

MOTHER'S
Day

Her
children
arise up,
and call
her blessed

Proverbs 31:28

May 12, 2013
Seventh Sunday of Easter



SAINT GERALD PARISH

SAINT GERALD CHURCH 9602 Q ST.-RALSTON, NE 68127 • LAKEVIEW CHAPEL 7859 LAKEVIEW ST.-

We are a Catholic faith community devoted to becoming a dynamic center of worship. We challenge ourselves to lead lives patterned after Jesus. With gratitude we share our faith, talents, gifts and resources so that more people experience God's love.

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Masses

Church - 96th & Q Street

Sat 5:00pm

Sun 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am &

12:00pm

Daily 12:15pm (M-F)

Holy Days 6:00pm (eve), 7:00am,

12:15pm

Chapel - 78th & Lakeview St.

Sun 7:00am

Daily 8:15am (M-Sat) Holy Days 9:00am (children's) 7:00pm

Rosary begins at 7:45 am

For a recording of the Mass times please call 331-1955 ext 21.

Reconciliation

96th & Q Mon-Fri: 12:00-12:15pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Baptisms

You must be a registered parishioner and attend one baptism class. This class is held the second Thursday of every month. Please fill out the form found in the kiosk of the church and return the form to the business office to sign up for the class. **The form MUST be completed and turned in the Tuesday before the Baptism class.** If not turned in by this deadline, you will attend the following class. This is not a walk-in 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. 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 for 3 months.***

Religious Formation: K-8

Children of the parish are supplied with Religious Formation either in our 5-day school or in our Religious Formation Program. Regular and sustained Religious Formation is a life-long process. Parental support at home for their children's religious formation includes attendance at the Sunday Eucharist,



We should be a member: A long time ago St. Gerald was an active member of the Urban Council of Catholic

Women. I went to a luncheon at which 21 women from the Metro area were honored for their service to their parishes. One of them was a friend of mine. These 21 women came from 21 Metro Parishes leaving very few unrepresented. Archbishop Lucas presented the certificate and posed with the ladies for pictures. There were 450 people in attendance. Now that we have a women's organization going in our parish maybe it's time we make connection with this organization. We are not an island and involvement with this entity puts us squarely in the core work of our church; it can't be a bad thing. Archbishop Lucas commented that every Corporal and Spiritual Work of Mercy was represented over and over with the recitation of the works of the 21 women. So much service is accomplished by the women of this parish...it is my hope to see the organization grow in definition and connection to the Church.

Financial Stewardship: To all of you who participated by sending in your commitment cards—I want to thank you. To those of you who learned of the need and make a silent promise to continue doing what you have been doing (or perhaps silently increasing your gift) thank you so much. To any who needed, because of personal circumstances, to adjust their giving, we thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Gerald. **READ LAST WEEKS BULLETIN TO LEARN HOW WE DID WITH OUR RECENT FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL. IT'S ONLINE AT www.stgerald.org**

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. The Church has always encouraged a procession of the Blessed Sacrament on this day. We will have our own parish Corpus Christi Procession on a **Saturday evening, June 1, beginning at 6:30 pm** followed by an Ice Cream social for all the participants. Those of all ages can come and be part of this---rides will be provided for those who can't walk that far and a shuttle will be provided to get people back to their cars at the other site.

Special participant invitations: First Communicants come in First Communion Attire (no need for veils and wear your good outdoor walking shoes); Cub and Boy Scouts—come in uniform; Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts—come in uniform

All parish organizations are encouraged to come, join in, make a banner to carry proclaiming your group (Choir, Knights of Columbus, Liturgy Committee, Men's Club, School—specific class, etc...)

Children: make ribbon banners: 6 to 8 three foot mul-

ticolored ribbons attached to a dowel that is about 2' long. We will make some for you to use if it won't happen at home. Anybody want to help, call Vici Hegarty at 402-592-0862

Omaha Police will provide safety. KC's will provide special honor guard. Men of the parish will carry the canopy. Priests and Deacons will carry the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament and preside at the various prayer/altar stops along the way.

Procession begins at the Lakeview Chapel and will wind its way along Lakeview Street across 84th to Lakeview Drive to 90th then a jog over to Mockingbird Drive ending up at 96th and Q.

Once we get the stops nailed down we will publish these and you can meet us at one of them and join the procession as it winds it's way to the Church.

Fliers will be distributed the week prior telling all people along the way what this will be passing their way. Girl Scouts will help with this.

We are advertising this city-wide so invite your friends from neighboring parishes.

Parishioners who specialize in drapery are making our own parish Canopy that will be used in the procession. All the servers of the parish are invited to come along....when we run out of albs, hope we do, we are going to have you carry Tiki Lamps in the procession, is that cool or not,...maybe taking turns carrying them.

The prayer booklet is about finished and we are planning on praying a decade of the rosary as well as a Litany between each of the stopping points along the route. In addition we are planning on some recorded music (from our choir). There will also be silence too...just to walk along quietly.

SIGN UP FOR HELPING TO CARRY THINGS (CANOPY, BANNERS, TO BE USHERS) BEGINS THIS WEEK AND THE FOLLOWING WEEKS AFTER MASSES—REHEARSAL WILL BE AT 6:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 AT 96TH AND Q.

Congratulations to our Grade School Graduates: This Wednesday St. Gerald School has its 8th grade Graduation Ceremony. Many thanks to the parents who have allowed us to join them in forming their young people in the faith. God bless you and good luck at your chosen High Schools.

Mass Thursday Night at 7:00 pm: Anyone can attend this mass; it is open to all parishioners. The KC's have a mass to begin their meetings and that will be this Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Volunteer Appreciation Mass: St. Gerald will hold its year end mass to honor all those who share their time and talent with our school. This mass will be held in the gym on Friday,

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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. Come wish Dave thanks for all the years he gave to this parish and school and wish him well in retirement.

St. Gerald Catholic Church
website: www.stgerald.org

Business Office Closings

St Gerald Business Office will close at Noon on Friday, May 17. We will also be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Happy Mother's Day

The Pro-Life Committee would like to acknowledge all mothers on their special holiday. Thank you for having the courage to give the gift of life to your children. May God bless you today and through the years for the many sacrifices you do and the love you give. We thank you all!!!!

St. Gerald Parish Council elections will be held May 18 and 19. Please see today's bulletin insert on the five candidates. We will vote for three.

Friends on Q FOQ June event (**Only 7 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.

Hospitality – The First 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.**

Hospitality is the first pillar because the spirituality of stewardship presupposes a disciple who comes to church. By attending Mass we make ourselves receptive to the graces that Jesus showers upon us by studying his sayings through the **Liturgy of the Word**, and through receiving His once-for-all sacrifice in the **Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

Greeters open the door and welcome people with a smile. Ushers help worshippers find a place to sit. So . . . we've got this pillar covered, don't we?

Not so fast – hospitality is the responsibility of everyone at Mass, not just the Greeters and Ushers. We can smile at others we see, particularly those whom we do not already know. We can scoot into a pew to make room for people arriving after us. We can visit with strangers in the Narthex after Mass, or on Doughnut Sunday.

Hospitality is not just a good idea to develop a parish filled with stewards – it's also a direct command from Sacred Scripture – take a look at these verses to hear the very voice of God speaking to you: Hebrews 13:2 and Matthew 25:38-45 and 1st Peter 4:9.

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.

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

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."

School News

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

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 for registration and medical release forms. Deadline June 17 to register.

One Host Family is Needed -

Please call if you are interested in hosting 2 young people in your home for the week. We also need families to host a dinner for the teams (8 individuals) in their home.



A special Thank You to the St Gerald Youth Ministry Core Team who planned our youth activities this year: Daniel Bokor, Kathryn Botkin, Emily Bourne, Taylor Brockhaus, Natalie Brokke, Joe Buck, Sam Buck, Jennifer Luczynski, Clay Madson, Cole Madson, Katherine Mundorf, Maddie Nebel, Sarah Nebel, Kayla Sullivan and Adult Facilitators, Craig Botkin, Sherry Bourne, Kim Brockhaus, Tim Mundorf and Chuck Kensinger. You have all been such a blessing to our parish and to me. Thanks to you all and to St. Gerald parish for making it possible for me to be a part of this ministry. You will all remain in my heart and in my prayers.

Kathy Kensinger

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

New Family Registration

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

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.



The following entered the Catholic faith and our parish community through Baptism. Welcome to the Christian community!

Emily Rose Leddy

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR MAY 13-18

Mon 5/13/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Dennis Wiebelhaus
	12:15 pm - Church	†William Linstrom
Tues 5/14/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Fr William Foster
	12:15 pm - Church	†Cas Gustas
Wed 5/15/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Marian & Ralph Schindler
	10:30 am - Waterford	Special Intention
	12:15 pm - Church	†Dawn Alter
Thur 5/16/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Pascale & Betty Baratta
	12:15 pm - Church	†Frances Shotkoski
Fri 5/17/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Kathy Johnson
	11:00 am - Gym	Special Intentions of our School Volunteers
	12:15 pm - Church	†Marie Sabers
Sat 5/18/13	8:15 am - Chapel	†Laddie Kozeny, Jr

MASSES FOR 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 5/18/13	5:00 pm - Church	PH	†Casimir Beller †Carmelita Malone †Earl Kidder
Sun 5/19/13	7:00 am - Chapel	OK	†Cliff Schoening
	7:30 am - Church	PH	St Gerald Parishioners
	9:00 am - Church	OK	†Anne Krajicek
	10:30 am - Church	PH	†Edward Majerus
	12:00 pm - Church	OK	Members of St Gerald Endowment Funds

Sunday, 5/12
11:30am - Welcome Registration Family Room

Monday, 5/13
3:15pm - Daisy Scouts Conference Room
6:30pm - Scouts Parish Center
6:30pm - Women's Group HOPE Office
6:30pm - Crocheting Family Room

Tuesday, 5/14
6:30pm - Widowed, Divorced, Separated Multipurpose Room
7pm - Men's Recovery Business Office
7pm - AA Conference Room

Wednesday, 5/15
9am - 8th Grade Breakfast Fellowship Hall
7pm - 8th Grade Graduation Church

Thursday, 5/16
3pm - Scouts Conference Room
7pm - Knights of Columbus Fellowship Hall

Saturday, 5/18
9am - 33 Days to Morning Glory School Library
Noon - Fr Foster Golf Lunch Fellowship Hall

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

Bag the Basic Coordinator Needed: Anyone interested in becoming the coordinator for this worthwhile ministry, please call the business office for more details.

Pro-Life: Letting Charities Know
 March of Dimes is making their annual spring appeal. Please remember that this organization is not a friend to the pro-life cause. They continue to use embryonic stem lines in lieu of adult (successful) stem cells. When asked for a donation, we urge you to decline and let them know why. When charities learn why they are losing donations, they do make changes.



Donation Report

Sunday(5/5/13).....	\$26,177.79
ACH	\$0.00
Week Total.....	\$26,177.79
Weekly Budget.....	\$26,760.00
YTD Total.....	\$1,246,809.25
YTD Budget.....	\$1,302,590.00
Variance.....	\$(55,780.75)

Readings for the Week of May 12, 2013
 Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 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



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.

Thank You
 Many thanks to the Fr Foster Council #9518 Knights of Columbus and the parishioners of St. Gerald for their show of appreciation for both clergy and sisters serving St. Gerald Parish. May God Bless your generous spirit!!
Sister Michelle Faltus

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

Ministry Schedule for May 18-19

- 5pm:** **EMHC** - M Bystrom, J Kowal, N Keenan, L Harral, L Turco, T Jones, D Marx, S Plaza, M Harman
Lectors - S Vogel, T Kielian **Servers** - M Dobney, J & R Fraser, C Brownfield **Greeters** - B Sojka, P Parizek, T Martin **Security** - K Kush, K Molczyk **HOPE** - M Benes, S Houlton, K Phillips
- 7am:** **EMHC** - C Ford, M Ward **Lector** - **Servers** - K Kownig, K Prosocki **Greeter** - M Sullivan
- 7:30am:** **EMHC** - L Kaup, B & F Coppola, K Goodro, J & J Quinn, R & M Stracke, B & S Wachtler, G Hunt
Lectors - R Treinen, Z Pohlman **Servers** - C, M, K & A Pohlman **Greeters** - K Barnes, T & G Conley
Security - H Santiago, B Barnes **HOPE** - M & J Sestak
- 9am:** **EMHC** - G Hacker, J Fedra, J Kalina, S Mandolfo, K Connelly, J Perkins, B Ryba, J O'Donnell, D Cotton, J White, G Reinert, J Smiley **Lectors** - D Manley, L Schwartz **Servers** - J & A Fowler, C Meister, M Schwartz
Greeters - J Adams **Security** - N Robbins, B Cupich **HOPE** - A Reed, K Yochum
- 10:30am:** **EMHC** - J & P Neuberger, M White, C Baum, J Luebbert, M Olson, C Kozlik, S Paladino, N Welsh, J & D Koubsky, S Bonifant **Lectors** - V Conzett, P Buck **Servers** - J & C Svoboda, K & E Stavneak
Greeters - J Kreifels, C Bolin, S Prentis **Security** - J Fedra, T Trigg **HOPE** - P & K Popelka, P Dostal
- Noon:** **EMHC** - C Carbullido, M Chiarbos, A Raab, M Sanchez, M Gerow **Lector** - M Harper **Servers** - L & B Dennis, J Dermody **Greeters** - C Herman **Security** - R Ditter, T Hegarty **HOPE** - J Haug

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.

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

SCHOOL/CHURCH CUSTODIAN POSITION. Full-time, competitive salary (scaled to experience), benefits, for an individual who wants to join our dedicated maintenance team. Flexible after school/evening schedule, supportive work environment. Apply to: Bob McClellan, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 14330 Eagle Run Dr. Omaha, NE 68164

Free Children's Clothing

Trinity United Methodist Church and Ralston Public Schools have joined together to create a children's and young adult's clothing center in the basement of the Frank and Velma Johnson Community Center, 8009 Q St in Ralston. Parents and/or guardians may come on Wednesdays between 1-4pm to choose clothing for their family at no charge. Please call Chris at 402-331-4054 if you have questions or wish to donate clothing.

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

Ralston Baright Public Library

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

Can You Help? We need people who are offering an hour or more to stand at the Planned Parenthood, north of 93rd and Maple on Thursdays 8 to noon. Now that we made it through the winter please come and stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. God will surely reward you. Let us rejoice for we have life and even more abundantly through HIM. If you can help, please call Monika at 402 390 2753.

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.