

March 10, 2013
Fourth 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.



Do what you can do: That is my motto when it comes to the different entities that ask me for money.

I will do what I can. Can I go out less, can I drive less, can I make adjustments...for me that is possible, for those on retirement income dependent on Social Security—I know you have no place to adjust. So, you do what you can. If I asked for more, which I did, I apologize for making you feel bad, but know I am grateful for whatever you can do because you can only do what you can do. If this is the case for you, then just fill out the form and tell us, I will continue to do what I have been doing. Like yours, our bills keep going up too and with income stagnant we have to ask. We have so much to be grateful for in our parish and our parishioners are the first and most important part of what it means to be parish. Sometimes I wish I could live in the early church which met in homes, had on payroll, no schools, no churches, no colleges and just met to celebrate the Eucharist, listen to the Gospels and letters and take up a collection for the poor. Aaaauggghhh, they even had collections back then.

News About the Angel Auction: Results from our Angel Auction have made us smile. Not only did the new location provide us with an energizing of our Angel Auction but it also produced some added income. Our last Auction in the fall of 2011 had receipts of \$15,625 for the Live Auction portion; this year we saw receipts of \$19,675. The Silent portion of the Auction in 2011 produced \$23,980 and this year we garnered \$35,570. All these figures are amounts before bills were paid. After all bills are paid we should see a profit of \$82,100 this year. This is up about \$7,000 from last year. Once again, I want to acknowledge all the wonderful volunteers who made this year's Dinner Auction a success. Next year we will do a better job of getting folks to attend because we could easily have fit 50 more people in the gym and still had lots of room to move around. I am going to start a calling committee who will make phone calls to people making personal invites to attend. This parish ought to be able to have 325 attendees.

St. Gerald Parish Forty Hours March 16-19, 2013

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.

Next weekend we begin our Mission: Please come to our Mission talks each evening: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 17-19. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the noon mass on the 17th and continues until the ending of our mission on the 19th. Sign-ups are continuing. We just might have a new pope by that time.

Feast of St. Gerald: Our Patronal Feast is March 13. Join us for the 12:15 pm mass at 96th and Q and a light lunch followed by a talk by Fr. Cliff Stevens on our patron saint. We will recite the Creed at this mass as part of the Indulgence prayers. Fr. Stevens will also give an explanation of indulgences. I will be making two roasters of soup so ya'll come. Might not be chicken noodle, come a find out.

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 other shrines and places where Jesus frequented.

Financial Stewardship Renewal: Part of this renewal is the recognition of all the ways you have financially helped your parish over the past year...I want you to know how grateful we are. In an effort to personalize our letters we also will personalize follow up letters and also personalize the thank you letters. I really am grateful for all you do to keep our financial ship afloat. God Bless.

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:

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 7:30pm 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

Conclave Prayer Service

Join Archbishop George Lucas in praying for the cardinals gathering in Rome to elect the successor to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Sunday, March 10, 1pm, St Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N 40th St.



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.

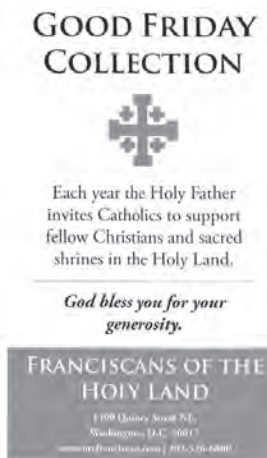
Mission 40: Faith Heals
March 17, 18, 19 7pm
40 Hours of Adoration

St Gerald Knights of Columbus invite you to our annual Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays:

Mar 15, 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.

Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Benedict XVI, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org.



Family Night Out

The next Family Night Out is Wed, March 13, at Don & Millies, 84th & Q. 1st grade will have artwork on display.

Kindergarten Roundup

March 18, call the school to get your child signed up and for more details, 402-331-4223.

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 - 10:00 pm 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.

The next outing of the **Women's Fun Night Out Group** will be on Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. We will be attending a match of the Omaha Rollergirls with the Capital City Roller Girls (All Stars) and the Dakota City Derby Girls (AAA) at the Ralston Arena. Tickets are all general admission and can be purchased at the door for \$15 on the floor or \$12 in the bowl. We will meet at the main entrance at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome. If you have questions contact Nancy at nlech@cox.net.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

March 24 items due March 14
 March 31 items due March 21

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.

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, 2013. Questions call 402-339-4452.

Mother/Daughter Lunch

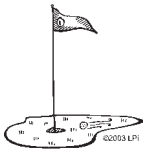
Names: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Deadline April 2nd.



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.

The Knights Corner

Columbium Squires will lead the rosary at 5pm on Sunday, March 17th, dedicating an hour to contemplate the mysteries of the rosary in this Lenten season, and to reverently reflect with the parish during 40 hours. They invite you to participate with them in their rosary. Columbium Squires

Religious Education

Mary Harper

Director of Religious Formation
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Children's Liturgy of the Word Needs You!

Please call to volunteer.

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.

Parent Connection: Luke 15:1-32

Today we reflect on the parable of the prodigal son. The word prodigal means extravagant. In this parable we see a son that has been extravagant in his spending, and a father who is extravagant in his love. We are called to be generous with our love and forgiveness also. If we are holding any grudges, we need to let go of lingering anger and pain. If there is someone that we have hurt, we need to say that we are sorry. If we are in the middle of a dispute, we need to be peacemakers. Talk within your family this week about how this parable might apply to your relationships. (from LTP)

Children's Stewardship Corner

The children of our parish have been telling us of their good deeds in their Sunday envelopes. Here are just a few: *I will pray for all the people who don't believe in God* – Anna
Obey my Mom & Dad – Riley
We gave \$10 to a homeless man – Anonymous
I held the door for 10 people at the hockey game last night – Ethan
I will listen better – Grant
This week I am thankful for my family – Dominic
I am thankful for my baby sister – Rhylee Jean
I helped my Aunt Lara take care of my cousin Lilly – Jadeyn
I helped my Dad make dinner - Kallysta

Youth/Young Adults

Making a difference for good in our world.

Kathy Kensinger,

Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry
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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 15th: Bake Sale at the Parish Fish Dinner. We need your help with dessert items to raise money for our only youth fundraiser for the year.

March 10th: Core Team at 7 pm.

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. **Contact Kathy to participate as a greeter, lector, gift bearer or musician.**

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.

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 March 21st in the Parish library at 7:30 pm. Contact Kathy if you are interested. For more activities see youngadults@archomaha.org

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR MARCH 11-16

Mon 3/11/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Bob Smith
	12:15 pm - Church	†Lawrence & Martha Piitz
Tues 3/12/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†George & Mary Miller †Leo & Mella Biga
	9:00 am - Chapel	†Louise Henrikson
	12:15 pm - Church	†Barb Aitkenhead
Wed 3/13/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Pascale & Betty Baratta
	10:30 am - Waterford	Special Intention
	12:15 pm - Church	†Carolyn Smith
Thur 3/14/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Jack Miller
	12:15 pm - Church	†Marian & Ralph Schindler
Fri 3/15/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Dawn Alter
	12:15 pm - Church	†Howard & Freddie Palma
Sat 3/16/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Thomas O Middleton

MASSES FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 3/16/13	5:00 pm - Church	†Fr Larry Dorsey †Tom Valasek Special Intentions of Virginia Graniewski
Sun 3/17/13	7:00 am - Chapel	†Dennis Wiebelhaus
	7:30 am - Church	St Gerald Parishioners
	9:00 am - Church	†Don Zimmerman
	10:30 am - Church	†Anne Krajicek
	12:00 pm - Church	†Marie Sabers

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners Mary Caradori, Mary Jo Wilson, Reno Blum, for Celestine Bouc, mother of parishioner Jan Savoie, and for Andrew Marinkovich, father of parishioners Judy Haug and Pete Marinkovich. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace with our Lord.

Readings for the Week of March 10
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Baptism

The following entered the Catholic faith and our parish community through Baptism. Welcome to the Christian community!
Nolan Matthew Barker
Victoria Jane Pluta
Megan Marie Eschliman
Rhylee Jean May

Sunday, 3/10

10am - Welcome Registration Family Room
5pm - Bridge Club Multipurpose Room

Monday, 3/11

6:30pm - Lord Teach Me To Pray Multipurpose Room
6:30pm - Scouts Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - Women's Crocheting Family Room
7pm - Adult Education School Library

Tuesday, 3/12

6:30pm - Lord Teach Me To Pray Family Room
6pm - Scouts Multipurpose Room
7pm - Men's Recovery Business Office
7pm - AA Conference Room
7:15pm - RCIA Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 3/13

4:30 & 6:30pm - Religious Ed School
6pm - Friends on Q Fellowship Hall

Thursday, 3/14

9:30am - Bake Sale Mtg Fellowship Hall
3pm - Scouts Conference Room
5:30pm - Confessions Both Churches
6pm - Scouts Fellowship Hall
7pm - Parish Council Classroom
7pm - Baptism Class Multipurpose Room
7pm - Young Adults Family Room
7pm - Adult Education School Library

Friday, 3/15

9am - 2nd grade Retreat Fellowship Hall
4:30pm - KC Fish Dinner Fellowship Hall

Saturday, 3/16

6pm - Father/Daughter Dance Parish Center

Sunday, 3/17

10:30am - African Mass Chapel
Noon - Youth Mass Church
2pm - Natural Family Planning Family Room
7pm - Mission Church

Men's Golf League. Weekly play is scheduled to begin Thursday April 18, 2013 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, 2013, 7:00PM at the golf course. New participants will be notified prior to meeting if slots are available.

Donation Report

Sunday(3/3/13)	\$32,737.68
ACH	\$0.00
Week Total	\$32,737.68
Weekly Budget	\$29,820.00
YTD Total	\$1,002,889.44
YTD Budget	\$1,072,580.00
Variance	\$(69,690.56)

Ministry Schedule for March 16-17

- 5pm:** **EHMC** - M Bystrom, B Hunt, J Kowal, K Goodman, T Jones, L Harral, N Keenan, M Harman, D Marx, V Graff, J Zabrocki, S Plaza **Lectors** - R Iwan, S Vogel **Servers** - J & M Rinkol, J Dermody, N Reinard **Greeters** - P Parizek, B Sojka, M Peterson **Security** -B & D McWilliams **HOPE** -M Benes, S Houlton, K Phillips
- 7am:** **EMHC**- J & C Marino **Lector**- **Servers** -H Marino, O Sullivan **Greeter** - M Sullivan
- 7:30am:** **EMHC**-W Reed, K Goodro, B Krzemien, G Hunt, F Kambach, P Semrad, J Smiley, G Reinert, F & B Coppola, L Kaup, T Waszgis **Lectors** - M Sturek, W Grantski **Servers**- S, J & N Phillips, A Reed **Greeters**- D & J Schenkelberg **Security**- C & D Wees **HOPE**- M & J Sestak
- 9am:** **EMHC**- K D'Ercole, B Wachtler, D & J Koubsky, R & L Sevcik, K Connelly, G Hacker, C Baum, J Kalina, M White, J Perkins **Lectors** - L D'Ercole, M Gerow **Servers**- M & R Sheridan, A White, J VanAuken **Greeters** - J Adams **Security**-B Cupich, J Jodlowski **HOPE**- A Reed, K Yochum
- 10:30am:** **EMHC** - B Smith, J McKernan, C Siedlik, J Robbins, A Gallagher, N Welsh, S Paladino, C Kozlik, S Bonicant, L & N Kochanowicz, M Olson **Lectors** - M Steinbrink, M Haller **Servers**- E & A Siedlik, M & O Adamek **Greeters**- J Kreifels, C Bolin, A Foley **Security**-L Robb, J Moore **HOPE**- P & K Popelka, P Dostal
- Noon:** **EMHC**- C Carbullido, A Raab, M Chiarbos, M Sanchez, S & R Lukowski, S Lukowski, B & J Tometich, J Stringer **Lector** - Youth **Servers**- B & L Dennis, K & A Simas **Greeters**- **Security**- J Franzluebbbers **HOPE**- J Haug

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.** Mentors come from all walks of life and are all ages. Scheduling and school sites are flexible enough to accommodate work schedules and have minimal drive time if needed.

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. Gerald Catholic Church
website: www.stgerald.org

Breakfast Buffet Sunday, March 17 Trinity UMC will serve a Breakfast Buffet from 8AM – 11AM in the Johnson Community Center at 81st and Q Sts. in Ralston. Prices are \$6 for anyone over the age of 12 and \$3 for younger. A continental breakfast of pastry and beverage is available for \$3. The menu will consist of fresh fruit, sausage egg bake/strata, vegetarian egg bake, oatmeal, biscuits and sausage gravy as well as coffee, juice and milk. The breakfast is open to the community and all are welcome. For more information call 402-331-4054.

Notre Dame Club of Omaha

University of Notre Dame Glee Club performs on March 16, 7:30pm, St John's Church at Creighton University. Join us for an unforgettable performance of Irish favorites. \$10 adults, \$5 students, \$25 family. More information contact Joe Kelly at kellyomaha@msn.com or 402-960-2680.

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 Re-treats@StBenedictCenter.com.

Concert The Holy Family Shrine will host a concert by John Dorman on March 17, 2013 at 7:30pm. The evening will be filled with sacred music and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception will follow the concert. All free will donations go to support the Holy Family Shrine.

Announcing **NEW Seeking Truth DAY** class! (24 week study of Acts and Pauline Letters) Registration opens March 15th for Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study. Men and women may choose from city wide **LIVE DAY** class at Christ the King Parish on Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:45 PM or the city wide **LIVE EVENING** class at Creighton Prep on Thursdays 7:30 -9:15 PM. Classes fill quickly so don't delay. Much more information is on website. Register @ www.SeekingTruth.net Class begins on September 12th 2013. Your faith will come alive in God's Word! Best book club around!

New Family Registration

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