## November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent



#### SAINT GERALD CHURCH 9602 Q ST.-OMAHA, NE 68127 LAKEVIEW CHAPEL 7859 LAKEVIEW ST.-RALSTON, NE 68127 WWW.STGERALD.ORG ENCOUNTERING JESUS - MAKING DISCIPLES - TRANSFORMING LIVES

<u>Masses</u> <u>Church - 96th & Q</u> Sat 5:00pm Sun 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

Daily 12:15pm (Mon-Fri)

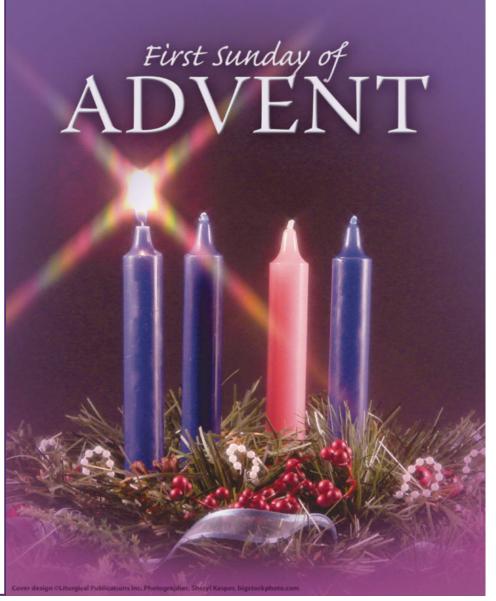
Chapel - 78th & Lakeview St. Daily (M, T, Th, F) 6:45am Daily (Wednesdays) 8:15am \*\*School Mass Daily (Sat) 8:15am

*Live Stream: <u>stgerald.org/live</u>* Sat 5pm and Sun 11:30am

<u>Reconciliation</u> 96th & Q Mon-Fri: 12:00-12:15pm Sat: 3:00-4:30pm Lakeview M, T, Th, F: 6:30-6:45am Sat: 8:00-8:15am

<u>Ministry to the Sick</u> If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut-in (short or long term) please let us know by calling the parish office.

**<u>Registration in the Parish</u>** If you attend St. Gerald, it is important that you register. You can do this via the website: <u>stgerald.org</u>. If you have any questions, please contact the business office 402-331-1955.



Parish Office 7859 Lakeview St. Phone: 402-331-1955 Fax: 402-339-8733 Email: office@stgerald.org Hours: M-F 7:30am-4pm Website: www.stgerald.org School 7857 Lakeview St. 402-331-4223 Pastor...Fr. Mark Nolte Associate Pastor...Fr. Marcus Knecht Deacons & their Wives Fred & Marie Abboud George & Deb Butterfield Lonnie & Mary Dinneen Steve & Angie Luna Doug & Carol Marsh Rick & Debby Melrose Wayne & Angie Reed John & Patty True Business Administrator...Sheri Kirk Principal...Christy Keenan Director of Music Ministry...Colleen Jeffrey **Coordinator of Evangelization &** Discipleship... Coordinator of Evangelization & Discipleship...Jenny Wiswell Coordinator of Evangelization & Discipleship...Deacon George Butterfield Parish/School Accountant...Jim Steele Development Coordinator...John Yochum Parish Secretary...Connie Farrell Parish Building Facilitator...Brian Barnes Volunteer Head Sacristans... Pat Seier (96th & Q), Judy Morrison (Lakeview)

**Baptisms** 

You must be a registered parishioner and attend a baptism class. This class is held the second Wednesday of every month. A registration form can be found on the website or in the kiosk at church. The form MUST be completed and turned in the Monday before the Baptism class. If not turned in by this deadline, you will need to attend the class the following month.

#### Marriage

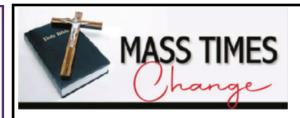
According to the Archdiocesan guidelines and to ensure adequate preparation for this very important Sacrament, **you must make arrangements at least six (6) months ahead of the Marriage date.** Please complete the registration form found on our website. Special instructions are required for any Catholic party under 19 years of age. No date can be set for this marriage. A Civil Marriage License should be obtained two weeks in advance of marriage. To set a wedding date here at St. Gerald Catholic Church, you must be a registered parishioner.

#### Family Formation: K-8

Children of the parish are supplied with Family Formation either in our 5-day school or in our Family Formation Program. Regular and sustained Family Formation is a life-long process. Parental support at home for their children's religious formation includes attendance at the Sunday Eucharist, prayer at home, and support of the catechetical program of their choice. Parishioners who homeschool are encouraged to visit with the Family Formation Director about their children's preparations for the sacraments.

#### Victim Assistance

To report sexual abuse by any member of the clergy or an archdiocesan employee: go to www.archomaha.org/safe-environment/victim-assistance or contact Mary Beth Hanus at 402-827-3798 or mbhanus@archomaha.org



## Beginning November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

NEW Sunday Mass times, all Masses will be at 96th & Q 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

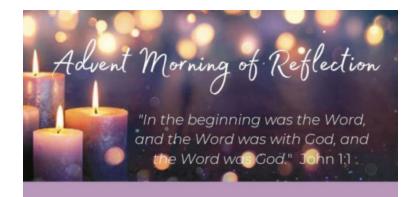
The Saturday 5pm Mass will remain as scheduled.



Our St. Gerald Alpha Celebration will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 5:45-7:30pm at the St. Gerald School Gym. Whether you are an Alpha alumni who wants to invite a friend to Alpha or have been curious to learn more about Alpha yourself, you are invited to join in an evening of food, friendship,

and witness from those who finished the Alpha course this fall! Appetizers and dessert will be served!

*For questions or to RSVP by Nov. 28, email Jenny at <i>jwiswell@stgerald.org or call the parish office at 402-331-1955.* 



## Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 9:00-11:00am St. Gerald Church

"And the Word became flesh" (John 1:14). Join us on the first Saturday of Advent as we make space in our hearts and minds to listen to God more deeply. This morning is in invitation to enter into the sacredness of Advent and includes reflection, meditation on God's Word, and time for quiet prayer. Led by Fr. Knecht and Charlie Hoover.



There is no cost for this morning and no RSVP needed, unless you will need childcare. For childcare or more information, email jwiswell@stgerald.org.



St. Gerald's Warm Hearts Group (which consists of our Knitting/Crocheting and Sewing/Quilting Ministries) has dedicated hundreds of hours every year making baby quilts, receiving blankets, hats, bibs, burp cloths and pacifier holders for the OneWorld Baby Boutique. The pandemic did not stop their efforts; instead they worked harder than ever to help new moms struggling to provide for their babies. Since 2016, the group has been able to supply OneWorld with over 3,300 items for the Baby Boutique.

November 10th this wonderful group of ladies was selected as a recipient of the 2022 OneWorld Community Health Center's Milagro Award. (Milagro is the Spanish word

for miracle) Each year OneWorld invites their supporters to come together and celebrate those in the community who have made Milagros happen. St. Gerald's Warm Hearts Group was nominated for their tremendous resilience and determination to continue to give back to the community despite obstacles presented by the pandemic. St. Gerald's Warm Hearts Group epitomizes what it means to keep moving forward to help others during challenging times. *Congratulations!* 

#### **REST - WORSHIP - HEALING**

If you would like to experience the freedom and joy of the Holy Spirit, then please join us at our next Oasis. We will adore the Lord, worship through song, and rest in His love through a time of reflection and healing prayer.

# Sunday, December 11

# 3-4:30pm St. Gerald Church, 96th & Q

For more info: go to stgerald.org/oasis or text "OasisPrayer" to 84576 Do love decorating for Christmas? If yes!! Please call the parish office or Pat 492-659-6676 to volunteer during the Advent/ Christmas season.



#### **Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Kambach. May her soul and all

of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



First Saturday Devotion December 3rd at the Lakeview Chapel

In humble obedience to Our Lady's plea for help, as an act of reparation for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart, we continue with the powerful devotion of the First Saturdays of the month praying the Rosary at the Lakeview chapel at 7:45am. Mass will follow at 8:15am.

	October 2022	Year To Date	Budget YTD	Variance	Notice deadlines Bulletin notices
АСН	\$54,075.39	\$219,010.96	\$219,503.00	-\$492.04	for December 11th need to be emailed to the office no later than November 30th.
Online Giving	\$20,938.00	\$81,892.80	\$84,816.00	-\$2,923.20	
Envelopes Received	\$59,543.50	\$210,441.78	\$225,646.00	-\$15,204.22	
Cash Received	\$6,351.31	\$24,104.24	\$18,000.00	\$6,104.24	
Christmas	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Easter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donations	\$8,045.00	\$27,105.00	\$50,666.00	-\$23,561.00	Idveri
	\$149,103.20	\$562,704.78	\$598,631.00	-\$35,926.22	Watch, Prepare,



"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlasting, more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will bring help about everlasting peace on earth." St. Teresa of Calcutta

We have an opening available for Perpetual Adorers for: Thursdays at 2pm

To sign up, go to adorationpro.org/geraldne, then choose Weekly Commitment

You can also email stgperpetualadorer@gmail.com or call:

Mary 402-320-0047 Paula 402-881-6717 Barb 402-676-3172



# Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Fund

Christmas is a special time to remember our loved ones. A donation of \$10 towards a poinsettia plant is a wonderful way to remember those who have been special to us. Names will be published in the January 1st bulletin. *Return this form to the business office by December 18th.* 

In memory or honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From:

\_\_\_\_\_



# **ST GERALD SCHOOL**

November 28 - No School December 1 - PreK-5th grade Christmas Program



St. Gerald **Family Night Out Please join us!** 

Thursday, December 1st at REFS (96th & Giles) 11am-11pm

St. Gerald School will receive a percentage of the total dollars purchased during the day/evening.

*Be sure to let them know that you are* with St. Gerald School when ordering.

Apologies we inadvertently left out Joyce Szatko as one of the many who helped make the All Souls Mass so meaningful for families and friends who lost loved ones this past year.

Again we thank ALL our volunteers who help to make this ministry so wonderful!



Please wrap and return all gifts, with the angel tag securely attached, to the coat room or usher room at either church.

All presents need to be received **no** later than noon on Sunday, December 11th at 96th. (gifts will be distributed that afternoon!). Thanks for your generosity! For questions, please call Robin (402-250-3826) or Deb (402-660-4193).



shappy let week of advent Lord we have begun this Advent journey, a journey that takes us to the top of the mountain and allows us to look out at the wonder of creation. We pray for faith during this time: the faith that sees God in a newborn infant, the faith that sees the Savior in a piece of bread.

Strengthen our faith and help us reach Christmas rejoicing in both you and your presence in our lives. Amen



A big "Thank You" to the St. Gerald women's Knitting/Crocheting and Sewing/Quilting groups for all the hats made during this past year. On Monday,



November 14, Fr. Knecht blessed 1,572 hats as well as scarves and mittens that are being

given to 20+ agencies and schools. We pray this will provide some warmth this winter for the recipients.





Looking to donate items?

If you have items that you no longer want/need, please call or stop by the business office first to determine if the church can use the items you are wanting to find a new home for. Do not

drop off household/office items, grocery bags or printed materials at the church without checking with the office first. Thank you!



#### SING WITH US

All are invited to join the St. Gerald's adult choir. Come join us as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas season.

Practice is on Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. in the choir room. For further information or questions, please contact: Colleen Jeffrey, Director of Music, cjeffrey@stgerald.org

The one who sings prays twice. -St. Augustine-



## WEEKDAY MASSES FOR NOV 28-DEC 3

Mon 11/28	6:45am - Chapel	<b>+</b> Pauline Vrbka	
	12:15pm - Church	<b>†</b> Karen Svoboda	
Tues 11/29	6:45am - Chapel	<b>+</b> Katherine Gillpatrick	
	12:15pm - Church	<ul><li>+Greg Bernth</li><li>+Becky Tometich</li></ul>	
Wed 11/30	8:15am - Chapel School Mass	<b>†</b> Bill Rahm	
	11:00am Waterford	+	
	12:15pm - Church	SI Karen Martens	
Thur 12/1	6:45am - Chapel	+Lorraine Frazell	
	12:15pm - Church	<b>+</b> Casey & Theresa Sturek	
Fri 12/2	6:45am - Chapel	+Carl Rhodes	
	12:15pm - Church	<b>†</b> Mary Headley	
Sat 12/3	8:15am - Chapel	+Joseph Turecek	

### Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 12/3	4:00pm - Chapel	Byzantine Liturgy	
	5:00pm - Church	Fr. Mark	<ul> <li><b>†</b>Jean DeHart</li> <li><b>†</b>Laurence Nollette</li> <li><b>†</b>Barb Van Trump</li> </ul>
Sun 12/4	7:30am - Church	Fr. Knecht	<ul><li>+Mike &amp; Mary Kinsella</li><li>+Bette Linstrom</li></ul>
	9:30am - Church	Fr. Knecht	St Gerald Parishioners
	11:30pm - Church	Fr. Mark	<b>+</b> Steve Harrison



ST. JOHN PAUL II NEWMAN CENTER

"You are invited to join the staff and students of the JPII Newman Center for an Advent Prayer and Praise morning on December 3, 2022. We'll have a reflection in the Oratory with time for quiet personal prayer, followed by breakfast in Karol's Commons.

Discussion at breakfast will be led by our student small group leaders." RSVP link: <u>RSVP: Advent Prayer and</u> <u>Praise — JPII Newman Center Omaha</u> (jpiiomaha.org)



## 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This Advent, take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being

offered to you. Your gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthen our parishes, schools, and ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!



#### Knights Corner

Join the Knights by visiting www.kofc.org/join

December 1 - Officer Meeting

<u>December 15</u> - General Meeting/ Chili Cookoff

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Parking Lot Security

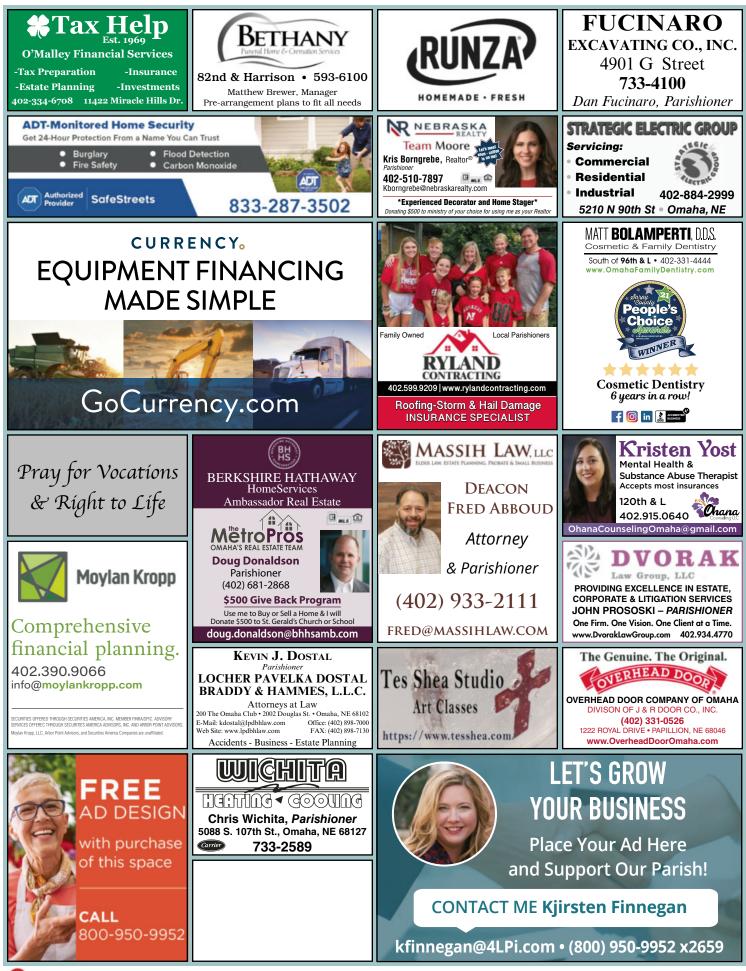


All women are invited to the Magnificat-Omaha\* **ADVENT Brunch on December 3rd, 9:30am, at St. Robert Bellarmine** with guest speaker, Carol

Razza, who will share the Joy of Advent with us. Carol is a dynamic retreat speaker, a mental health counselor and faculty member at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary. She has written *Parent Me Please*, a book helping parents to parent their adolescents and *Sonblock – How Christians Unknowingly Shield Themselves from Grace*.

# Cost: \$20. For Reservations & Information: Go to www.MagnificatOmaha.org

\* **Magnificat-Omaha** is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.



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