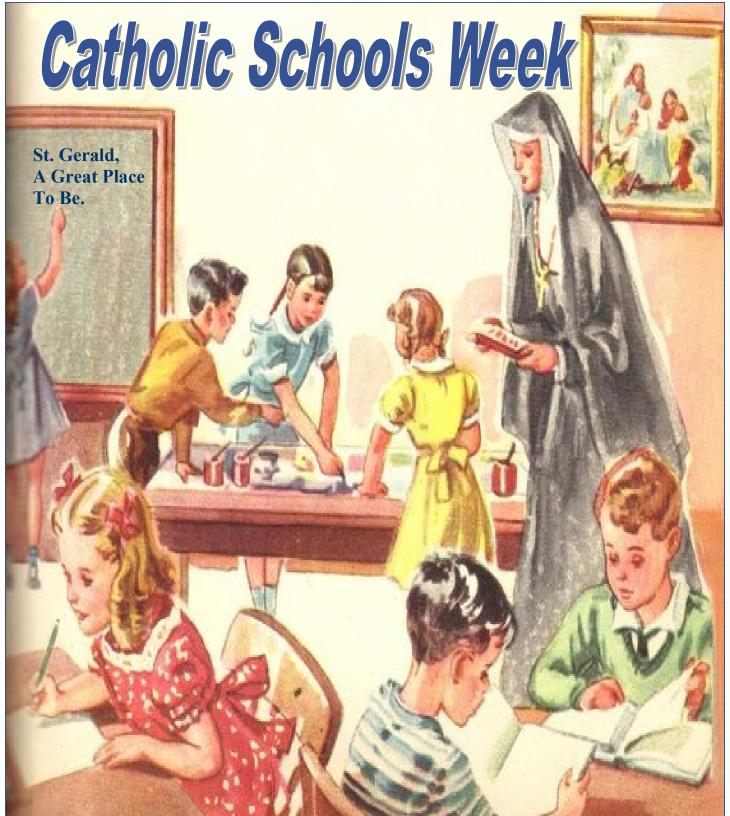
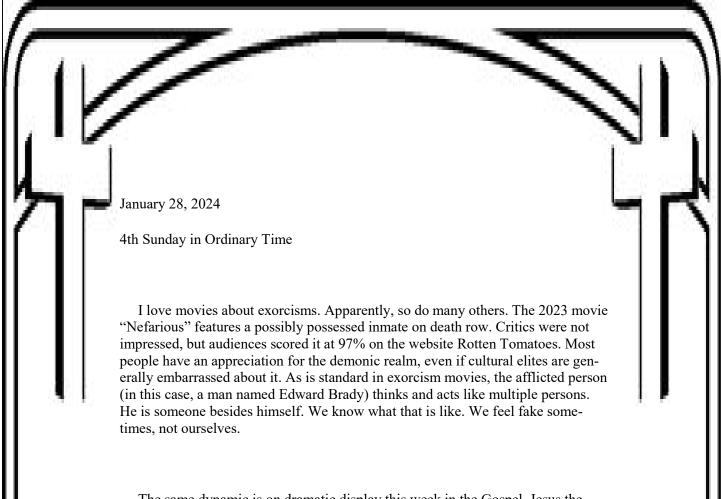


The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
January 28, 2024
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time





The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

Fr. John Muir

### ST. GERALD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**LEARNING · LEADING · SERVING · SUCCEEDING** 

STG Parents Our School!

Parent estimonials

My wife and I moved into St. Gerald Parish in 2000. As we started our family, we knew we would send our children to St. Gerald so much so, that we moved closer within the parish to be closer to the school. It was a great decision and has led to all 8 of our children receiving a quality education at St. Gerald. But that's only half of it. They have made their friends here. They have played their sports here. They have grown into young, respectful adults here. St. Gerald is "a great place" isn't just a slogan. It's a lifestyle that will lead to success.

The Crosby Family

Sending our boys to a Catholic school had always been a priority to us. Living in Oak Lawn we have many great options to choose from. Being parishioners at St. Gerald gave us an opportunity to see a glimpse of what our children could be a part of. We had a sense of belonging from the moment we walked through the school doors. It is evident how much the staff care for their students. It has been a great experience and we look forward to watching our boys succeed over the years.

The Meehan Family

What our family loves most about St. Gerald is the diverse faculty, staff and student body. We are diverse in our culture and strengths. Students have the opportunity to express themselves using their home language through prayer and song; as well as their abilities in academics, athletics and the arts. We celebrate and respect our differences.

The Rentería Family

My daughter is a brand-new 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Gerald (GO GIANTS)! She transferred from her previous school to ensure seamless math instruction. She has had positive experiences with all of her teachers. She enjoys attending every class and has not been absent any days this school year.

The Reyna Family

We choose St. Gerald because the kids that go to a Catholic school maintain a healthy relationship with the church as they grow older. It is also a place where they put the children safety first. We also love that it focuses on Character, Academics. Values and Faith.

The Ritter Family



# CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Visit Our School Open House

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



HAVE A **GIANT** HEART!

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## 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.



#### Tray 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 Joelee MacMaster-1 Jovce Meredith-4 Lillian Miszkiewicz-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 Karen Singer-1 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.

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# Mass Schedule

#### **Sunday January 28**

8:00am Mildred Uidl

9:30am Clem Hojnacki, Teresa Vlach,

Alfred C. Formas, Spec Int for Fr. Robert,

Daniel Morales, Spec Int for Baby C.

11:00am Joseph Novak, Dolores Tynan,

Spec Int for Thomas Kirin

#### Monday, January 29

**8:30am** Clem Hojnacki, LaVerne Franek, Spec. Int for Barbara Rusnak, Spec Int for Baby C.

Tuesday, January 30

8:30am Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Parish Staff

Wednesday, January 31

8:30am For All the Faithful Departed

Thursday, February 1

8:30 am John Conlon, Clem Hojnacki,

Friday, February 2

8:30am Michael & Hannah Boland,

LaVerne Franek, Spec Int for Baby C.

Saturday, February 3

**5:00pm** Nicholas & Hannah Roche, Alfred Formas, Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Purificacion Irabagon, Connie Gotto, Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Bob

Sunday, February 4

8:00am Connie Gotto, Edward Hanania

9:30am Bob Belin, Megan Hurckes

11:00am Jerome Litrenta, Jo Vanick,

Salvatore Vancheri, Anita Maska, Fei Fam.,

All Souls in Purgatory



#### 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

#### The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

 1/21/24

 Masses
 \$8451.00

 Dropped Off
 700.00

 Utilities
 141.00

 Give Central
 1576.00

 Candles
 231.00

 Building & Ren
 275.00

 Total
 \$11,374.00

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 \$46,876.00

#### **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.





#### **Deaths**

Alfred C. Formas Jane Nedvar

May Choirs of angels welcome them.



THE 3RD ANNUAL

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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 6:30-1 OPM

ADDITIONAL RAFFLES HELD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

#### SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!



VISIT WWW.STGERALDHNS.COM OR EMAIL INFO@STGERALDHNS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS



Hello Ladies!

We invite all ladies to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with the Rosary in church at 6:30pm followed by a brief meeting at 7pm in Arnold Hall-Room 121.

We look forward to welcoming you.

St. Gerald
Annual Boxing Show
Presented by the St. Gerald Holy Name



The Main Event
Saturday, March 23rd
Doors will open at 6:00pm
Concessions, split the pot raffles
More information to come in the following bulletins.

#### 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**

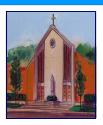
Monday through Friday 8:30am

#### **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.

# 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.

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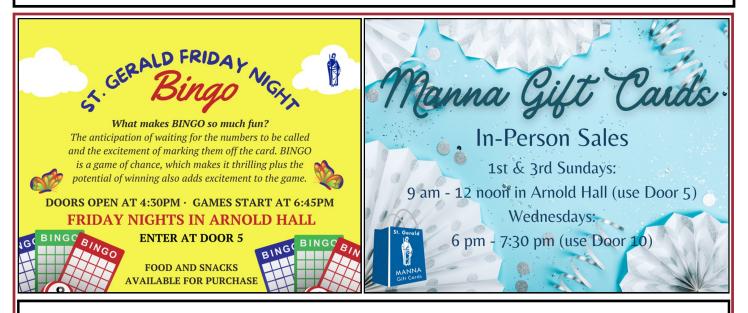
**Phone:** (708) 229-1234

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





# An Invitation to Come and See

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Catholic Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring our faith. Each talk looks at a different question and is designed to create open conversation. Dinner is included, Everyone is welcome.

Our first season will begin on Tuesday, February 20 at 7pm in Gathering Space of the JCAC - Parish Activity Center.

To learn more about St. Gerald Alpha or to sign up visit stgerald.com/alpha

#### St. Gerald Alpha

Tuesday · February 20 at 7 pm JCAC - Parish Activity Center



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#### Reading I

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

#### Reading II

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

#### Gospel

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



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## Pilgrimage to Italy

April 13-26, 2024

Under spiritual guidance of :

Fr. Robert Pajor

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#### 773-777-7733

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Enrollment starts: 12/01/2023. Final payment: January 31 st, 2024 Zelle, cash or check issued to Rek Travel Services LLC. Memo: Pilgrimage to Italy

# THE ST. GERALD HSA INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A Hollywood Red Carpet VIP Event FATHER DAUGHTER DAUGHTER DAUGHTER

WHO: Preschool-8th grade girls and their dad or "special someone"

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2024 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm \*Dinner will be served at 7pm\*

> **WHERE:** Gaelic Park | Tara Room 6119 147th St, Oak Forest, IL

COST: \$35 for Dad and \$20 per Daughter \*Option to pre-purchase a wrist corsage for \$8 on the registration form for pick up at the dance.

**DRESS CODE:** Red Carpet Ready

RSVP: BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Formal Dinner | Desserts | DJ | Dancing | Photobooth

Dads and daughters are also invited to attend 5pm mass prior to the dance on February 24th for a special blessing.

REGISTRATION FORMS WENT HOME IN STUDENT FOLDERS. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT BY FEBURARY 6TH.

CONTACT HALEE ALTENBURG AT 309-825-9785 OR WANDA ANTOGNOLI AT 708-270-5741 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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