 392.00 | 280.00 |
| Total | \$14,335.00 | \$13,359.00 |

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.

Christmas as of 1/7/24 \$44,971.00

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

Nolan Ryne Brown

Son of Mark and Chloe Serpico Brown

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.



Deaths

Patricia Nicosia

May Choirs of angels welcome her.

Parish Office will be closed:

Martin Luther King Jr. 1/15/24

Presidents Day 2/19/24

Good Friday 3/29/24

Adoration Schedule in the Church

January 17

Feb 7 & 21

Mar 6

April 3 & 17

May 1 & 15

June 5 & 19

Adoration is 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6-8pm



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.

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

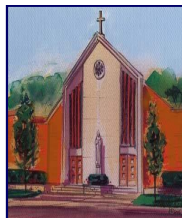
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30AM

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.



NONNA'S COMMUNITY Fundraising Event

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NONNA'S
PIZZA, PASTA & SUBS

Present this flyer when ordering at the location below and
50% of your purchase will benefit:

St. Gerald
Music Ministry

Thursday 🎵 Jan. 18th, 2024 🎵 4pm - 8pm

Nonna's Location:

9602 S Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL

www.NonnasPizzeria.com



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BY GIVING BACK.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12.10.23 - Breakfast w/ Santa
 2.10.24 - Casino Night
 3.9.24 - St. Pat's Party
 3.23.24 - Boxing Show

SUMMER 2024
 St. Gerald Carnival
 Fr. Malcolm Golf Outing



MEETINGS

FRIDAYS DEC 8
@ 7:30 PM JAN 5
CHAPEL FEB 9
HALL MAR 8
 APR 12
 MAY 3
 JUN 7

Reading I

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me. I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Reading II

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.



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Coffee and a Sweet Treat

after Morning Mass

Wednesday · January 17

in Arnold Hall

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