



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
February 18, 2024
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
First Sunday Of Lent



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1st Sunday of Lent

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

Fr. John Muir



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Together at the table

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Together at the table," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.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
Cameron-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
Andy Kopec-1
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
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
Karen Russo-1
Savannah-4
Merideth Scaglione-3
Deirdre Scott-3

Karen Singer-1
Ryan Smith-1
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

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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 18

8:00am Olga Petrusis, Decd Members of Page Fam.

9:30am Bea Termine, Paul Tishka, Jimmy Hanly,
Pete & Noreen Hosty, Dan & Nora McSweeney,
James & Nellie O'Grady, Clem Hojnacki,
Spec Int for St. Gerald Sisters

11:00am Dorothy A. Shannon, Adelaide M. Powers,
Lori O'Brien, Janet Ivey, Concetta Conticello

Monday, February 19

8:30am Mike and MaryJo O'Grady, Clem Hojnacki,
Carl Adamow Jr., Spec Int for Fred Beyer

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am Spec Int for Jackie Hojnacki,
Spec Int for Brenda Beyer, Spec Int for Fr. Robert,
Spec Int for Fr. Stan, Spec Int for Office Staff,
Clem Hojnacki

Wednesday, February 21

8:30am Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int for Eamon Foley

Thursday, February 22

8:30 am Tom Fitz, Clem Hojnacki,
Spec Int for Rich Barrett, Spec Int for Frank

Friday, February 23

8:30am Francis Tarvid, Cameron Ivey

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm Walter Szalwa, Lillian McArthur,
Carol Koperczak, Jean Sivek

Sunday, February 25

8:00am George Hiesel

9:30am Clem Hojnacki, Fr. Dan Tomich,
The Feret Family, Joseph Sirak, Connie Gotto,
Sharon Stubitsch, Celanne Spitzkovsky,
Daniel Morales

11:00am Patricia Nicosia

*St. Gerald Bible Study, will be held on the first
Thursday of the month in the Parish Office at
6pm. For more information please contact Nicole at
nargudin@stgerald.com*

Adoration Schedule in Church

Feb. 21st

Mar. 6th

Apr. 3rd & 17th

May 1st & 15th

June 5th & 19th

Adoration is the first and third

Wednesdays 6-8pm



The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

2/18/24

Masses \$ to come

Dropped Off

Utilities

Give Central

Candles

Building & Ren

Total \$ to come

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 2/11/24 \$

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

Edward Surma

Karen Macis

Ronald Page

Celanne Spitzkovsky

Jacqueline Adamovicz

May Choirs of angels welcome them.

Assisi Scholarship March 15th Deadline

The School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King (Mount Assisi Convent- Lemont) are offering **two \$2500 scholarships to young women who currently attend or who will attend a Catholic High School and whose mothers and/or grandmothers attended Mount Assisi Academy.**

To request the Application Packet to be emailed to you, please contact Carrie Peters at carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net

St. Gerald Holy Name Society

St. Patrick's Party

Featuring

DJ. Matt

The Shannon Rovers

Cross Keys Irish Dancers

Saturday March 9, 2024

Doors Open at 6:00pm

Clancy's Corned Beef Dinner and Chicken

Dinner Served at 7:30pm

Cash Bar till Midnight

\$40.00 per person

Jonathan Collins Activity Center

9320 S. Central Ave.



Mike Kelly 708 306-0021 Glenn Smith 708 334-4539 Bob Peterson 708 370-0277

Please call to reserve a table for your group /Advance Tickets Only

Tickets are available after Masses on Feb 24th & 25th & March 2nd & 3rd.

Must be 21 years old to attend.

Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting ~ Lent 2024

Each Lent we offer ways to help you fulfill your Lenten sacrifices. **Prayer** can be offered via daily mass or by attending Stations of the Cross each Friday evening. **Fasting** is hard to achieve at St Gerald because many of our events include good food! However, giving up daily fancy coffees is a form of fasting and you save money. **Almsgiving**, to help provide for the material needs of the church, can be accomplished by simple savings. Small brown boxes are provided in baskets on the steps of the altar starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Use this box to collect your alms. Give up one day of take-out coffee or throw your spare change in this box. The alms will be collected during holy week and will be used

Exercise Daily:

Walk with the Lord, and run from sin.

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

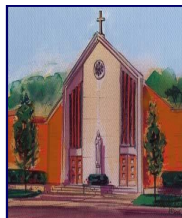
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30AM

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.



Let's raise some dough, together.

Help the Women's Club turn donuts into dollars by ordering some delicious Krispy Kreme donuts. Orders are due by Sunday, February 25 and may be sent to the REY Office, dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the weekend collection basket. The donuts will be available for pick up in Arnold Hall after all the masses on Sunday, March 3. All dough raised from the sale will help in purchasing new Altar Server Albs.

Krispy Kreme Order Form

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
1 Dozen (12) Original Glazed Donuts	_____	\$15	\$ _____
2 Original Glazed Donuts	_____	\$3	\$ _____
		TOTAL DUE	\$ _____

Please enclose form and money or check to: **St. Gerald Women's Club**
 Drop in collection basket or parish office by Order Deadline: **Sunday, February 25**
 Pick up in Arnold Hall after masses: Pick up dates: **Sunday, March 3**

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Thank you for your order!

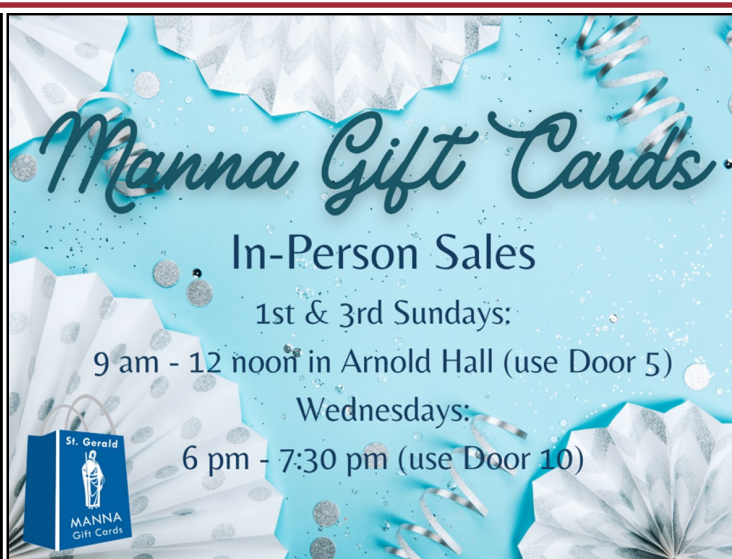


ST. GERALD FRIDAY NIGHT
Bingo

What makes BINGO so much fun?
The anticipation of waiting for the numbers to be called and the excitement of marking them off the card. BINGO is a game of chance, which makes it thrilling plus the potential of winning also adds excitement to the game.

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM • GAMES START AT 6:45PM
FRIDAY NIGHTS IN ARNOLD HALL
ENTER AT DOOR 5

FOOD AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Manna Gift Cards

In-Person Sales

1st & 3rd Sundays:
9 am - 12 noon in Arnold Hall (use Door 5)

Wednesdays:
6 pm - 7:30 pm (use Door 10)

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

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Reading II

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. 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."



UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
12.10.23 - Breakfast w/ Santa	FRIDAYS DEC 8
2.10.24 - Casino Night	@ 7:30 PM JAN 5
3.9.24 - St. Pat's Party	CHAPEL FEB 9
3.23.24 - Boxing Show	HALL MAR 8
SUMMER 2024	APR 12
St. Gerald Carnival	MAY 3
Fr. Malcolm Golf Outing	JUN 7



ST. GERALD CHURCH · OAK LAWN, IL

Lent Schedule 2024

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

ASH WEDNESDAY · February 14

8:30 am Mass · 5:00 pm Ash Service · 7:00 pm Mass

ALMSGIVING TO HELP OUR CARMELITE SISTERS

Please take a simple brown almsgiving box from church on Ash Wednesday. Use this collection box during lent to collect your spare change or more for a Holy Week donation. Proceeds will help to update the convent where our Nuns live!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS · Every Friday at 7:00 pm during Lent except Good Friday

Prayerful Stations led by our St. Gerald Ministries

Friday · Feb. 16.....Fr. Stan Stuglik

Friday · Feb. 23.....Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Friday · Mar. 1.....Holy Name Society

Friday · Mar. 8.....St. Gerald Home and School Association

Friday · Mar. 15.....Religious Ed. High School Class

Friday · Mar. 22.....Sister Ann and her 4th Gr Class

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday · February 21 & March 6 · 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Church

Holy Thursday · March 28 following Mass until 11:00 pm in Church

BIBLE STUDY · Thursday · March 7 · 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Parish Office**PRAY THE ROSARY OUTSIDE AT GROTTO OF MARY**-The second Saturday of each month (2/10/24 & 3/9/24)**IRISH/FEAST OF ST. GERALD MASS · Saturday · March 9 · 5:00 pm mass · Children's Choir****LENTEN CONFESSIONS · Monday · March 18**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration (No confession Mar. 23 or Mar. 30)

PRAYER SERVICE · Thursday · April 4

Fundraiser for our Carmelite Sisters in Church (See bulletin for more details)

HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE · March 28 · Hosted by the St. Gerald Women's Club

Bus leaves after the Holy Thursday liturgy and returns to St. Gerald by midnight.

Please watch the bulletin for details.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday · March 28 · 8:30 am Prayer Service · 7:30 pm Mass

Good Friday · March 29 · 8:30 am Prayer Service · 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Good Friday · March 29 · 7:30 pm Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord

Holy Saturday · March 30 · 8:30 am Prayer Service · 7:30 pm Vigil Mass

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD & BASKETS · Saturday · March 30 at 11:30 am in Church**EASTER MASSES**

Saturday · March 30 Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm

Sunday · March 31 at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY · April 7

When Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina a saint, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (feast day associated with the message,) as a feast day for the entire church. The feast day falls on the second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."

Chaplet prayers to Divine Mercy will be said before all the masses on Sunday · April 7.

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