

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent



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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.



Parish Office 7859 Lakeview St.

Phone: 402-331-1955

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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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

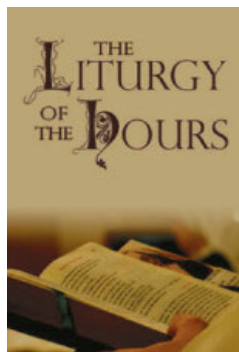
According to the Archdiocesan guidelines and to ensure adequate preparation for this very important Sacrament, **you must make arrangements at least six (6) months ahead of the Marriage date.** Please complete the registration form found on our website. Special instructions are required for any Catholic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



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.

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)



This Advent, let us follow the path of Jesus to ***Be a Man Who is Holy.*** We cordially invite you and the men in your family or friend circle 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.** During the retreat, we will explore the teachings of Fr. Larry Richard's book "Be a Man" and reflect on the following themes:

~Be a Man Who is a Beloved Son of the Father.

~Be the Man God Created You to Be.

~Be a Man Who is Holy.

We hope that you will join us on this journey of self-discovery and spiritual growth. Register online at stgerald.org or scan the QR code.



St. Gerald Parish Mission Statement:

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are a Catholic community of faith whose primary purpose is to know Jesus, to love Him, and to serve Him in serving others. Sent to make disciples, we invite and welcome everyone to come and share our Master's joy.

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 11:30am 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.

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December 9th and 10th

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Friends on Q

Senior Social Group
Christmas Lunch

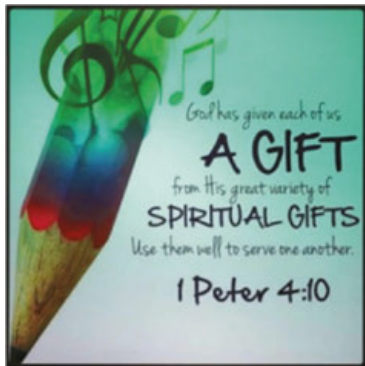
Saturday, Dec 9, **11:00am**

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.



St. Gerald has several ministries looking to expand, and they need your unique talents to help them flourish. ***It's time to use the spiritual gifts God has given you.*** A few ministries looking for help immediately are listed below. Join us and become a part of something truly special. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 402-331-1955. Learn more about all the ministries offered at St. Gerald at stgerald.org/ministry.

Altar Linen Ministry - Collect, wash, iron, and return linens used during Mass in a respectful manner. An individual or a team can do it with a weekly rotation. *This is a new ministry we're building.*

Parking Lot Security - During weekend Masses and events, volunteers patrol the 96th & Q parking lot on foot or in vehicles, observing and reporting incidents without confrontation.

Night Watch Security – Volunteers check the parish buildings at both campuses and school to ensure that all doors are locked, and lights are turned off. Training provided.

Ushers - The ushers welcome parishioners and guests, assist them in participating in worship, and ensure the smooth flow of the liturgy.

Greeters - Open the door and warmly welcome parishioners and guests arriving for weekend Mass. This is a great opportunity for families to participate.

Welcomers - Greet and assist guests entering the church for Mass. They are available after all Masses for those interested in finding out more about how to register with the parish.

Coffee - Provide warm beverages for guests and church members to enjoy either to-go or while socializing after Mass.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) for the Homebound - Distribute Holy Communion to the ill and homebound, allowing a personal experience with our Savior.

Live Stream - Sunday Mass every week at 9:30 AM is live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. Volunteers take turns to provide the service, enabling the sick and homebound to receive the word of God.



**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



**Join us...
Parish Penance Service
Sunday, December 17
2pm @ 96th & Q**



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 this weekend, 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

December 14: Christmas Program
December 20 - January 3: Christmas Break



St. Gerald T-shirts / Hoodies

If you are still looking at how to purchase a St. Gerald T-shirt and/or hoodie, they are available at the parish office. What a great way to evangelize while you are out in the community!

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.



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come..."
(Mark 13:33)

Remember, our time on earth is a gift. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



**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.**

Bulletin Notice Deadlines

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

Bulletin notices for December 24 need to be emailed to the parish office no later than December 12th.



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 7th bulletin. ***Return this form to the business office by December 24th.***

In memory or honor of: _____

From: _____

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR DEC 4-9

Mon 12/4	12:15pm - Church	†Mike & Mary Kinsella †Jean DeHart
Tues 12/5	6:45am - Chapel	†Deceased Members of Boland Family SI Gabriel Payson
	12:15pm - Church	†Ray Koubek SI Mensah Family
Wed 12/6	6:45am - Chapel	†Barton McElligott †Sharon Schell
	11:00am Waterford	
	12:15pm - Church	†William Winegardner †Larry Hacker
Thur 12/7	6:45am - Chapel	St. Gerald Endowments
	12:15pm - Church	†Gaylan & Viola Suhr
	6:30pm - Church <i>*Vigil for Holy Day</i>	†Patricia Kraft SI Bekki Koenig
Fri 12/8 <i>*Holy Day Immaculate Conception</i>	7:00am - Church	†Janet Rentko
	8:15am - Chapel <i>*School Mass</i>	†All Souls in Purgatory
	12:15pm - Church	†Rob Hauptman
	6:30pm - Church	SI Conversion & Salvation of Konseiga Family
Sat 12/9	8:15am - Chapel	†John Harvat

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 12/9	4:00pm - Chapel	Byzantine Liturgy	
	5:00pm - Church	Fr. Knecht	†Karen Svoboda †Susan Mimick †Karen Barry
Sun 12/10	7:30am - Church	Fr. Bernard	†Gloria Hill †Ken Stanton
	9:30am - Church	Fr. Bernard	†Petronilo & Juanita Luna
	11:30am - Church	Fr. Knecht	St. Gerald Parishioners

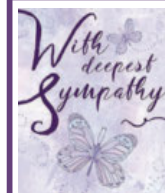


Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/advent as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. More info at spiritcatholicradio.com



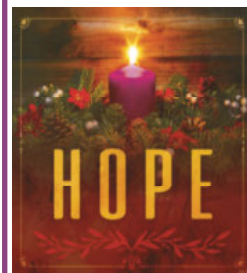
"Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Fr. Bertrand Ebben. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

Please see your December mailing for your donation envelope.



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Erwin Rehder**. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



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



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

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