

December 18, 2022 Fourth 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.

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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

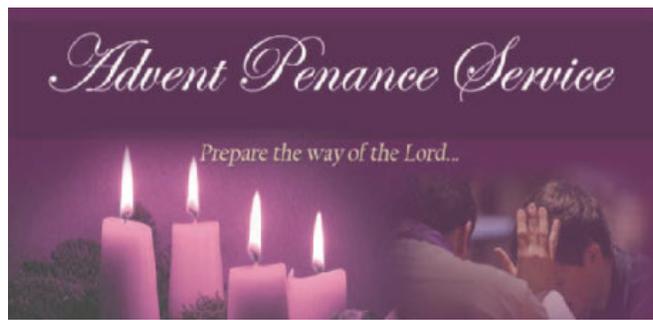
According to the Archdiocesan guidelines and to ensure adequate preparation for this very important Sacrament, **you must make arrangements at least six (6) months ahead of the Marriage date.** Please complete the registration form found on our website. Special instructions are required for any Catholic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



**Parish
Penance
Service
Sunday,
December 18
2pm
96th & Q**

**St. Columbkille Penance Service is Tuesday, December 20th
from 6:30-8:30pm**



Got Hope?

Are you wrestling with questions about faith? Is God real? Who really is Jesus? Alpha is a course that explores the essentials of the Christian faith within the context of community, honest discussion, and personal experiences. If you are looking to explore faith in a meaningful way or go deeper in your relationship with God, try the Alpha course.

When: For 11 Wednesday nights, starting **January 18, from 5:45-7:30pm**

Where: **St. Gerald Church School gym**

What: Meet new friends, share a meal and dynamic video through the Alpha Film Series, and break into small groups for authentic discussion on life's most important questions. No cost! Childcare available.

Try something new for your life in 2023! Try Alpha! Check out our website to learn more or register at <http://stgerald.org/alpha> or email jwiswell@stgerald.org for any questions.

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 third step of this path is to GROW as a disciple of Jesus through prayer and study with other disciples.

Do you desire to GROW in your relationship with Jesus?

If you have experienced Alpha or Foundations, we invite you to take the next step of growth through our missionary discipleship gatherings:

Discipleship Quads
Missionary Discipleship
Called & Gifted.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule All Masses are at 96th & Q

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 4:00pm and Midnight

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day): 7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve): Normal Saturday Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

Please join us for Christmas carols 30 minutes prior to the Christmas Eve Masses.



Save the date for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner January 21, 2023

Everyone is invited!

All Parishioners, School Families, Alpha Participants, etc.

Social Hour begins at 6:15pm

Dinner served at 7pm

Come and enjoy a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 96th and Q and help us recognize and honor the Clergy (Priests, Deacon Couples, Sisters, etc.) who so generously serve our Parish community! The event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus and is open to ALL! More information will be coming regarding pricing for the evening which includes a delicious catered meal.



We welcome these parishioners who joined our parish family in Nov/Dec

- ◆ Irene Curtis
- ◆ Connie Flowers
- ◆ Caleb & Laura Lenz (child: Huntley)
- ◆ Irene May
- ◆ Mark & Yazel Wallis (children: Zia, Aleric, Taran)
- ◆ Peter & Trish Wraith

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here at St. Gerald.



Join us for the rosary on Monday nights from 6:30-7:00pm in the convenience of your home. The rosary is our weapon, given to us by our Blessed Mother. Every single prayer is used for the good of souls!! Call in on the below toll-free number.

Sometimes it takes a few tries to get in, so don't give up!

Call in number is 1-978-990-5000

Your participant access code is 813154, followed by the # sign

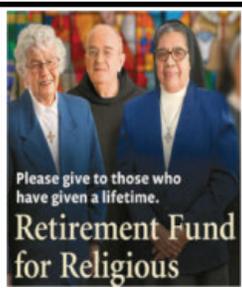
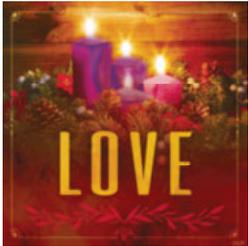
Questions? Call Emily Ryan 402-651-2480.

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

	November 2022	Year To Date	Budget YTD	Variance
ACH	\$53,815.39	\$272,826.35	\$274,378.00	-\$1,551.65
Online Giving	\$22,826.19	\$104,718.99	\$106,020.00	-\$1,301.01
Envelopes Received	\$63,345.23	\$273,787.01	\$282,058.00	-\$8,270.99
Cash Received	\$4,572.91	\$28,677.15	\$22,500.00	\$6,177.15
Christmas	\$335.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$485.00
Easter	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Donations	\$4,095.00	\$31,200.00	\$63,333.00	-\$32,133.00
	\$149,239.72	\$711,944.50	\$748,289.00	-\$36,344.50

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

Bulletin Notice deadlines
 Bulletin notices for January 1st need to be emailed to the office no later than December 19th.



Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's collection.

Please see your December envelope mailing for your donation envelope.



Tax Time Savings Possibilities...

Are you considering a donation to St. Gerald Church or School during this tax year?

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! And you may help reduce your tax liability. Consider some possibilities... a contribution of the RMD from your IRA, donating the distribution of capital gains/dividends, or contributing proceeds from the sale of an asset may qualify to reduce your tax liability. Contact John Yochum this week at the St. Gerald office 402-331-1955, for more information.



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

Winter Weather Policy

If St. Gerald Catholic School is closed due to inclement weather, there will be no 6:45am Mass at the Lakeview Chapel and the business office will be closed as well.



St. Gerald Family Night Out Please join us!

Wednesday, December 21st
at Texas Roadhouse
(7302 Olson Dr.) 3pm - 10pm

Please consider purchasing Texas Roadhouse HOPE gift cards to use for your dining! For each \$25 purchase you will receive a FREE appetizer coupon. 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.*



Lord, our preparation is almost at an end. Soon we will celebrate the birth of your Son. Help us know the great gift you give us in the incarnate Lord Jesus. As you share your Son with us, help us share your Son with everyone we meet. Let Jesus become incarnate in us. Amen.

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.



CATHOLIC BUSINESS GROUP OMAHA

We will NOT meet in December. But you can help us today and nominate someone for our **2023 LEADING with FAITH Business Recognition Award**. Event is April 20, 2023. Please don't delay. Do this by going to our website to submit your nominee's name & info online (<https://cpbcomaha.org/nomination/>).

Who do you know who Lives Their Faith in their Business, Family & Social Life, submit their name to us today!!

We Wish you All a Blessed & Merry Christmas!!

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR DEC 19-24

Mon 12/19	6:45am - Chapel	SI Healing of Mary Tientore
	12:15pm - Church	SI William Freeman
Tues 12/20	6:45am - Chapel	†Osinachi †Austin Courtney
	12:15pm - Church	†Deceased Members of Albert Heithoff & Frank Miller Families
Wed 12/21	8:15am - Chapel <i>School Mass</i>	†Jim & Clara Smith
	11:00am Waterford	†
	12:15pm - Church	†Carl Carlson SI Aniela Ilboudo
Thur 12/22	6:45am - Chapel	†Gary Pink
	12:15pm - Church	†Ray Koubek
Fri 12/23	6:45am - Chapel	†John & Maxine McCabe
	12:15pm - Church	†Zacary Zagozda All Souls in Purgatory

The Nativity of the Lord

Sat 12/24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4:00pm - Chapel	Byzantine Liturgy	
	4:00pm - Church	Fr. Mark	†Austin Courtney
	Midnight - Church	Fr. Knecht	†Rufo & Feliza Alfaro
Sun 12/25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	7:30am - Church	Fr. Mark	†The Kaup Family
	9:30am - Church	Fr. Knecht	†Mark Cizek †Ronald Skoumal
	11:30pm - Church	Fr. Knecht	†Karen Svoboda



Knights Corner

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

December 24 - Christmas Eve
Parking Lot Security

January 5 - Officer Meeting

January 19 - General Meeting



We are most grateful to all our parishioners who have made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish has currently committed \$90,750 towards our goal of \$134,000. Thank you for your generosity!

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. **Holiday promotion: For every \$500 you spend in an order you will receive a FREE \$5 Don & Millie's gift card.**

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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