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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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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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

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

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

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



GIVING
TUESDAY

GIVING TUESDAY: Nov. 28, 2023

Support St. Gerald Catholic Church and School on November 28, the Global Day of Giving. As we approach Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to reflect on the many blessings God has provided each of us and consider giving to those in need of His love.

The devoted members of St. Gerald Catholic Church and School, including our caring priests, dedicated administrators and staff, extraordinary teachers, and spirit-filled students, would be grateful for any contribution you can make. Your prayers and generosity help our community Encounter Jesus, Make Disciples, and Transform Lives.

You can visit stgerald.org to donate, bring a financial gift to the parish office at 7859 Lakeview St., Omaha, NE 68127 (be sure to note: Giving Tuesday 2023), or use the QR code.



Men of St. Gerald, this Advent season, let's take inspiration from Jesus to ***Be a Man Who is Holy.***

We invite you and the men in your family or friends to join us for the **Advent Men's Retreat on Saturday, December 16th.** The retreat will take place in the Fellowship Hall from **8:30 AM to 12 PM.**

To register, visit stgerald.org or scan the QR code.



Sunday Giving Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	October 2023	Year To Date	Budget YTD	Variance
ACH	\$53,023.03	\$215,437.12	\$218,128.00	-\$2,690.88
Online Giving	\$20,097.76	\$85,522.62	\$96,000.00	-\$10,477.38
Envelopes Received	\$56,123.00	\$202,889.19	\$221,538.00	-\$18,648.81
Cash Received	\$5,741.00	\$22,244.38	\$21,700.00	\$544.38
Christmas	\$150.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Easter	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
	\$135,134.79	\$526,963.31	\$557,366.00	-\$30,402.69

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



Please wrap and return all gifts, with the angel tag securely attached to the coat room at 96th & Q **no later than 11:30 am on Sunday, December 10th.**

Gifts will be distributed that afternoon!
Thanks for your generosity!

For questions,
please call Robin (402-250-3826)
or Deb (402-660-4193).



Pears' Guatemalan Coffee

Enjoy a cup each morning as you support the Archdiocese Guatemalan mission program and our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. This program

is partnering with the 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 with sales to support the work of the Archdiocese Guatemalan mission program and our own St. Vincent de Paul.

On sale after ALL Masses
December 9th and 10th

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3 sizes available:

8 oz bag of ground coffee - \$8.00
24 oz bag of ground coffee - \$18.00
2.5 lb bag of whole beans - \$28.00

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Friends on Q

Senior Social Group
Christmas Lunch

Saturday, Dec 9, **11:00am**

Doors open at 10:30am

Fellowship Hall at 96 & Q

Come to enjoy a little more sparkle and little less stress. Lunch from Hog Wild will include a bar-b-que pork sandwich, baked beans, potatoes salad and dessert. **\$8.00 per person with reservations due by Monday, Dec 4.** Drop an envelope marked FOQ Christmas lunch in the collection basket with your payment and name.

Call Helen at 402-516-2903 or Colita at 402-331-4012 if you have any questions.

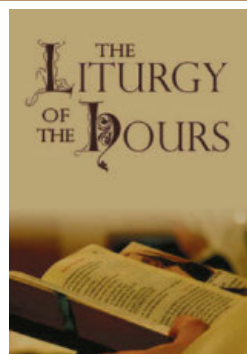


Our St. Gerald Alpha Celebration will be held on Wed., Nov 29th, from 5:45-7:30pm in the St. Gerald Fellowship Hall.

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

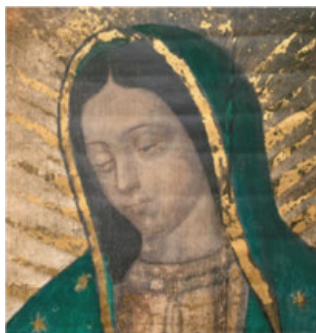
from those who finished the Alpha course this fall. Dinner and dessert will be served!

For questions or to RSVP for a guest by Monday, Nov 27th, please email Jenny at jwiswell@stgerald.org or call the parish office at 402-331-1955.



All parishioners are invited to attend and join in community as we pray the Prayer of the Church in the chapel, 96th & Q. **Beginning this Advent, Sunday, December 3, 6:00 p.m., we will pray Vespers (Evening Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours) every Sunday.**

The only foreseeable cancellations will be December 25 and January 1, we will announce cancellations in advance.



**“A Miracle for Our Time”
St. Gerald, 96th & Q
Fellowship Hall
Thursday, November 30
6:30-8:30 PM**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear from Scott Watts, a missionary, international speaker, and Guadalupe expert, as he unpacks the mysteries and

shares the ongoing, dynamic story of God's love for his people and for you through the precious gift of his mother. Relics, artifacts, and a true-scale print of Our Lady brought from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and blessed by St. John Paul the Great will be present for you to pray with and experience.



**Monday, December 4
6:30-8:00 pm**

St. Gerald Fellowship Hall

As a mother, how are you experiencing joy in your life? Where do you desire more joy? Let's live with the greater joy that God wants to give us! Join us, the Moms of St. Gerald, for an evening of fellowship where we will enjoy friendship, conversation, and prayer together. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and be encouraged through this time of fellowship.

Childcare will be available. RSVP to Jenny at jwiswell@stgerald.org



Altar Linen Ministry

The purpose of the Altar Linens ministry is to serve the

community of Saint Gerald by collecting, washing, ironing, and returning the linens used during Mass. The linens are laundered in a manner respectful of the body and blood of Christ that lingers upon these linens. The ministry could be one person or a team who participate in a simple weekly rotation.

Please contact Pat Seier, Volunteer Head Sacristan at patseier@gmail.com or 402-659-6676.



Christmas Memory Tree

Parishioners are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a deceased loved one to decorate the Christmas Memory Tree located in the Church narthex beginning the first Sunday of Advent. Paper ornaments will also be provided for you to write your loved one's name. The holidays can be difficult regardless of the time that has passed since a loved one's death. This is a special way to remember them and make them a part of this Holy Season of Advent.





ST GERALD SCHOOL

November 27: No School
December 14: Christmas Program
December 20 - January 3: Christmas Break



Get 'em while they are hot!!!!

We will be selling caramel and frosted cinnamon rolls after Mass the weekend of December 2/3 in the Fellowship Hall. The rolls will be made available for takeout only. Proceeds will go to our St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul.

Available until they run out!!!



St. Gerald T-shirts / Hoodies

Our weekend sales a couple weeks ago of our St. Gerald t-shirts and hoodies was an amazing success....thank you for your desire to evangelize God's messages. Many people missed the opportunity to purchase the clothing and have been asking when the next sale was. The answer is....NOW you can purchase them at the business

office during the week.

Sizes SMALL - 3XL are available in both designs: Jesus is Alive and The Church Has Left the Building. T-shirts come in short or long sleeves (black, blue, red) and hoodies (black or red) depending on the design. Some sizes have limited availability. Cost: t-shirt short sleeves \$10 or long sleeves \$12 and hoodies \$25. CASH / CHECK / VENMO accepted.



St. Gerald Family Night Out

Runza
December 6
(4713 S 77 Ave)
4-8pm

Please consider purchasing Runza HOPE gift cards to use for your dining!

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.**



We welcome the newest St. Gerald members born to new life through Baptism

Lennon Morgan Bickham
Leo Vallen Plagmann Corona

Bulletin Notice Deadlines

Bulletin notices for December 10 need to be emailed to the parish office no later than November 29th.

Bulletin notices for December 17 need to be emailed to the parish office no later than December 6th.

ABLAZE WORSHIP

CASTING FIRE UPON THE EARTH

Please join us Friday, December 1st
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.

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR NOV 27 - DEC 2

Mon 11/27	12:15pm - Church	†Dale Knecht
Tues 11/28	6:45am - Chapel	†Karen Svoboda
	12:15pm - Church	†Ken Stanton SI Protection of Konseiga Family
Wed 11/29	8:15 - Chapel *School Mass	†Joe Sladky
	11:00am Waterford	
	12:15pm - Church	†Greg Bernth †Larry Hacker
Thur 11/30	6:45am - Chapel	†Deceased Members of Maschka Family
	12:15pm - Church	†Marc Cizek †Darrel Voegler
Fri 12/1	12:15pm - Church	†Ray & Bernice Olsen †Carol Marsh
Sat 12/2	8:15am - Chapel	†Donna Ward †Ron Weis

First Sunday of Advent

Sat 12/2	4:00pm - Chapel	Byzantine Liturgy	
	5:00pm - Church	Fr. Mark	†Robert Adamson †Mary Ellen Flott †Bev Harral
Sun 12/3	7:30am - Church	Fr. Knecht	†Michelle Mundt †Bette Linstrom
	9:30am - Church	Fr. Knecht	St. Gerald Parishioners
	11:30am - Church	Fr. Mark	†Art & Paula Karnes †Marie Hayes



Thank you for your generous support for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

If you still wish to donate, please see your November mailing for your donation envelope.



NAZARETH

Would you like to get to know other people in our parish? A great way to do that is by joining a Nazareth group. We meet monthly, start with a potluck meal, develop friendships, and have spiritual time. Come, try it, and see if it's for you. Here's what one member said: *"What does Nazareth mean to me? The closeness of all of our group. We share with one another and keep everyone in our prayers. We read the Gospel and share what it means to us. We first share a meal and share how we're doing. I love our group."* Virginia

To learn more, and sign up, go to www.nazarethgroups.com or contact Emily Ryan at Emily217@cox.net.



Knights Corner

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

December 7 - Officer Meeting

December 9/10 - Guatemala Coffee Sale in Narthex at 96th

December 21 - General Meeting/Chili Cookoff

December 24 - Christmas Eve Parking Lot Security



Our Sewing & Quilting group and Knitting & Crochet group recently joined forces for the "Warm Hearts Project."

Together, they handcrafted a total of 1,393 winter hats, which were blessed by Fr. Knecht. The hats were carefully bagged and will be distributed to 12 different organizations throughout Eastern Nebraska. If you're interested in learning more about these groups or would like to lend a hand in 2024, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office at 402-331-1955.

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