

August 27, 2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Masses

Church - 96th & Q

Sat 5:00pm

Sun 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

Daily (Mon-Fri) 12:15pm

Chapel - 78th & Lakeview St.

Daily (Tues & Thurs) 6:45am

Daily (Wednesdays) 8:15am

***School Mass*

Daily (Sat) 8:15am

Live Stream: stgerald.org/live

Sun 9:30am

Reconciliation

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

Sat: 3:00-4:30pm

Lakeview Tues & Thurs: 6:30-6:45am

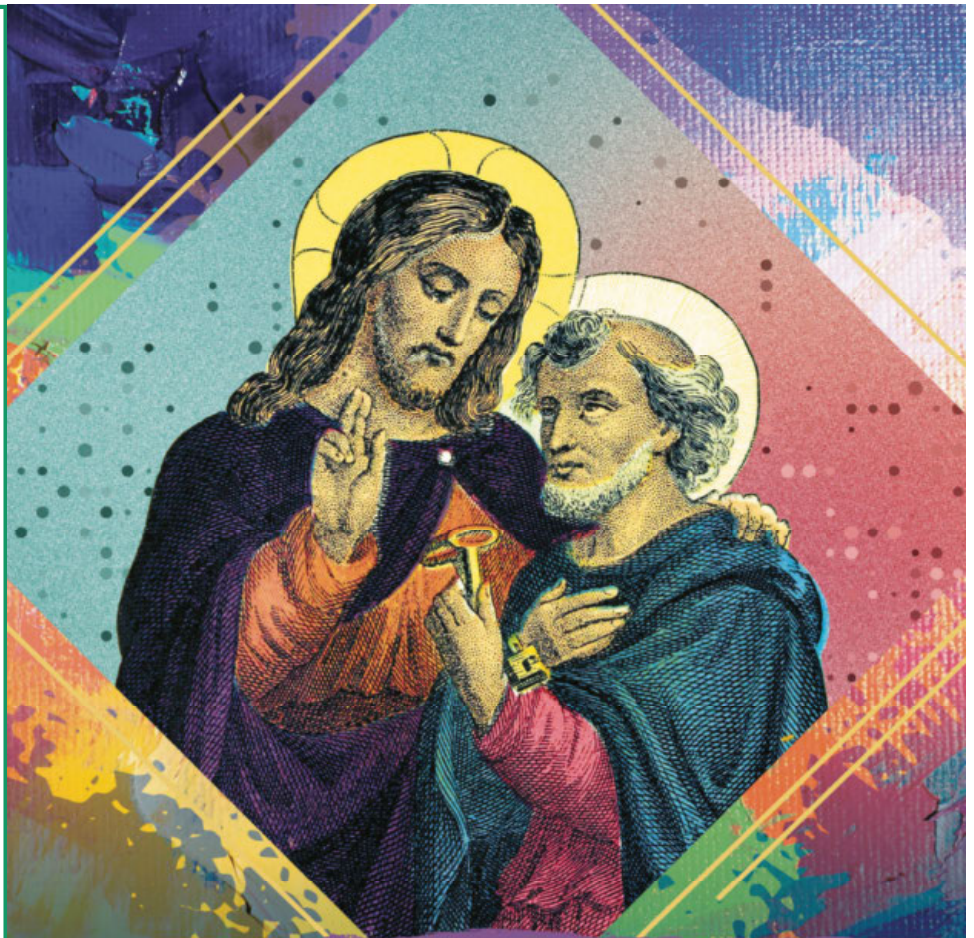
Sat: 8:00-8:15am

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.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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.**

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



**There will be one Mass
Labor Day
September 4
9am at 96th & Q
*Business office will be closed.***



Ever wonder, "Where is God?"

Alpha is a dynamic course that allows you to explore the questions around faith in a friendly, casual, and engaging way. Men and women of all ages are invited to join for 11 weeks as we unpack the essentials of the Christian faith, ask deep questions, connect faith and life, listen to one another, and enjoy new friendships.

This fall we are **holding Alpha on Wednesday nights, starting September 6, from 5:45-7:30pm in the St. Gerald Fellowship Hall.** **No cost and childcare available!!** To learn more or register, check out www.stgerald.org/alpha or email stgeraldalpha@gmail.com for any questions!



Are you interested in the Catholic Faith and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ? Or do you know of someone who is? Becoming Catholic (OCIA) will begin in September and is available for non-Catholics and Catholics who would like to grow deeper in their faith. If you know of someone who would be interested in our Catholic faith, encourage them to attend Becoming Catholic. Becoming Catholic sessions will be Tuesday nights in the Multipurpose Room beginning Sept. 5th from 6-8pm. To learn more, please visit the parish website or email Teresa Zamora tzamora@stgerald.org.

Curious about the Catholic faith? Becoming Catholic is a process that involves experiencing God in prayer, studying Scripture, and Catholic teaching. Becoming Catholic is for:

- Those who are not baptized and are seeking to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian.
- Those Christians who are baptized, but are considering coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Those who were baptized Catholic but did not receive the sacraments of the Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Those who have received all the initiation sacraments in the Catholic Church, but desire to deepen your Catholic faith.

Thank you for joining us at Mass today! If you didn't have cash or a check for an offering and you wish to donate, use Venmo. Scan the QR code or search Venmo Charities for @StGerald001, that's double zeros.

Please include a note saying, "Sunday Offering". *We are grateful for your generosity to St. Gerald Parish!*



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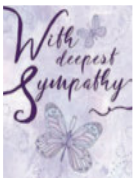
Have you been looking for something? "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host." (Pope Benedict).

St. Gerald is looking at expanding our Adoration Hours.

Currently we have the Holy Eucharist exposed from Wednesday at 8am thru Thursday at 11:45pm. Our goal by this fall is to offer Monday from 8am thru Friday at 6pm. However, before we can implement this, we need to make sure that there is interest and we are able to fill the time slots with 2 individuals. ***Do you have one hour to give to the Lord?*** If this is something that you are interested in, please use the signup below. Currently we are not expanding Adoration, we are looking to see if we have the interest to expand beyond our 2 days.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA8A723AAFE52-perpetual#/>

We currently have a need to fill the following Adoration Times:
Wednesday: 5-6pm, 7-8pm
Thursdays: 1-2am, 2-3am, 4-5am



Rest In Peace

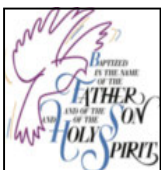
Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Richard Graniewski, JoAnn Sawyer, and Frank**

Hutchens. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Do you love to be in the kitchen? Our Alpha meal ministry is in need of meal team members who can assist in the kitchen in serving a meal or in providing food donations. The Alpha course will run on Wednesday evenings this fall, starting early September. The meal is a HUGE part of the hospitality that Alpha offers our guests. Being part of the meal team is also a fun way to experience community and meet new friends! Contact jwiswell@stgerald.org or call the office if you can help!

Childcare can be a difference maker as to whether someone can come to Alpha. Consider being a blessing to a young mom or dad and help make Alpha possible for them on Wednesday nights starting Sept 6 from 5:45-7:30pm by joining our childcare team. You can serve as often as it works for you. Must be safe environment certified (which is an easy process!). Contact Jenny at jwiswell@stgerald.org or call the parish office to let us know of your availability!



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

Welcome to the Christian community!

Dylan Royce Machado Muro

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Come along April 15-25, 2024, to some of the most enjoyable places in all of Europe, visiting the Emerald Isle! We'll visit Belfast, Knock, Galway, Dublin and so much more. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,399 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure, newsletters and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 - 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com



**All parishioners and parents
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Environment Certified.**

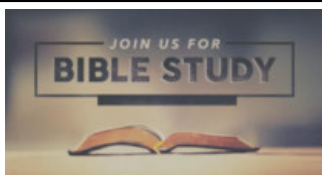
We are offering a class at St. Gerald on September 11 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Visit stgerald.org/#SafeEnvironment to learn more and register.

ABLAZE WORSHIP

CASTING FIRE UPON THE EARTH

Please join us Friday, Sept. 1 at 7pm St. Gerald 96th & Q

Bring family and friends for a time of healing, worship, and adoration! We will also have prayer teams available if you'd like to receive prayer. Afterwards stay for fellowship and pizza in the Fellowship Hall.



**Bible Study on GENESIS
St. Gerald's 96th & Q
starts September 5th
REGISTER NOW**

***Tuesdays starting September 5,
for 23 weeks from 7 - 8:30p.m.***

Please join us in a Bible Study of **GENESIS**. In the beginning... Those three little words have enormous impact in biblical study. If we don't know how it all began, it's difficult to see where we've come from and where we are headed toward.

We will be offering a Zoom class with a limited number of openings. There is no charge and materials will be provided. To register contact Ralph and Bonni Pulte at rbpulte@yahoo.com or Deacon Lonnie at lmindneen2@gmail.com or by phone or text at 402-658-6179.

**DONATE
BLOOD**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our St. Gerald Red Cross Blood Drive is just around the corner. It will be Saturday, October 7th in the Fellowship Hall from 7am - Noon. We are in need of donors. If you can donate, please call Bob Ryba 402-331-2125 or Verl Squire 402-541-3112. You can also sign up for our drive online thru the Red Cross.



***We welcome these parishioners
who have joined our parish family***

- ◆ Kayla Brion
- ◆ Matthew Enquist
- ◆ Marianne Frolio
- ◆ Jeroen van der Gaag & Angela Garfias and family
- ◆ Cara Grefe and family
- ◆ Melissa Hoffman
- ◆ José Macias & Maria Valenzuela
- ◆ Shey & Stephanie Olvera and family
- ◆ Adam & Samantha Reynolds and family
- ◆ Lindsey Seidel
- ◆ Eduardo Valenzuela

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

YOU'RE INVITED!

***Rosary and Mass for Vocations with
Archbishop Lucas
Monday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m.***

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for a special Rosary for Vocations followed by a Holy Mass on Monday, August 28, at St. Patrick Church in Gretna (508 W. Angus Street) to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life within the Archdiocese of Omaha. The Rosary will begin at 5:30pm and Mass is at 6pm. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop George Lucas, and concelebrated by Rev. Frank Baumert, Serra Chaplain, assisted by Deacon Omar Gutierrez of the JPPI Newman Center. All are welcome! If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact Bruce Jefferies, Serra VP, at westomaha@serrainternational.org. Learn more at serrawestomaha.org and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.



ST GERALD SCHOOL

August 30: Back to School Night @ 6pm
September 4: No School (Labor Day)



St. Gerald
Family Night Out
August 30
Pizza West
(120th & Giles)
11am-9pm

St. Gerald School will receive a percentage of the total dollars purchased during the evening. **Be sure to let them know that you are with St. Gerald School when ordering.**

Family FORMATION

REGISTER NOW
CLASSES BEGIN SOON!

Visit the Youth tab on stgerald.org for more information and to register. Or use the QR code to access the online registration form. If you have any questions regarding Family Formation, please contact Teresa Zamora at tzamora@stgerald.org.



Teen Faith Kick Off!



getting wet, and shoes you can run in! Registration is not needed for this first event. If you enjoy yourself, you can choose to register later!

Inviting all teens! RESCHEDULED

Come have some fun and fellowship with other teens who share your faith!
Wednesday, August 30
6:30pm - 8:30 pm at St. Columbkille Social Level.

Dinner included. Wear clothes you don't mind



Children's Liturgy of the Word

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 MASS

Starting September 10th

Open to children 4 years old through 1st grade.

They will be called forward and led to the fellowship hall to listen to the children's lectionary and return at the time of the collection.

For more information, contact Teresa Zamora at tzamora@stgerald.org.



YOUR LOVE
IS *eternal.*
DO NOT
FORSAKE
THE WORK OF
YOUR HANDS.
Psalm 138



Alpha Youth

Any 7th grader is invited to join us for our **Alpha Youth course** on Wednesday nights, starting Sept 6, from 5:45-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! Alpha Youth will explore the essential questions and core beliefs of Christianity in a friendly, fun, and welcoming way. Come, meet other 7th graders and explore faith in a deeper way! For more info or to sign up, contact tzamora@stgerald.org.

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR AUG 28 - SEPT 2

Mon 8/28	12:15pm - Church	†Dale Knecht
Tues 8/29	6:45am - Chapel	†Barton McElligott
	12:15pm - Church	SI Sister Mary Joseph
Wed 8/30	8:15am - Chapel <i>*School Mass</i>	†Arlene Steffes
	11:00am Waterford	SI Rosalie D'Ercole
	12:15pm - Church	SI Jonathan & Emily Farrell
Thur 8/31	6:45am - Chapel	†Barton McElligott
	12:15pm - Church	†Deacon Tom Valasek
Fri 9/1	12:15pm - Church	†Paul & Bev Couture
Sat 9/2	8:15am - Chapel	†Karen Svoboda & Frankie Dieter

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 9/2	4:00pm - Chapel	Byzantine Liturgy	
	5:00pm - Church	Fr. Brendan	†Mary Ellen Flott †Fred Kambach †Karen Barry
Sun 9/3	7:30am - Church	Fr. Mark	†Gloria Hill SI Joe & Rosemarie Distefano
	9:30am - Church	Fr. Mark	†Joe Messina †Mary Dinneen
	11:30am - Church	Fr. Cusack	St. Gerald Parishioners



Knights Corner

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

September 7 - Officer Meeting

September 16/17 - Coats for Kids Collection

September 18-20 - Retreat

September 21 - General Meeting

September 23/24 - Coats for Kids Collection

October 1 - Life Chain

October 5 - Officer Meeting

October 7 - Red Cross Blood Drive



All women are invited to the Magnificat -Omaha* FALL Brunch on September 23rd, 9:30 AM, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church with guest speaker, Sarah Kaczmarek. Sarah holds an MA in Counseling and is Director of Pastoral Ministry at Catholic Encounter Ministries. She will inspire you on the Love from the Heart of the Father, the wholeness He desires for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives.

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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Women's - OCT 13-15

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More info: www.cecomaha.org

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