

March 17, 2013
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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SEDE VACANTE: The Coat of Arms above is the symbol used for the papacy when the Seat is Vacant. With the resignation of Pope Benedict, there is no one to occupy the Seat of Peter and so the Miter is replaced by a Umbrella, an ancient symbol for the Vatican. The Chair is the sign of the Bishop's Authority and with it being vacant it means we are in a time of transition to a new Holy Father. Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide the Cardinals in their decision.



MISSION 40:
Faith Heals
MARCH 17 - 19, 2013

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - Noon Mass

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following this Mass.
- 40 Hours begins.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 7 p.m.

- Parish Mission.
- 40 Hours continues.

MONDAY, MARCH 18 - 7 p.m.

- Parish Mission.
- 40 Hours continues.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 - 7 p.m.

- Parish Mission.
- Conclusion of 40 Hours with Benediction following the Mission.
- Social in the fellowship hall.



Prayer for the Success of Our Mission Forty Hours

God our Father, we praise You for all Your wonderful works and we thank You for Your goodness to us. All who came to You in faith received healing, comfort and peace. Give us expectant hearts as we prepare for our upcoming **Mission Forty Hours**. Help us to recognize Jesus more clearly in the Eucharist as our Medicine of Immortality. Increase our anticipation for this Mission and help us to witness to others with an invitation to join us. May our calendars be freed up so we can participate and may our **Mission Forty Hours** be a moment of grace for our Parish. We ask this, in the name of Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Gerald of Mayo, pray for us.

Parish Mission Is Here: Just come to the Parish Mission. Fill the church with yourself and an eager and expectant heart. Sign up for an hour of adoration during the 40+ hours of our Mission. If you did not sign up...the church will be open for you to come at any hour from noon on Sunday until the closing service Tuesday evening. The Lord will not be outdone in generosity. Each evening service, Sunday-Tuesday is at 7:00 pm

Embracing our Faith....Building our Future: The purpose of our Financial Renewal Campaign is simply that...to enable us to do something concrete to Embrace our Faith and Build our Future as a parish. Pray about it a bit, fill out your commitment form and return it soon. Your commitment form is not a contract that we will send a bill collector to pay on...it is an invitation for a heightened desire on your part to show God your belief that He has blest you and this is what you can return to Him to thank Him. If your situation changes then so does the commitment. Even if you lower your giving, it is still Embracing Your Faith and Building our Future..because the Lord does provide Faith and the world provides the circumstances...our job is to put them together as best we can.

Good Friday Collection: We will take up a collection at all the services on Good Friday to benefit the Holy Land Franciscans. These men manage all the holy sites in the Holy Land for Roman Catholic Visitors. And a wonderful job they do! Your donations directly helps maintain the Tomb of our Lord, the Birthplace of Jesus, the Garden of Gethsemene and many others shrines and places where Jesus frequented.

**Holy Week is coming fast: Times for Confession:
Please make use of these times:**

Fifteen minutes prior to the 12:15 mass-96th and Q

3:00-4:30 pm on Saturdays-96th and Q—No Confessions on Holy Saturday

5:30-7:00 pm on Thursdays-96th and Q and Lakeview Parish Penance Service: Palm Sunday, March 24, 7:00 pm

Other times for confession are published in the Easter Letter

Other Important Events:

Monday of Holy Week: Passion Meditation by St. Gerald Middle School Students...7:00 pm in the gym at Lakeview

Holy Thursday: 7:30 pm;

Good Friday: Noon Stations by the Youth and 7:30 Solemn Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday: 8:15 pm

Easter: 7:00 am @ Lakeview; 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 @ 96th and Q

Historic Times: A Reflection. Like you I was surprised to hear of the resignation of Pope Benedict but it made sense that a man who so loved the church wanted to have a “Peter” in the barque of the church with his hand on the rudder who would have the strength to guide it in these turbulent times. I have had a chance to read much of what Benedict wrote and spoke over the past several weeks. His talk to the clergy of Rome was a brilliant summation of the documents of Vatican II. And he contrasted the two councils that went on at Vatican II. There was the council that took place among the world’s pastors as they tried to figure out how to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the modern world. There was the parallel council made up of the media who had another agenda. And the Church became influenced by this other council almost more than the one among the pastors. Benedict spoke of Jesus as the true Shepherd and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against. This confidence and trust in Jesus led him to this momentous decision.

As I write this reflection the Cardinals have all arrived in Rome. All their General Congregations have been concluded and now they wait for the mass of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday of this week. Then they go into the Sistine Chapel and vote. As you read this, we more than likely will have a new Pope. The Church has been blest to have so many holy men lead her during the last century. Pius X, a canonized saint who, becoming Pope in 1903, led us into the last century and Blessed John Paul II who led us into this one, make the point that it is holiness that we all must strive after. Holiness for a Pope and holiness for a pew-dweller is the same thing...it’s made up of an intimate walk with the Lord each and every day of our lives. May the Lord shine his light of wisdom and mercy on this new Pope and may we as Catholics find our faith renewed as well under his guidance.



**Daily Mass
During Lent**

Lakeview: 8:15am

(Mon-Sat)

96th & Q: 12:15pm (Mon-Fri)

Stations of the Cross

96th & Q: **Fridays** following

12:15pm Mass and Thursdays at

6:00pm

Reconciliation

96th & Q: Noon-12:15pm Wkdys

Both Churches: 5:30-7pm Thurs.

Mission 40: Faith Heals

March 17, 18, 19 7pm

40 Hours of Adoration



Perpetual Adoration:

Call **Mary Ann at 402-**

331-0926

Monday: 1am, 2am, 3am
4am, 8am, 6pm

Tuesday: 12am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 7am,
10am

Wednesday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am,
4am, 11am, 4pm

Thursday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am,
7am, 10am, 11pm

Friday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am,
8am, 9am, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm

Saturday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am,
10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm,
6pm, 8pm, 9pm, 11pm

Sunday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am,
5am, 2pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

**Time Change for Welcoming/
Registration**

If you would like to register with the parish, please attend a registration session on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month following 10:30am Mass. Sessions are held in the Family Room (library). This is a time change from after 9am Mass to now after 10:30am Mass. You need to attend only once.

**St Gerald Knights of Columbus
invite you to our last Fish Dinner
of this Lenten season:**

Mar 22, 4:30-7:30pm, Fr Larry Dorsey Fellowship Hall, 96th & Q
Cost: Adults \$9, Children (under 10) \$6, Immediate Family Max \$30, Seniors (60+) \$8, All Carry Out \$9.

Coming Soon 33 Days to Morning Glory Parish Retreat on Saturday mornings from 10:30-Noon beginning May 4th and ending June 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. We will not have a session on June 1st due to John Norman's ordination at the Cathedral. These sessions will be held in the school library. Please mark your calendar now.

New Family Registration

Welcoming times are the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month after 10:30am Mass.



Easter Flower Memorial: A \$15 donation for flowers is a symbolic way of remembering loved ones who have entered a new life with the Lord. Names will be published in the bulletin. Deadline for the flower fund is Thursday, March 28. Please return this form to the business office.

In remembrance of: _____

From: _____

Women's Social

The Core Team for the Women's Social Group is excited to announce that we have an information page on the parish website, check it out. Monthly meetings/gathering for the subcommittees and upcoming events are listed under Groups & Info. Go to www.stgerald.org

Scrapbooking Group

Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, March 22nd from 7:00 - 10:00pm in the Nursery/Multi-purpose room at 96th & Q. We'll be working on individual projects and sharing ideas. All levels of experience welcomed. Enter the church using the West chapel door. Contact Carol at 402-679-1437 with any questions.

Mother/Daughter Luncheon

April 6, a Mother/Daughter catered luncheon will be held at 11:30am in the Fr Larry Dorsey Fellowship Hall, 96th & Q. \$5 per person. Please put your reservation and money in an envelope and drop it into the collection basket or by the business office. Deadline is April 2. Questions call 402-339-4452.

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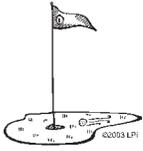
Mother/Daughter Lunch

Names: _____

Phone: _____
Number attending: _____
Amount enclosed: _____
Deadline April 2nd.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

March 31 items due March 21



2013 Fr Foster Memorial Golf Tournament

The St Gerald Knights of Columbus and St Gerald Men's Club are sponsoring the 17th Annual Fr William A Foster Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is a 4-person scramble at Tara Hills Golf Course on Sat, May 18, with an 8am shotgun start. \$90 per golfer or \$360 per team and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, raffle tickets, refreshments, fellowship & prizes. Call 402-331-1955 to register and make payment by May 3rd.

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council is a vital and active part of our parish. Three PC positions will be available this year. The new terms will begin July 1st, with elections scheduled for April. Please give prayerful consideration to running for one of these open positions. This is a very critical and exciting time for our parish and your talents, skills and leadership are needed! If you would like more information about the duties and responsibilities of the Pastoral Council, or if you are interested in being on the PC or know someone you would like to recommend, please speak to a Pastoral Council Representative in the narthex of the church after the 7:00 am, 7:30 am or 5:00 pm masses this week end, or email joanluebert@yahoo.com or call at 402-301-6510.

Congratulations to the following St Gerald parishioners who have attained Honor Roll status at Mercy High:

Bridget Hamata, Madeline Nebel, MaKayla Riesberg, Whitney Isenberger, Dani Kraft, Maria Lynes, Olivia Lynes, Allison Molczyk

Religious Education

Mary Harper

Director of Religious Formation
Work.....402-331-1955 x25

Email...mharper@stgerald.org

***Class to be held Wed., Mar. 20th.**

Previously class was canceled due to the Parish Mission.

***Classes for Catechists & Adult Education in the school library @ 7:30 pm: Mar. 20 The Creed**

Apr. 17 Catholic Moral Teaching.

Children's Stewardship Corner

Our parish children's offerings:

I finished my homework before my mom got home.

I am going to pray for the poor every night.

I will pray for all mothers who are going through abortion.

I will play with my friends nicely.

I took the garbage to the curb, fed my brother and cleaned the dinner table.

Obedied my dad when I was asked to help out at home.

I made my bed.

***Totus Tuus** coming to St. Gerald June 23 -28. Registration will begin late April. Please pray for the success of Totus Tuus.

***RE 1st Communion** practice will be at 96th & Q Church, Saturday, April 13 at 9am for the 1st session and 11 am for the 2nd session.

***RE 1st Communion** will be held @ 96th & Q Church, Sunday, April 14th at 9am Mass for the 1st session and Noon Mass for the 2nd session.

Parent Connection: John 8:1-11

In today's gospel we see the contrast between the cruel and merciless Scribes and Pharisees, who wanted to punish the adulterous woman and our loving and merciful God, who chooses to forgive. One of the great mysteries of the Gospels is what Jesus wrote in the sand to cause the crowd to disperse. Discuss with your family what message you think that Jesus wrote in the sand. It is much easier to judge others than to forgive. What can you take away from today's Gospel that will help you to forgive others rather than judge them? (from LTP)

Youth/Young Adults

Making a difference for good in our world.

Kathy Kensinger,

Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Work.....402-331-1955x18
Cell402-880-9717
Email.....kathyk@stgerald.org

Youth Ministry Lenten Events:

"T3: The Teen Timeline" T3 is a teen-friendly, high school Bible Study. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday nights thru April.

March 17th: Youth Mass at Noon followed by Eucharistic Adoration and **Confirmation Interviews.** Please help us to make this a really special Mass as we kick-off our parish mission and pray for our Confirmation candidates.

March 29th: Living Stations of the Cross at Noon. We need LOTS of 7-12th graders to participate. Please contact Kathy if you can help.

NCYC 2013: Nov. 21-24

Signed.Sealed.Delivered

25,000 High school students from around the country will travel to Indianapolis for 3 days of prayer, community and empowerment. If you participate in Youth Ministry events and would like to register, contact Kathy before March 20th. *To receive our Youth News by email contact us at kathyk@stgerald.org. Also "friend" us at St. Gerald Youth Group on Facebook or check out our website at www.stgerald.org.*

Young Adults

Freedom to Love, the 5 week Theology of the Body Program for Young Adults that explores God's love through relationships, will meet on April 4th in the Parish Youth Room (in the basement of the business office on 78th & Lakewood) at 7:30 pm. Contact Kathy if you are interested. Please see youngadults@archomaha.org for more young adult activities.

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR MARCH 18-23

Mon 3/18/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Barb Aitkenhead
	12:15 pm - Church	†Sandy & Peg Jackson
Tues 3/19/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Tom Wordekemper
	9:00 am - Chapel	†Shane Bazer
	12:15 pm - Church	†James Robinson
Wed 3/20/13	8:15 am - Chapel	Special Intention
	10:30 am - Waterford	Special Intention
	12:15 pm - Church	†Paul Reinhardt
Thur 3/21/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Joe Dieter
	12:15 pm - Church	†William Linstrom
Fri 3/22/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Marian Vojtech
	12:15 pm - Church	†Basil & Sally Buras
Sat 3/23/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Howard & Margaret Hoody

MASSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Sat 3/23/13	5:00 pm - Church	PH	†Edwin & Frances Shotkoski †Frances Finke †Lois Kubat
Sun 3/24/13	7:00 am - Chapel	OK	†Lorett Olson
	7:30 am - Church	PH	St Gerald Parishioners
	9:00 am - Church	OK	†Jacqueline Nosek
	10:30 am - Church	OK	†Dan Mendick
	12:00 pm - Church	PH	†Ethel Eschliman

<i>Sunday, 3/17</i>	
10:30am - African Mass	Chapel
Noon - Youth Mass	Church
2pm - Natural Family Planning	Family Room
7pm - Mission	Church
<i>Monday, 3/18</i>	
7pm - Mission	Church
<i>Tuesday, 3/19</i>	
7pm - Mission	Church
7pm - Men's Recovery	Business Office
7pm - AA	Conference Room
<i>Wednesday, 3/20</i>	
4:30 & 6:30pm - Religious Ed	School
7:30pm - Catechists	School Library
<i>Thursday, 3/21</i>	
3:15pm - Scouts	Conference Room
5:30pm - Confessions	Both Churches
7pm - 2nd grade Parent Mtg	Fellowship Hall
7pm - KC Meeting	Multipurpose Room
7pm - Adult Education	School Library
<i>Friday, 3/22</i>	
6:30pm - Scrapbooking	Multipurpose Room
4:30pm - KC Fish Dinner	Fellowship Hall
<i>Saturday, 3/23</i>	
6pm - Bake Sale	Fellowship Hall
<i>Sunday, 3/24</i>	
11:30am - Welcome Registration	Family Room
After all Masses - Bake Sale	Fellowship Hall
7pm - Parish Penance Service	Church



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Larry Anderson. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace with our Lord.

Donation Report

Sunday(3/10/13).....	\$26,769.93
ACH.....	\$9,081.00
Week Total.....	\$35,850.93
Weekly Budget.....	\$32,260.00
YTD Total.....	\$1,038,740.37
YTD Budget.....	\$1,104,840.00
Variance.....	\$(66,099.63)

Men's Golf League. Weekly play is scheduled to begin Thursday April 18, with tee times BEGINNING at 5:30PM, at Eagle Hills GC. Returning players and active substitutes are given preference to participate. If anyone else desires to play call Doug Tucker @ 402-331-5083 no later than March 17th. Some years there have been several openings, other years not, available slots will be filled by drawing. A meeting for team members will be held on April 3rd, 7PM at the golf course. New participants will be notified prior to meeting if slots available.

Communion To Shut-ins

If you know of anyone who is unable to come to Mass on Sunday and they would like the Eucharist brought to them, call 331-1955, Mon-Fri.

Readings for the Week of March 17

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Ministry Schedule for March 23-24

- 5pm:** **EMHC** - B & K Howard, R Goodrich, A Beaty, D Marx, L Turco, N Keenan, L Harral, T Jones, S Vogel, C Baum, M Harman **Lectors** - R Martin, D Carney **Servers** - O Horner, J & R Fraser, S Nickerson **Greeters** - S Horner, T Martin, M Peterson **Security** -K Molczyk, B Osterman **HOPE** -L Flott, K Higgason
- 7am:** **EMHC**- C Ford, M Ward **Lector**- D Kolenda **Servers** -M Thiele, K Koenig **Greeter** - J Kolenda
- 7:30am:** **EMHC**-J Luebbert, J Feda, S Bissen, B Elston, R & M Stracke, K & R Staroska, D Cotton, B McDowall, J Smiley, P Semrad **Lectors** - T Bissen, T Fletcher **Servers**- R, E, & A Jacobson, J Rife **Greeters**- K Barnes, T & G Conley **Security**-R Meister, B Barnes **HOPE**- G Hunt, R DeWitt
- 9am:** **EMHC**- S Trigg, L & T Goecke, J O'Donnell, G & D Bennett, F Bataillon, S Plaza G Hacker, K Connelly, G Reinert, F Kambach **Lectors** - C Vana, J Tometich **Servers**- S Nebel, A Vana, L Gilmore, E Sperry **Greeters** - B Ruhl, J Kalina, J Adams **Security**-T & K Stanton **HOPE**- B Larson, K Carnahan
- 10:30am:** **EMHC** - P & J Neuberger, J White, M Olson, C Kozlik, S Paladino, B Krzemien, N Welsh, J & D Koubsky, A Gallagher, J Robbins **Lectors** - M Steinbrink, M Sullivan **Servers**- O Sullivan, S Pelan, B Albert, Z Malesker **Greeters**- L Coenen, K Secret, E Ryan **Security**-D Thiele, H Santiago **HOPE**- T Miller, J Robbins
- Noon:** **EMHC**- J Haug, L Gohr, S Mandolfo, M Sanchez, A Raab, C Carbullido, M Gerow **Lector** - J Rentko **Servers**- S Jensen, E Swoboda, L & B Dennis **Greeters**- **Security**- M Nash, M Mumaugh **HOPE**- J Steimle

The TeamMates Mentoring, founded by Dr. Tom and Nancy Osborne, is now in 28 of our Metro Catholic schools, including all 6 of our Metro Catholic high schools. Do you have 1 hour to visit with a student in grades 3-12 during the school year and make a difference in their life? There are dozens of students waiting to be matched with a mentor. **Please consider becoming a mentor.** **WE NEED YOU!!** Go to www.teammates.org or call 1-877-531-8326 for more information and how to apply. You can also call Mary McGuire, the Metro Catholic TeamMates coordinator, at 402-330-6295 to receive more information.

St Philip Neri Parish at 8200 N 30th St invites you to their **Annual Roast Beef Dinner** on Palm Sunday, March 24th from Noon till 6pm, downstairs in the Parish Center. Featuring tender sliced roast beef with all the fixings, and delicious homemade salads & desserts. Takeouts available. Adults, \$9; Kids 6-12, \$4.50; Under 5, Free; Seniors 65+, \$8.

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website: www.stgerald.org

March 21, 2013-Catholics and the Death Penalty

Come learn about Catholic teaching on the death penalty and the dignity of human life. Become aware of what practical actions you can take in your parish to promote alternatives to the Nebraska death penalty on Thursday, March 21, from 7-8:30pm at the Seven Oaks at Notre Dame Dining Room (3439 State St). Use the west or north parking lot and enter through the north doors by the flag pole. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice committee of the Notre Dame Sisters and Associates.

April 12th -14th Seeing God in Everyday Life Retreat

This retreat is for those who currently practice Ignatian or contemplative prayer and feel God calling them to a deeper relationship with Him. Included are presentations, time for personal prayer & spiritual direction, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass both Saturday and Sunday at the Saint Benedict Center (Schuyler, NE). To register or learn more information about the retreat, please call St. Benedict Center 402-352-8819 or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com.

The Holy Family Shrine will welcome Archbishop Emeritus Elden F. Curtiss on March 28, 2013 at 2:30pm for a blessing of a statue of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. This statue is the first of what will be life-size, walking Stations of the Cross. Other figures will be added as funds become available.

The Beginning Experience Ministry to the widowed, divorced and separated will be offering Coping With Life Alone

sessions at Christ The King Church – Omaha, 654 S. 86th, Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., **April 2 through May 7**. The Coping Sessions are designed to help adult individuals work through the trauma of divorce, separation or the loss of a spouse through death. These sessions are open to individuals of all faiths. This peer-to-peer ministry of people caring for people is sponsored by The Beginning Experience Team of Omaha. Cost is \$20.00. Scholarships are available; please ask if needed, we do not want anyone to stay away because of money. Pre-registration **is not** required. For more information, contact the Family Life Office, Widowed, Divorced & Separated Ministry Coordinator at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or visit

www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org