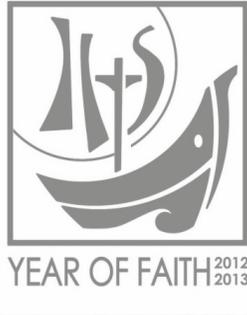


May 19, 2013
Pentecost Sunday



SAINT GERALD PARISH

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Corpus Christi Procession

Saturday, June 1, 2013
6:30 pm

Beginning at Lakeview Chapel
Processing to Our Church at 96th & Q



Advent: It is season to step back a bit, pray a little more quietly, bring some peace into the hectic days of the secular holiday season that fill our ears and eyes. We are using the simpler song tones from the New Roman Missal as our guide for the Holy-Holy, Memorial Acclamation and the Amen. The collection time will find us having just some meditative music to help us pray and offer our joys and sorrows on the altar. The time from the end of the second reading until the Gospel acclamation as well as some time after communion are silent moments to again reflect: Listen to your heart, "what is the Lord telling me this Advent?"

Catholic Charities Says Thanks: St. Gerald recently donated \$300 to the annual Catholic Charities appeal, "Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation." This money, from your parish contributions, will help feed the hungry in our city. Stewardship in action.

On a personal note: My family is going through some tough times. As many of you know, my mother is almost 100 years old. Her birthday is November 29. My brother-in-law has been battling cancer for about a year and is in the final stages of losing that battle. His wife, my sister, Marilyn has taken sick and was admitted to the hospital. Most of us figured it was from exhaustion. She is now diagnosed with cancer that brings with it very little good news. It has set us all back and made us turn to the only thing that is reliable, our faith. My brother, Dean, told my mom and brought her to see Marilyn last Sunday. Things are moving really fast for her and she might not have much time left. If I could ask, please keep us in your prayers. Fr. OK

Corpus Christi Procession: The feast of Corpus Christi (The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ) which is always the second Sunday after Pentecost... this year it is June 2, is always an opportunity for us to honor Jesus in the Eucharist. On the Eve of this feast day we, as a parish, will show honor to Jesus in the Eucharist by having a Corpus Christi Procession. We are beginning to take names of folks who will want to participate. We also need helpers, and sign-ups are now underway. All groups and ministries in the parish are welcome and encouraged to make a banner to carry in the procession. I and a few others made the walk and it is a very pleasant walk. We have chosen the sites for the various stops. Here they are:
Station One: McIntyre/Kozal Orthodontics, 8318 Lakeview St.

Business Office Closed
St Gerald Business Office will close on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.



Pray for Vocations Please make a daily habit to pray for seminarians. Meet Scott the seminarian from St. Gerald's by going to Vocations Committee on stgerald.org.

Station Two: Mockingbird Heights Park @ 89th & Lakeview

Station Three: Mockingbird Hills Park @ 92nd & Mockingbird Dr.

Station Four: 9506 Mockingbird Dr.

The committee is working with parishioner neighbors, who live near the stops, to take care of constructing the altars at these stations. We have lined up the bus that will be available for us, transporting to and from Lakeview and 96th and Q as well as driving with the procession itself (those who cannot walk the route can ride—it's a 47 passenger bus). We will have a PA system mounted on a pick up that will help lead the procession and be very useful for us to lead prayers along the way. Plan on it now: Meet at Lakeview Chapel at 6:30 pm, Saturday evening, June 1.

Rehearsal for all those involved in doing something: Canopy Carriers, Banner Carriers, Servers, Deacons—anyone with some duty: this Wednesday, May 22 at 6pm at 96th and Q

Plan Now To Attend: Dave Garland's Retirement Party. It will be held in the gym on Thursday evening, May 23. It includes a meal and lots of visiting. See more info on page 3 of the bulletin. Come wish Dave thanks for all the years he gave to this parish and school and wish him well in retirement.

Memorial Day Mass: There will be only one mass on Memorial Day, May 27. It will be at 9:00 am at 96th and Q.

Pre-Ordination Service: Deacon John Norman, who served in our parish last summer, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 1 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral. It is the tradition in our Archdiocese for there to be a prayer service and supper for all the special participants (John's Family, Seminarians, Priests, Serrans and friends of the Ordinandi) the night before. Our parish will host this event and the Serrans and the Vocation's office is in charge of the details. If you wish to attend contact Kathy D'Ercole. Fr. John Norman's first mass will take place on Sunday, June 2 at St. Columbkille's at 2:00 pm. He will be coming to St. Gerald to have a Sunday mass but that will be announced at a later date.

**The PRIDE of
St. Gerald Catholic School**



Mr. Dave Garland
28 Years of Service & Leadership
Retirement Celebration
Date: Thursday, May 23rd
Time: Open House
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Dinner served!
Location: St. Gerald Catholic
School Gym
*Special Presentations at 6:30 p.m.

Who can attend? Anyone....Mr. Garland has touched many lives!
Past and present school families, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff, & parishioners!
*In lieu of gifts, Mr. Garland requests that donations be made to the St. Gerald Tuition Assistance Program

THANK YOU DONORS!

Thank you to all parishioners that donated to the Bethlehem House Mother's Day gifts. They were thrilled with your generosity. Many of the residents are abandoned by family and friends when they choose life for their unplanned babies. Your gifts show that someone out there cares. May God bless you for your kindness. If any donor wants a receipt for tax purposes, please contact Michelle Watkins at 592-1688.



Development Corner by Deacon Chris

Prayer – The Second Pillar of Stewardship

Many years ago our parish began a stewardship model started by the Diocese of Wichita, KS. This model describes stewardship of a parish relying on four pillars (*in this order*): **Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.**

Prayer is the second pillar of stewardship because our relationship with God must be developed before we can help others or help ourselves. Recall that before takeoff the stewardess always says, “secure your own mask before attempting to help others.”

This is true of our faith life, too – our own relationship with Jesus needs to be intact and active before we go out to help our brothers and sisters.

This week we have a golden opportunity to enhance our relationship with Jesus in a striking and beautiful manner. Please sign up to participate in our Corpus Christi procession on Saturday, June 1st.

This *act of faith in action* demonstrates both Who we follow and the treasure of His Real Presence (a miracle that occurs every day!) among us.

To learn more about the **ACTUAL** presence of Jesus in Holy Communion take a look at John 6:53-58 and Mark 14:22-25.

Support for those who Grieve

If you have experienced the death of a loved one in the past 12 – 18 months, we invite you to consider joining us for a six week series of small group gatherings that will begin Tuesday, May 28th. Participation is limited to 10 adults and it is asked that participants plan to attend all six sessions which will be held here in our parish. This series will begin on Tuesday, May 28 and continue through July 2. The sessions last from 7 – 8:30 p.m. If you think you might benefit from this support, please contact Valerie at 402-676-4333. You will receive a phone call to answer any questions and confirm your participation prior to the first evening.



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eugene Valasek, brother-in-law of parishioner Kathy Valasek and for Emily Sobczyk, mother of parishioner Frank Sobczyk. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace with our Lord.

Catholic Communication Campaign-Thank You

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection for the CCC. Because of your support, millions of faithful can gain a deeper understanding of their faith through Catholic resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our archdiocese to support local communication projects. To learn more about the important work supported by the collection for CCC, please visit www.usccb.org (search “Catholic Communication Campaign”).

The Knights Corner

KC Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood drive in the fellowship hall on Sat, June 15, 7am-Noon. Contact Verl Squire 331-4930 or Bob Ryba 331-2125 or go to www.redcrossblood.org use sponsor code 009662 to schedule an appointment. "The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood."

Habitat for Humanity

Would you like a unique opportunity to serve the poor in Omaha?



Habitat for Humanity of Omaha and St Gerald parish are working together to build a simple,

decent home in Northeast Omaha with a needy family.

Volunteers are needed to help build the home, provide meals for the volunteers, and to contribute to the cost of building materials.

Sign up sheets for the project are available in the kiosks at the back of church. Please help if you are able. Contact Tim Mundorf at 592-9056 or tkmundorf@aol.com for additional information.

School News

Last Day of School

School will dismiss on Wednesday, May 22nd. Mass will be celebrated at 10am and children dismissed at 11am for the summer.

Family Night Out

The last FNO for the 2012-13 school year will be Wednesday, May 22 at the Dairy Queen, 72nd & Main Streets. A percent of your food purchases will be returned to St. Gerald Home and School.

Thank you for your support.

Friends



FOQ June event (Only 3 spots left) – Storm Chasers baseball game June 30. Werner Park, Papillion. 12:45—2:30pm picnic prior to game at 2:05. 30 people limit – please return form with remittance to the business office or place in the collection basket prior to June 1 marked “Friends on Q”. Any questions, please call Rosemary at 402 933-9299

or Kathy at 402 331-4324.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ # of tickets _____

\$23 for FOQ members \$25 for non-members

Please return form with payment to the business office or place in the collection.

Women's Social

Women's Fun-Night-Out Group

The next outing for the Women's Fun Night Out Group will be a tour of the Lucky Bucket Brewery at 114th and Giles Road on Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. We need to arrive by 5:20 p.m. Admission cost is \$3.00. After the 45-minute tour, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to eat at Summer Kitchen at 12010 Giles Road. All women of the parish are welcome. If you have questions, contact Nancy, nlech@cox.net.

Quilting and Sewing Group

Join us Monday, May 20, 6-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own projects or help make the prayer mats for the St. Gerald School and Religious Ed students. All are welcome. Contact Jean at 402-331-7524 or jmthompson@cox.net

Walker Totes

The Women's Quilting and Sewing Group has walker totes available for any parishioner needing one; fabric is gender appropriate. Contact Judy at 402-593-9378 or jhaug@cox.net

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.

Religious Education

Mary Harper

Director of Religious Formation
Work.....402-331-1955 x25
Email...mharper@stgerald.org

***Totus Tuus** dates for those entering grades 7-12, June 23-27 & for those entering 1-6, June 24-28. Registration has begun. Please click on Religious Education on the website [@www.stgerald.org](http://www.stgerald.org) for registration and medical release forms. **Registration deadline 6/17.**

Children's Stewardship Corner

I picked flowers for my Mom.

Anonymous

I prayed for my Uncle because he has a brain tumor. Anna

Separation or Divorce is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our special DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help and encouragement.

DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation will be held on Monday evening beginning June 3, 6:30-8:30pm at St Patrick, 508 Angus St in Gretna. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Pre-registration is requested. Cost is \$20 and includes the seminar workbook. Contact Kay Buhrman, 402-551-6003 ext 1304 or ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

Lost Mother's Ring

A parishioner has lost her Mother's Ring at Church, 96th & Q. It has an April stone, two Sept stones, a Nov, Dec & Jan stone each. If you find it, please contact the business office, 402-331-1955, so we can return it to her.

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR MAY 20-25

Mon 5/20/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†James Lemon
	12:15 pm - Church	†Leo Britten
Tues 5/21/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Ernst Hawk
	12:15 pm - Church	†Ed Sterba
Wed 5/22/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Donna Ward
	10:00am - Chapel	†John O'Brien
	10:30 am - Waterford	Special Intention
	12:15 pm - Church	†Alzada McCloud
Thur 5/23/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Joe Steyskal
	12:15 pm - Church	†Francis Swircinski
Fri 5/24/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Mary Jo Wilson
	12:15 pm - Church	†Bernard & Harriet Polski
Sat 5/25/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Laddie Kozeny, Jr

MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sat 5/25/13	5:00 pm - Church	†Edwin & Frances Shotkoski †Dale Finke †Dolores Huls
Sun 5/26/13	7:00 am - Chapel	†Phil, Marg & Pat Sheridan
	7:30 am - Church	St Gerald Parishioners
	9:00 am - Church	†Ethel Eschliman
	10:30 am - Church	†Dan Mendick
	12:00 pm - Church	†Dr. Michael Haller

Sunday, 5/19
10:30am - African Mass Chapel
1:30pm - Marriage Encounter Multipurpose Room
1:30pm - Knights Tournament Fellowship Hall

Monday, 5/20
6:30pm - Scouts Parish Center
6:30pm - Quilting Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 5/21
6pm - Scouts Multipurpose Room
7pm - Men's Recovery Business Office
7pm - AA Conference Room
7pm - School Board School Library

Wednesday, 5/22
11am - School Dismisses for the Summer

Thursday, 5/23
5:30pm - Mr. Garland's Retirement Gym
6pm - Stewardship Mtg Youth Room

Saturday, 5/25
9am - 33 Days to Morning Glory School Library

Sunday, 5/26
11:30am - Welcome Registration Family Room

Readings for the Week of May 19, 2013

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jn 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
 Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Perpetual Adoration: Call Mary Ann at 402-331-0926

Monday: 1am, 2am, 3am 4am, 8am, 1pm, 6pm, 7pm
Tuesday: 12am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 10am, 7pm
Wednesday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 11am, 4pm
Thursday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 7am, 10am, 11am, 3pm, 4pm, 11pm
Friday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 8am, 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm
Saturday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm
Sunday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 2pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm

Bulletin Notices

Submit in writing to the Business Office (Fax or e-mail) by noon on Monday.

Friends on Q Future Events:

June 30: Werner Park Picnic &
 July 21: Ralston Community Theater & Spaghetti Works
 August 28: Indoor Picnic & Bingo
 September 25: Pot Luck & Games
 October 10: Bus Trip Trinity Heights
 November 20: Soup Supper
 December 14: Christmas Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Donation Report

Sunday(5/12/13).....\$23,313.58
 ACH \$9,509.00
 Week Total\$32,822.58
 Weekly Budget\$30,830.00
 YTD Total.....\$1,279,631.83
 YTD Budget\$1,333,420.00
 Variance.....\$(53,788.17)

PHOTOS WANTED

Photos of your parish event or group are wanted for the Spirit Link and for our parish archive. If you have parish photos you would like to share email to StGeraldSpiritLink@gmail.com. Questions: Write to that same address or call Joan Squire, 402-331-4930.

Ministry Schedule for May 25-26

- 5pm:** **EMHC** - B Hunt, R Goodrich, D Marx, L Turco, L Harral, S Vogel, M Gerow
Lectors - D Goodrich, D Carney **Servers** - L & M Lynes, H Carney, S Nickerson **Greeters** - O Lynes, M Peterson, P Parizek **Security** -B Osterman, M Kennelly **HOPE** -L Flott, K Higgason
- 7am:** **EMHC**- J & M McNamara **Lector**- D Kolenda **Servers** - E Swoboda, E Sperry **Greeter** -
- 7:30am:** **EMHC**-T Waszgis, P Semrad, F Kambach, B McDowall, J Smiley, G Reinert, J O'Donnell, G Hunt, J & J Quinn, K Goodro **Lectors** - M Sturek, W Grantski **Servers**- S, J & N Phillips, J Brennan **Greeters**- D & J Schenkelberg **Security**- C & D Wees **HOPE**- G Hunt, R DeWitt
- 9am:** **EMHC**- C Vana, W Reed, K D'Ercole, D Banchor, F Bataillon, T & S Bissen, D & J Koubsky, B Krzemien, G Hacker, M Bystrom **Lectors** - L D'ERcole, T Banchor **Servers**- M & R Sheridan, A Vana, A Reed **Greeters** - B Ruhl, J Adams **Security**-J Jodlowski, J Moore **HOPE**- B Larson, K Carnahan
- 10:30am:** **EMHC** - C Molczyk, C Siedlik, B Tometich, J Hood, A Gallagher, J Robbins, L Kochanowicz, N Welsh, S Paladino, M Olson **Lectors** - N Kochanowicz, J Tometich **Servers**- A Hood, Z Molczyk, E & A Siedlik **Greeters**- L Coenen, K Secret, A Foley **Security**-M Mumaugh, M Nash **HOPE**- T Miller, J Robbins
- Noon:** **EMHC**- J Haug, L Gohr, S Mandolfo, M Sanchez, A Raab, M Chiarbos, C Carbullido **Lector** - J Rentko **Servers**- C Brownfield, O Sullivan **Greeters**- F Curran **Security**- J Franzluebbbers, L Robb **HOPE**- J Steimle

An Evening of Reflection ~ Year of Faith and the Family

Our Lady of Lourdes , 2110 S. 32nd Avenue, May 30

Presented by Father Kevin Barrett, Apostolate for Family Consecration
International Chaplain 7:00 p.m. - *Adoration, Benediction and Reflective Talk (Sacrament of Reconciliation available)*

8:15 p.m. - *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, followed by a reception*

Gross Catholic 2013 Summer Camps

Summer camp information and online registration can be found on the Gross Catholic website, www.grosscatholic.org. We have camps for all ages and interests.

You're Invited Come and pray with us for a pro-life society once a month at St Thomas More, 4804 Grover St. The hour includes Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Benediction and a Homily by a Deacon from the Archdiocese of Omaha. Join us on the 25th of each month at 7pm.

Omaha Gives! Is a 24 hour online fundraising event led by the Omaha Community Foundation (OCF) to bring the community together to support local nonprofits through online fundraising. The 24-hour donation period begins midnight May 22 and goes until the next day midnight. The OCF has set up an online platform at www.omahagives24.org. Holy Family Church has a profile on the Omaha Gives! Site. The organizational description cites Holy Family's mission and mentions all four of their Ministries to the Poor. OCF plans to offer matching money to be shared by all participating nonprofits receiving donations during this period. If anyone wishes to donate to the Holy Family ministries, please consider donating online May 22.

New Family Registration

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

Ralston Baright Public Library

Upcoming summer program, "Dig Into Reading." See the website at www.ralstonlibrary.org for more information.

Host Family Needed

The Center for Cultural Interchange (cci-exchange.org) is seeking a host family in order for an international exchange student to attend Ralston High School this Fall. CCI has over 500 qualified teenagers with English skills, own spending money, and medical/accident insurance. Contact local coordinator, Kathleen Cook, 402-505-6913 if interested and would like to review student biographies. All are anxious to embrace American culture and a host's family's traditions.

Bloom: A retreat for Mothers and Daughters, ages 11-14

July 27-28, Saturday 9am until Sunday at noon. St Benedict Center in Schuyler. Cost is \$164.92 for mother and daughter in shared room which includes five meals for mother and daughter, materials and program. For more information contact Debbie Sheehan at 402-680-0376 or d.sheehan@yahoo.com.