



*The Family of Saint Gerald*  
*9310 S. 55th Court*  
*January 21, 2024*  
*Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453*  
*Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*



January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir



# ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*Testimonials*



St. Gerald was not only the foundation of my education but also my professional career. The personal, educational and religious values learned became my personal benchmark and have been a beacon that has assisted in guiding me through life.

**Michael Kowalski, Class of '03**



The amazing teachers and staff helped to lay the foundation for the rest of my academic years and professional career incorporating strong values with an outstanding curriculum. Because of this important preparation, my difficult high school honors classes were extremely manageable. The math and English that Mrs. Fiscella and Mrs. Thompson taught in my seventh and eighth grade years proved invaluable. These skills not only prepared me for an easy transition to high school but also instilled in me a love of learning that I carried all the way through graduate school and completion of my doctorate. I am thankful every day for the strong education I received at St. Gerald School.

**Ashley (Nowdomski) Martens, Class of '05**



Attending St. Gerald is something I will be forever grateful for and was the cornerstone that helped me grow into the person I am today. The curriculum and extraordinary teachers at St. Gerald prepared me to tackle the challenges of academia that were ahead in both high school and college. The basis developed in Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and Religion propelled success at the next levels of education. In addition to the schoolwork, the countless activities and groups within the school and parish allowed for the development of close, life-long friendships that helped me grow not only into a better student, but into a better person.

**Patrick Hosty, Class of '11**



St. Gerald taught me some of the most valuable lessons I brought into high school, and I excelled greatly in my classes due to its curriculum. Not only did this school teach me Math, English, Science, but it also taught me how to nurture friendships, and I still keep in touch with so many people from St. Gerald. They taught me everything there is to know, and shaped me into the person I am today."

**Francesca Crosby, Class of '21**



**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Visit Our School Open House**

**Sunday · Jan. 28 after 9:30am mass - 1pm**



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**HAVE A GIANT HEART!**

## Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

### Together at the table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support recruitment, education and formation of lay ministers and deacons and continuing education & spiritual formation of priests. As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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  
Michael Griffin-3  
Jackie Hokinson-1  
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  
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 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

### Monday, January 22

**8:30am** Fr. Dan Tomich, Clem Hojnacki,  
 LaVerne Franek

### Tuesday, January 23

**8:30am** For All The Faithful Departed

### Wednesday, January 24

**8:30am** Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Maggie Badon

### Thursday, January 25

**8:30 am** Fr. Dan Tomich, Connie Gotto,  
 Clem Hojnacki, Mildred & Alois Steffek

### Friday, January 26

**8:30am** Jim Hoey, Crisanta Hernandez,  
 Frank Mrozak, Clem Hojnacki, LaVerne Franek,  
 Spec Int for Joe Ritter

### Saturday, January 27

**5:00pm** Clem Hojnacki, Robert Philbin Jr.,  
 Kathleen Kullig, Robert Belin, Lois Tarasevic,  
 Bernie Fadden, Cathy McAvoy, Thomas Foley

### Sunday January 28

**8:00am** Mildred Uidl  
**9:30am** Clem Hojnacki, Teresa Vlach,  
 Alfred C. Formas, Spec Int for Fr. Robert  
**11:00am** Joseph Novak, Dolores Tynan

### The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	1/07/24	1/14/24
Masses	\$9586.00	\$7139.00
Dropped Off	1250.00	1609.00
Utilities	860.00	238.00
Give Central	1708.00	1456.00
Candles	254.00	258.00
Building & Ren	106.00	451.00
Total	\$13,764.00	\$11,151.00

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 1/21/24 \$45,876.00**

**Solemnity, Mary Mother of God \$6,606.00**

### 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.



## CONGRATULATIONS SPLIT THE POT WINNERS

### December Winner

The Peterson Family won \$435

### November Winner

The Piazza Family won \$655

### October Winner

The Karsky Family won \$410

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. GERALD.

**Parish Office will be closed:**

Presidents Day 2/19/24

Good Friday 3/29/24

Easter Monday 4/1/24

### Adoration Schedule in the Church

Feb 7 & 21

Mar 6

April 3 & 17

May 1 & 15

June 5 & 19

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



### Deaths

*Alfred C. Formas*

*May choirs of angels welcome him.*



**S T G E R A L D**  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
 PRESENTS  
**THE 3RD ANNUAL**  
**CASINO NIGHT**

**SATURDAY FEB. 10TH, 2024**  
**JONATHAN COLLINS ACTIVITY CENTER**  
**9310 S 55TH COURT**  
**TICKET COST: \$65**  
**\$1000 IN POKER CHIPS, CANNED BEER, WINE,**  
**& LIGHT APPETIZERS INCLUDED WITH TICKETS**  
**DOORS OPEN 6PM GAMING 6:30-10PM**  
**ADDITIONAL RAFFLES HELD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT**

**SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!**



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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH**  
 — ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
 AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

### KEEPING TEEN RELATIONSHIPS HEALTHY AND SAFE

Parents, guardians, and grandparents, of junior high and high school teenagers, as well as school personnel and interested adults are encouraged to attend a presentation on Teen Dating Violence from **7:00 – 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024**. The program will be offered by the staff of A New Direction and is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Awareness Committees of Christ the King, St. John Fisher, St. Cajetan, St. Christina and St. Barnabas. It will be at **Christ the King Church, 9345 S Hamilton Avenue, Chicago**.

Ericka Swanson and Rita Ryan of A New Direction will define abuse, show patterns of abuse in relation to Teen Dating Violence, and will introduce scenarios and helpful resources. Learning about healthy relationships at this age can go a long way towards stopping the cycle of Domestic Violence, and can set youth on a better path for future relationships.

For more information on the Teen Dating Violence presentation, on February 6, 2024, from 7:00-8:00 P.M., please contact Donna Dalton - [donnadalton1951@gmail.com](mailto:donnadalton1951@gmail.com) Linda Villalobos - [lvilla46@yahoo.com](mailto:lvilla46@yahoo.com) Nancy North - [nancy.north@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.north@comcast.net)



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**WEEK END LITURGIES**

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

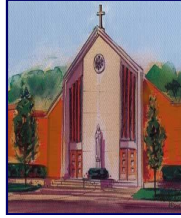
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30AM

**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.

# Fundraiser!

**Take a break from cooking and enjoy a delicious toasty sandwich, hearty soup or a fresh salad and help raise funds for a good cause!**

**Potbelly Sandwich Shop**  
**Will donate 25% of sales (or more!) to:**

## ST. GERALD MUSIC MINISTRY

**Date:** THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 1, 2024**Time:** 5PM - 8PM**Address:** 5129 W 95TH ST.  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453**Phone:** (708) 229-1234

**Spread the word to all of your friends and family!**  
**Bring this flyer, show it on your smartphone or mention it to your cashier**

**25% donation for first \$1,000 of sales**  
**50% donation for sales over \$1,000**





## 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

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; It took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

## Reading II

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

## Gospel

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



# Breakfast with Father Robert

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