



# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

April 28, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME!

9600 Regent Avenue North  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu | 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday | 9:00am-1:00pm  
Sat-Sun | Closed

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Mon-Fri | 8:30am | English  
Sat | 8:00am | Vietnamese

### Weekends

Sat | 5:00pm | English  
Sun | 8:00am | Vietnamese  
Sun | 9:30am | English  
Sun | 11:00am | English

### Reconciliation

Sat | 4:00pm or by appointment

## PARISH STAFF

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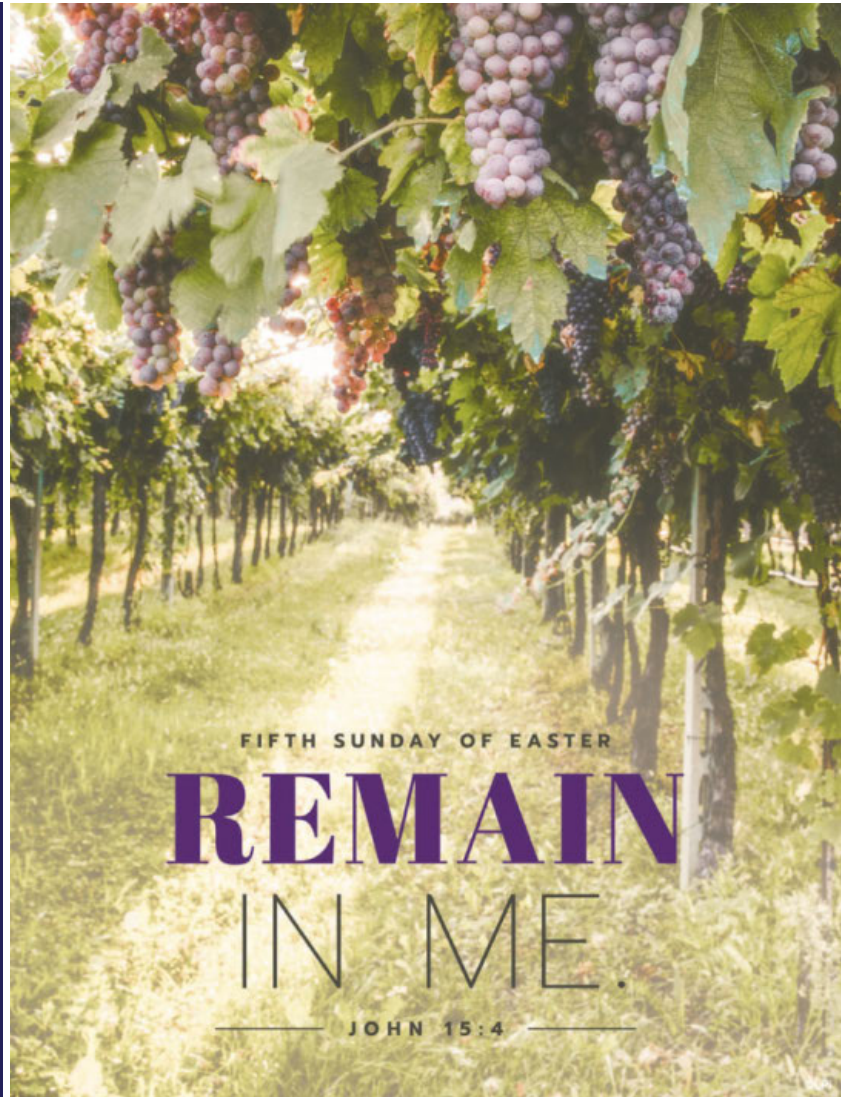
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## LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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Our **Website ([www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org))** is a good source for online giving, recorded homilies, meeting minutes, financials, and more

**Not finding what you are looking for? Just call or e-mail us and we are happy to help!**



## 2 | PARISH UPDATES

The Church of St. Gerard Majella | [st-gerard.org](http://st-gerard.org)

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, April 29

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:30pm | Grief Share

#### Tuesday, April 30

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

#### Wednesday, May 1

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

6:00pm | Faith Formation & 1st Communion Retreat

#### Thursday, May 2

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

#### Friday, May 3

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

#### Saturday, May 4

8:00am | Daily Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

4:00pm | Confessions (English)

5:00pm | Mass (English)

#### Sunday, May 5

##### **Coffee & Donuts After All Masses**

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, April 29

8:30am | OPEN

#### Tuesday, April 30

8:30am | OPEN

#### Wednesday, May 1

8:30am | OPEN

#### Thursday, May 2

8:30am | Carol A. King +

#### Friday, May 3

8:30am | OPEN

#### Saturday, May 4

5:00pm | Dorothy May +

#### Sunday, May 5

9:30am | Margaret Jaeger +

11:00am | People of the Parish

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone who has passed, please contact the Parish Office to schedule it. *Suggested free will offering of \$10.*

If you want to have prayers for living individuals who are sick or in need of prayer, please add their names to the parish prayer book or contact the Parish Office and we will add them for you. These prayers are included in every Mass on weekends.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED



Congratulations to the young people from our parish that received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week! Please continue to pray for them and their faith journey!







**HOLY SPIRIT MOSAIC**

As many of you may have known or seen, we have had a plywood panel on the floor ever since the altar was moved. Recently through the generosity of a parishioner a new mosaic floor tile was installed. It is in the image of the Holy Spirit.

The Liturgy Commission chose the image with the idea of completing the Trinity. We have the Eye of God in the stained-glass window and Jesus on the Altar.

The mosaic will be blessed at all Masses at Pentecost.



**CORN FEST UPDATES**

**Corn Fest entertainment is taking shape.** Many of you will recognize Pat Balder, our music director for 20+ years, when he teams up with Glen Everhart in Super Duos on Friday night, August 9 at 7pm. Mark your calendars for what will be a fun evening for all. Entertainment on Saturday will be announced soon - keep watching for updates. **Please note - Corn Fest is in immediate need of an advertising lead. Please call Craig with questions, 763-200-3949.**

**WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS**

*We are so happy you are here!*

Jean Haremza

Linda Mack

Nam Nguyen

Dzung, Thom, Huy & Kim Pham

Vini, Mariana Alvarado, Gabriel, Mateo & Adriana Rodriguez

Jacqueline Sorg

Jane Watje

Bob Wilson

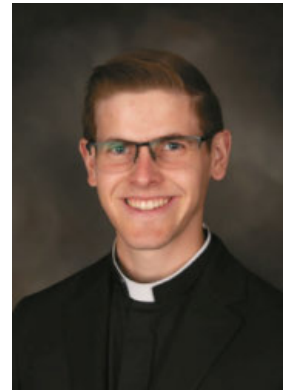
Ryan Bang & Anne Marie Bundy

**INVITATION TO DIACONATE ORDINATION**

Dear St. Gerard's Community,

It is with great joy in my heart that I announce to you that I have officially received my call to orders and will be ordained a deacon on **May 11th at 10am at the Basilica of St. Mary.**

I would like to invite all of you to attend my ordination the morning of May 11th. If you plan on attending, please arrive early because it may be difficult to find parking. You can expect the ordination Mass to be about 2 hours long. There will be a reception after the Mass where you will be able to greet myself and the four other deacons who will be ordained with me.



I am so grateful for the many formative experiences I have had here at St. Gerard's throughout these three years I have been with you. They have helped to prepare for this very important moment in my life. I will carry with me to ordination and beyond all of these rich experiences. I am grateful to all of you for the part you played in helping me to respond yes to God's call.

I am very excited to begin my new chapter of ministry here at St. Gerard's as a deacon. **I will be preaching all the Masses May 18th and 19th at St. Gerard's in thanksgiving for my ordination to the diaconate.** This summer I will be assigned to a parish in the twin cities area to continue my formation for the priesthood. I will return to St. Gerard's once a month starting in September until the end of the school year in 2025 when I will God willing be ordained a priest. I am joyfully anticipating the many graces God will continue to pour out upon me through the St. Gerard's community as I continue my journey to the priesthood. Please pray for me as I turn the page and begin this new and exciting chapter in my life. Know of my prayers and gratitude for you all.

In Christ,

Zachary Ochsenbauer



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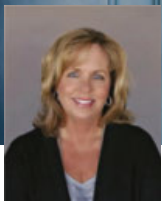
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