



The Family of Saint Gerald
9310 S. 55th Court
March 3, 2024
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
Third Sunday Of Lent



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I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “have no other gods besides me.” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir



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For Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion....—Wisdom 7:24



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HAVE A GIANT HEART!





Looking for Adorable Children (Irish or Not)

Top of the Morning to You!

We are looking for 20-30 children (ages 4-12) to participate in the St. Gerald Irish Mass on Saturday, March 9th at the 5pm Mass.

We need the darling to carry a flower during the Mass and all we ask is that they wear green and smile with their sparkling eyes. Please volunteer your sons/daughters by emailing their names and ages to LKowalski@stgerald.com or text to 708 610-8417 by March 5th. Brief instructions will be provided.

Thank you.

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

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
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, March 3

8:00am Joseph & Therese Langan, Rev Kenneth Wojtas

9:30am Paul Tishka, Eleanor Wojtas, Stella Petrusek

11:00am Jerome Lotrenta, Fei Family, Grant Family,
All Souls in Purgatory, Lawrence and Julie Cassidy,
Ed O'Malley, The Hurley Family, William Omahen,
Kenneth Lucchesi, Elsie Marino

Monday, March 4

8:30am Spec Int for Andy Kopec, Spec Int for Rachel Curran

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am Clem Hojnacki

Wednesday, March 6

8:30am Spec Int for Myles Raupp, Betty Forbes

Thursday, March 7

8:30 am Richard & James Kern

Friday, March 8

8:30am Paul Millies, Clem Hojnacki

Saturday, March 9

5:00pm Joseph & Therese Langan, Louisa Walsh,
Dorothy Shannon, Joseph & Jennie Cumbo, Paul Millies,
Patrick V. Quinn, Larry Bard, Barb Meek, Luis Alvarez,
Pat Quinn, Clem Hojnacki, Richard & Dorothy Walsh,
Felix Synoga

Sunday, March 10

8:00am Barbara Pondelicek, Joseph Kotula

9:30am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Walter Bury,
Mildred Steffek

11:00am Paul Millies, Celanne Spotkowsky, Edward Surma

*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

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	2/25/24
Masses	\$8,449.00	\$8,829.00
Dropped Off	240.00	360.00
Utilities	125.00	120.00
Give Central	1,476.00	\$1,696.00
Candles	376.00	303.00
Building & Ren	783.00	1051.00
Total	\$ 11,449.00	\$12,359.00

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.

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

Lucas Nathaniel Kimberling

Savannah Rose Kimberling

Son & Daughter of

Jason & Christine Castillo Kimberling

*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

Dennis F. Haak

Dorothy Burnicks

Marilyn Mager

Robert J. Connolly

Mary Lou Harker

May Choirs of angels welcome them.

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.



A TRADITIONAL HOLY THURSDAY DEVOTION

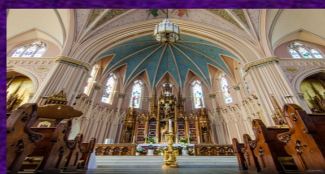


One Night - Different Churches - March 28, 2024

Join us late night Holy Thursday, for a pilgrimage at the Altars of Repose, Prayer and Silence through Chicago. The bus will leave immediately after our Holy Thursday Mass at St. Gerald and return between 12-12:30pm. Devotion begins at St. Gerald. If time allows, we will visit:

- † Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica
- † Holy Name Cathedral
- † St. Michael the Archangel
- † Holy Trinity Polish Church
- † Our Lady of the Holy Family

Sponsored by the St. Gerald Women's Club. Advance Reservations required. Cost \$25 per person. To reserve your seat contact Gina by March 24th at 708-691-1036



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

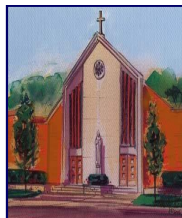
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30AM

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 Annual Boxing Show

Presented by The St. Gerald Holy Name Society

**The Main Event**

Saturday March 23, 2024 9320 S. 55th Court Oak Lawn, Il.

Doors open at 6:00pm-Concessions, Split the Pot Raffles

Registration and First Practice

Kindergarten thru 6th Grade Fee \$50.00

February 10, 2024 practices in Chapel Hall "Side Entrance"

Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade 11:00am-12:30pm

4th Grade thru 6th Grade 12:30pm-2:00pm

Dates for other practices

February 17th, February 24th, March 2nd K thru 3rd -11:00-12:30,

4th thru 6th-12:30-2:00, March 16th K thru 3rd-8:00-9:30,

4th thru 6th 9:30-11:00

For any questions call: Mike Daly at 708 262-9274



FAMILY MASS CELEBRATION
FEAST DAYS OF
St. Patrick and St. Gerald
Saturday | March 9th | 5pm Mass

Join us as we celebrate Irish Heritage and the feast days of St. Patrick and our patron St. Gerald.

Children ages 12 and younger are invited to process with a flower during mass to the Blessed Mary Statue.

If your child would like to participate in the flower procession during mass, please email or text by March 5th Laura Kowalski at lkowalski@stgerald.com or (708) 610-8417. Please include child's name & age

Wear your Irish finery and join us in celebration of all of our blessings.

All families are welcome.



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

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Reading II

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

A Prayer for Lent

"God, may my Lenten sacrifices remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.

You're invited to a
Portillo's FUNDRAISER



Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
St. Gerald Music Ministry

When: **March 7, 2024**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:
4020 W. 95th St.
Oak Lawn, IL

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS26** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

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For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third-party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$2.00 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

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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