

December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent



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Masses

Church - 96th & Q

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: stgerald.org/live

Sat 5pm and Sun 9:30am

Reconciliation

96th & Q Mon-Fri: 12:00-12:15pm

Sat: 3:00-4:30pm

Lakeview M, T, Th, F: 6:30-6:45am

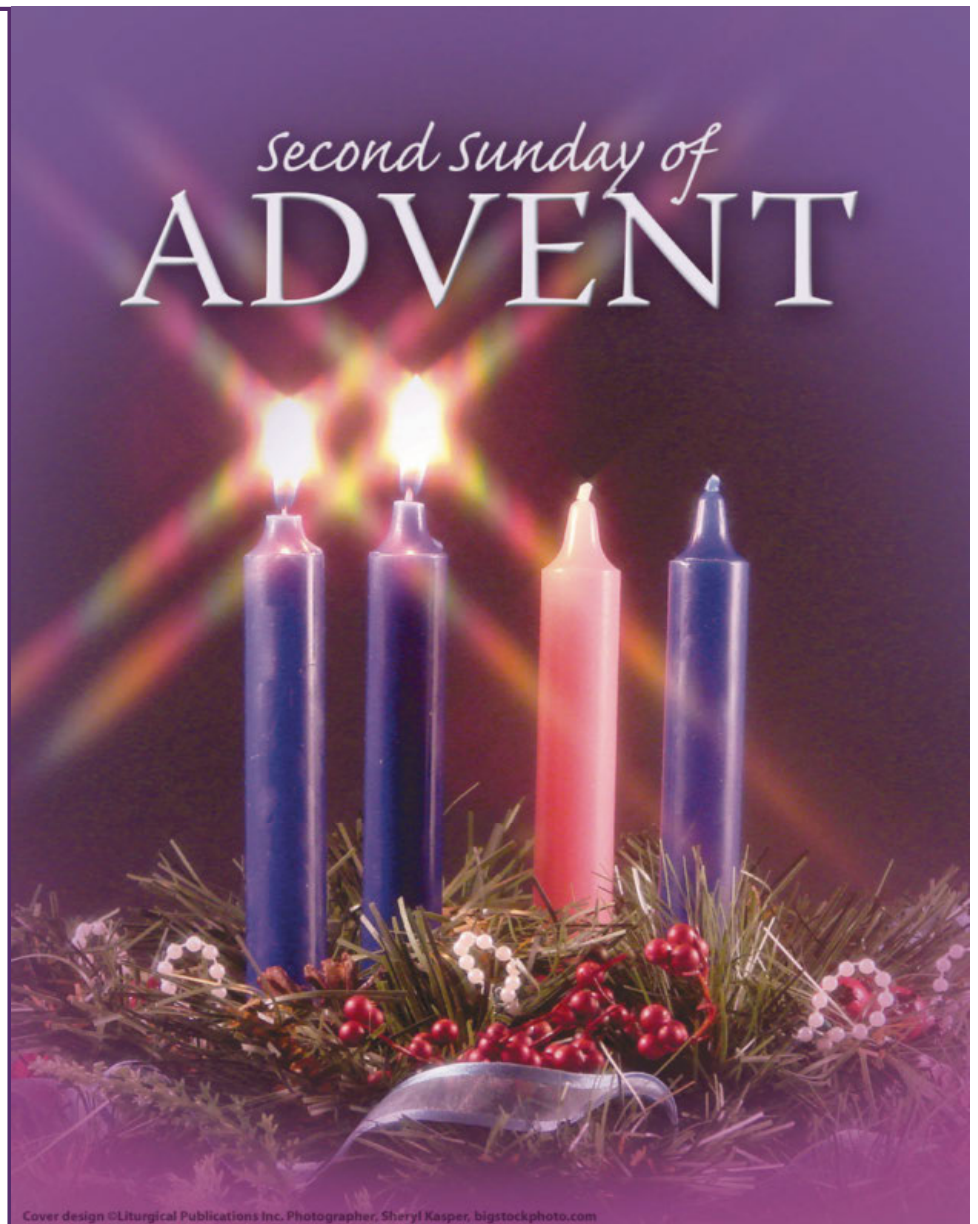
Sat: 8:00-8:15am

Ministry to the Sick

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut-in (short or long term) please let us know by calling the parish office.

Registration in the Parish

If you attend St. Gerald, it is important that you register. You can do this via the website: stgerald.org. 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

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Associate Pastor...Fr. Marcus Knecht

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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

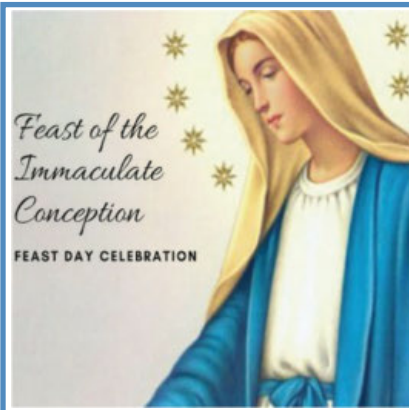
According to the Archdiocesan guidelines and to ensure adequate preparation for this very important Sacrament, **you must make arrangements at least six (6) months ahead of the Marriage date.** Please complete the registration form found on our website. Special instructions are required for any Catholic 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



Mass Schedule for Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 7th,
Vigil Mass @ 6:30pm (96th & Q)

Thursday, December 8th,
7:00am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm (96th & Q)

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

The Way of Discipleship

The Way of Discipleship is a part of our parish's strategic plan from the pastoral council. It supports our journey of faith. The first step of this path is to allow our parish family to **CONNECT** with others of faith and experience a true sense of love and belonging. When we connect with our community we form meaningful friendships that encourage us to grow.

Do you desire to CONNECT?

Consider joining a Nazareth group. Groups that consist of 10-12 people meet monthly in homes, share a meal, pray together, form lasting relationships, and encourage on another along life's journey. It fosters a sense of community within the parish family. Want to learn more? Please contact Emily Ryan at Emily217@cox.net (402-651-2480) or mary@nazarethgroups.com.





On behalf of the Luna family, we offer a sincere thank you. We were deeply touched by all the cards, the thoughts and prayers from our parish family at the loss of my Dad. May God bless you.
Deacon Steve & Angie Luna

Do love decorating for Christmas? If yes!! Please call the parish office or Pat 492-659-6676 to volunteer during the Advent/Christmas season.



**Friends on Q
 Senior Social Group
 Christmas Lunch
 Saturday, Dec 10th, 11am
 Doors open at 10:30
 Fellowship Hall at 96 & Q**

Come to enjoy a little more sparkle and little less stress. **Reservations are due by Dec 5th. Cost is \$8.00.** Drop an envelope marked FOQ Christmas Lunch in the collection basket with your payment & name(s) or call Cathy at 402-680-4161 or Shirley at 402-350-2954.



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).

**Plan For The End of The Year!
 Ways to Make A Difference by December 31!**

Your gift matters! Through your generosity, St. Gerald can help others know, love and serve Jesus Christ in our community.

- If you itemize deductions, the adjusted gross income limitation for charitable contributions is 60% for cash assets and 30% for non-cash assets.
- If you are 70 ½ years of age and have a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you may be able to avoid paying tax on your IRA distribution by making a charitable donation straight from your account to St. Gerald.
- Gifts of appreciated stock and securities can help avoid paying capital gains tax.
- We must receive your contribution no later than December 31, 2022 in order for it to be applied to your 2022 giving statement. Our office will be open until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022 to receive your contributions. Weekend church contributions may also be made for 2022 if using a check dated December 31, 2022. Cash envelopes received on December 31st at the 5:00 p.m. mass will also be counted as 2022 contributions.
- If you are out of town, or in town for that matter, you can donate online right up to 11:59 p.m. on December 31st! Go to our website: www.stgerald.org and go to "Give" on the black header ribbon> Quickest Way to Give.

St. Gerald is so grateful for all of your generous giving throughout the year. Your generosity helps us support the many parish ministries that allow parishioners to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We are honored that you might consider a gift to St. Gerald's.

If you have any questions regarding tax laws or your specific situation, please consult your financial and/or your tax advisor before making decisions regarding your giving opportunities.



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 Wednesdays from 7-8pm 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-***



Rest In Peace

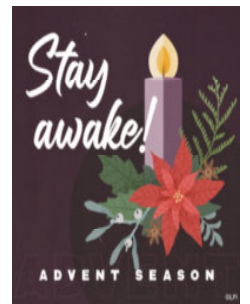
Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Ripa, Dianne Ienn and Beverly Anesty. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.


Sunday Giving Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

	October 2022	Year To Date	Budget YTD	Variance
ACH	\$54,075.39	\$219,010.96	\$219,503.00	-\$492.04
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
	\$149,103.20	\$562,704.78	\$598,631.00	-\$35,926.22

* ACH taken on 5th and 20th of the month

Bulletin Notice deadlines
 Bulletin notices for December 18th need to be emailed to the office no later than December 7th.






“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

*December 21 - Noon Dismissal
December 22 - January 4 - Christmas Break*



The following entered the Catholic faith and our parish community through Baptism.

Welcome to the Christian community!

Aspyn Ann Miller

PIZZA WEST

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

**Wednesday, December 7th
at Pizza West
(12040 McDermott Plaza)
11am- 9pm**

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.

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



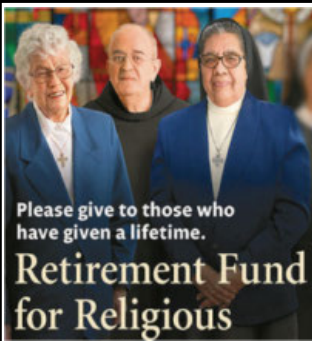
the wonder of the incarnation. Give us the grace to be different and to make a world filled with your peace. Amen.

Lord God, Advent brings us a vision of the world made new. It shows us that a world with your presence is a world without fear, a world of expectant longing for fulfillment. Fill our hearts with joy at the wonder of creation and

*Cradled in
LOVE*

*Wrapped in
PEACE*

*Born to bring
HOPE*



Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church". Donations to this month's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

Please see your December envelope mailing for your donation envelope.



Elizabeth Krupa turns 100 on December 30th! Let's help make her birthday special and send a birthday card wishing her blessings and well wishes on her special day. *You can send cards to Paul Krupa, 16510 Timberlane Drive, Omaha, NE 68136*



PEARS GUATEMALAN HUEHUETENANGO COFFEE

Enjoy a cup each morning as you support IXIM and our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. IXIM represents SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY, an archdiocesan Guatemalan mission program. This program is partnering with Knights of Columbus across the Archdiocese of Omaha to support programs that ensure clean water, fund Catholic education, improve health and welfare, and strengthen the Church in our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. This is high quality coffee, packaged by Pears, direct from our sister diocese. The Knights will split all profits from sales to support the work of IXIM and our own St. Vincent de Paul.

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GREAT LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEA!!



WEEKDAY MASSES FOR DEC 5-10

Mon 12/5	6:45am - Chapel	†Ray Koubek
	12:15pm - Church	†Alan Fochek
Tues 12/6	6:45am - Chapel	†Oliver & Mary Jean Boland
	12:15pm - Church	†Joe Messina †Becky Tometich
Wed 12/7	6:45am - Chapel	†Marie Kambach
	11:00am Waterford	†
	12:15pm - Church	†Gary Pink
	6:30pm - Church	†Peter Badolo
Thur 12/8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	7:00am - Church	†Martin Farrell, Sr.
	8:15am - Chapel <i>School Mass</i>	†Jack Gohr
	12:15pm - Church	†Gaylan & Viola Suhr †Rob Hauptman
	6:30pm - Church	†David Schroeder
Fri 12/9	6:45am - Chapel	†Mike Fitch
	12:15pm - Church	†Carol Gutchewsky
Sat 12/10	8:15am - Chapel	†Donna Ward

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 12/10	4:00pm - Chapel	Byzantine Liturgy	
	5:00pm - Church	Fr. Knecht	†Austin Courtney †Elaine Tolan †Deacon Mike Placzek
Sun 12/11	7:30am - Church	Fr. Mark	†Juanita Luna †Gloria Hill
	9:30am - Church	Fr. Mark	†Mildred Goblirsch SI Lyndsay Whelan
	11:30pm - Church	Fr. Knecht	St. Gerald Parishioners

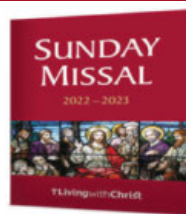


Knights Corner

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

December 15 - General Meeting/
Chili Cookoff

December 24 - Christmas Eve
Parking Lot Security



2022-2023 Sunday
Missals are
available at the
HOPE window
after Mass.
\$5 each.

WELCOME to St. Gerald

Be sure to take a moment and stop by the NEW Welcome Desk after Mass located in the Narthex.

Whether you are visiting, new to the parish, would like to know more about St. Gerald, we can help you register with the parish, give you details on events that are happening to offer you growth in your relationship with the Lord, opportunities for involvement, SO MUCH MORE!!!!

See you there!



As you begin to think about your holiday shopping, don't forget our HOPE program. Gift cards are available at the business office during the week, you can preorder on our website and have ready for pickup where you designate, and also on weekends visit our HOPE window in the back of church at 96th.

New vendor: Sojourn Café located on Main Street in Ralston. (\$25 denominations)

If you are wanting to get more involved here at St. Gerald, *consider joining our HOPE seller team.* Sell once per month at a Mass that works for you! Call the business office for more details.

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