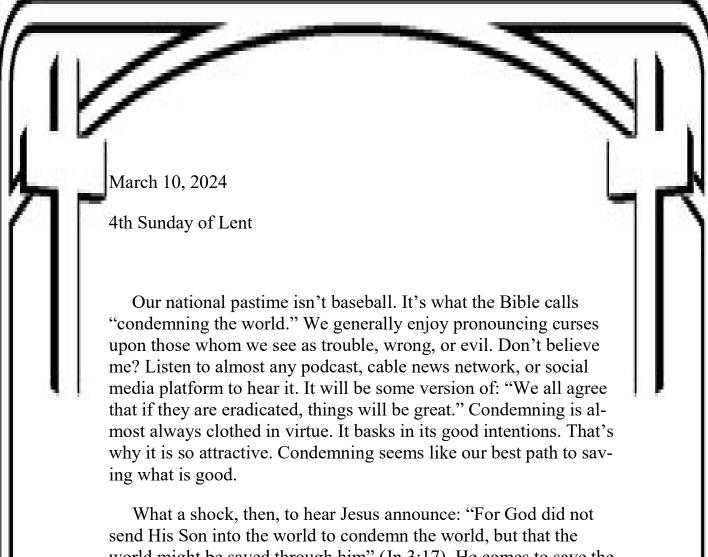


The Family of Saint Gerald 9310 S. 55th Court March 10, 2024 Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453 Fourth Sunday Of Lent





What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

Fr. John Muir



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A different language is a different vision of life. - Frederico Fellini



Knowledge of Languages is the doorway to wisdom. - Roger Bacon





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### Attention Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The new schedule (3/9/24 to 5/12/24) is completed and available in the altar server side of the Sacristy. Please pick up a copy soon.

If you would like to pick up a copy at the Parish Office, please notify me and I will have one waiting for you.

As always thank you so very much for time and service.

Laura Kowalski 708 422-0234 (x124)

### 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.



# 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 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 Miszkiewicz-4 Michael Moran-1 Catherine Motyka-3 Brian O'Callahan-3 Michael O'Keefe-2

Leonard & Mary Pavlik-1 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

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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

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, March 10

**8:00am** Barbara Pondelicek, Joseph Kotula **9:30am** Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Walter Bury,

Mildred Steffek

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

Monday, March 11

8:30am For All The Faithfully Departed

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am Jason Fedor, Josephine Adamow,

Spec Int for Kayla Pernai, Spec Int for Rachel Curran

Wednesday, March 13

**8:30am** Deceased Members of Vindinich Fam.

Rosemary Riordan

Thursday, March 14

**8:30 am** John Gnutek, Clem Hojnacki, Spec Int .for Fr. Robert, Fancisco Javier Balderas

Friday, March 15

8:30am Clem Hojnacki, Robert Morrison,

Spec Int for Fr. Stan, Spec Int for JoAnn Pelegreno

Saturday, March 16

**5:00pm** Phyllis Klimcak, Edyardo Irabagon, Robert Lou Ferrr\is, Edward Hanania, Patricia Steiner, Mary Layden, John Lennon, Clem Hojnacki, Patricia Foley, Joseph & Therese Langan

Sunday, March 17

**8:00am** Brendan Pierce, Patrick V. Quinn, Mildred Uidl, Adelaide Powers

9:30am Koziarz Fam., Michael Flann Boland, Mildred Steffek Bertie Faherty

11:00am Fei Family, Grant Family, Dennis Ross,

Patrick Carmody, Michael J. McGinty, All Souls in Purgatory,
Mary McGuinness, Adelaide Powers

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

Adoration Schedule in Church

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

|                | 3/3/24      |  |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| Masses         | \$12,317.00 |  |
| Dropped Off    | 490.00      |  |
| Utilities      | 780.00      |  |
| Give Central   | 1682.00     |  |
| Candles        | 219.00      |  |
| Building & Ren | 334.00      |  |
| Total          | \$15,822.00 |  |

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**

Jayvien Banales
Son of Antonio Banales & Arianna Diaz
James Henry Svec
Son of James Svec & Lillian Jaramillo
Leonardo Guzman
Son of Baltazar Guzman and
Vanessa Dominquez
Mason Avery Valencia
Son of Jose Valencia & Mia Young

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.

# 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 Orchangel
- **†** 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  $24^{th}$  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, February24th, 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



Hello Ladies!

We invite all ladies to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, March 14<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.



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

ARNOLD HALL
ENTER AT DOOR 5

FOOD AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BLESS US, O LORD,
AND THESE, THY GIFTS
WHICH WE ARE ABOUT
TO RECEIVE FROM
THY BOUNTY, THROUGH
CHRIST, OUR LORD

amen



### **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

MAR 8

APR 12

MAY 3

JUN 7



### Reading I

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

### ReadingII

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

### Gospel

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Need a lifeguard? Jesus walks on water. If Jesus could satisfy a hungry crowd, just imagine what He can do for your hungry soul.

Today's forecast: The Son shines and the Lord reigns!

When we keep God in first place, everything else falls into place.

Wrinkled with problems? Go to God for a faith lift.

God teaches us about love by giving us difficult people to deal with.

Don't give up! Moses was once a basket case! God didn't create anything without purpose, but mosquitoes come close!

If God is your copilot, switch seats.

# Consider switching to weekly contributions online

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### 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

### **EUCHARISTIC 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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