



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All Are Welcome To Encounter Christ

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm

Friday: 9 am-1 pm

Saturday, Sunday: CLOSED

MASSES:

Weekdays: 8:25 am

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Or

By appointment (763) 424-8770

PASTORAL STAFF:

Fr. John Klockeman

Fr. Joseph-Quốc Thiện Vương

Karl Kornowski - Parish Administrator

E. Jona Winkelman - Dir. Faith Formation

Amy Wittack - Coordinator of Liturgy

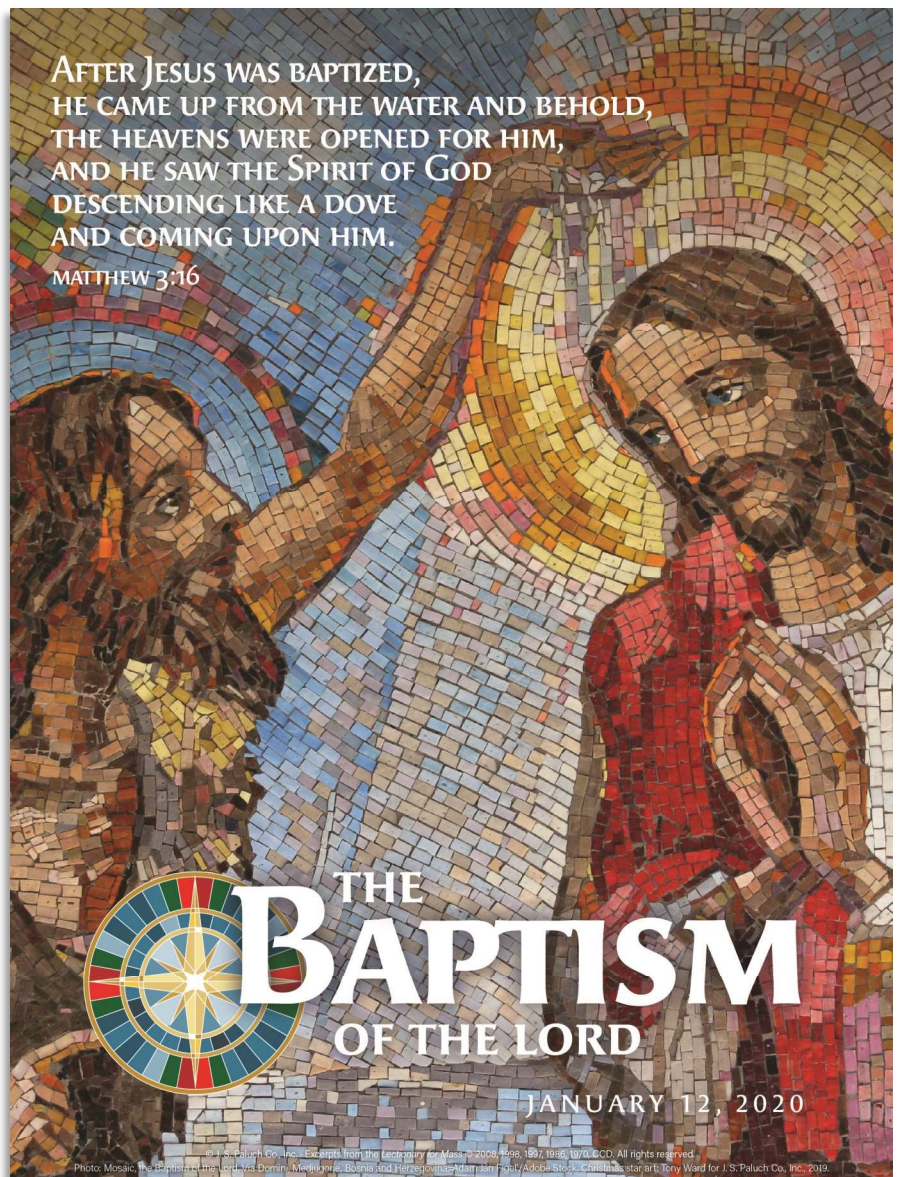
MAIN OFFICE:

Sue Czerniak - Administrative Assistant

FACILITIES SERVICES:

Bob Imholte - Facilities Care Coordinator

Geoff Moore - Custodian



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Our Prayers Have Been Answered!

It is with great joy, with gratitude to God, and thanksgiving to you for your continuous faithful prayers, that I announce a new member of our parish staff Jona Winkelman. She comes highly qualified in faith formation leadership experience, teaching background, as well as a doctoral candidate in Sacred Theology. In other words, she is creative, inventive, collaborative, decisive, relational, family-oriented, pleasant and upbeat, and highly skilled in theology, evangelization, and discipleship while calling forth of spiritual gifts to build up the kingdom of God in our lives, our parish, and the world around us. I/we could not ask for more as we enter this new season of renewal at Saint Gerard – honoring our past and building for our future.

Jona will be present at and commissioned at each of the Masses the weekend of January 18th and 19th. Following each Mass she will be present to meet and greet and will also be meeting with faith formation families on the coming Wednesday and Sunday nights. She will also be present with me answering some very impressive questions from our Edge students who want to go deeper in their understanding of our Catholic Faith in relation to our current culture.

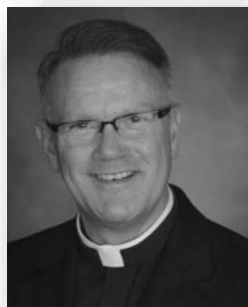


Please give Jona a generous Saint Gerard welcome as she begins her ministry here. I ask that our parish leadership – our trustees, the finance council, the parish council, and the faith formation commission will meet with her soon.

God's providence to us is good. I am confident of her as a blessing to us and our faith formation families.

Come Holy Spirit,

Father John Klockeman



NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Prep Class at St. Gerard's will be at 9:30am on Saturday, **January 18**. Classes are typically the third Saturday of the month. Please call the parish office at 763-424-8770 to register for the preparation class and schedule a date for the baptism. Parents are also asked to register as members of our parish.

DAILY MASS AT ST. GERARD

Did you know that St. Gerard's has daily Mass in the Chapel on Tuesday - Friday at 8:25am (and a Communion Service at 8:25am on Monday)? Did you also know that you can stay after Mass (on the second Friday of each month) and enjoy fellowship and breakfast with each other? Breakfast alternates by month for "eating in" in St. Francis Hall or "eating out" at a local restaurant. This month (Friday, January 10) will be at a local restaurant (TBD). You are invited to attend! All are welcome!

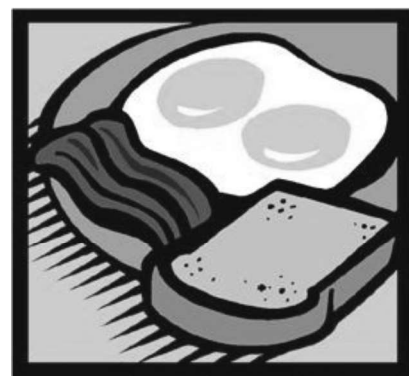
PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

If you would like to make some pre-planning funeral arrangements for yourself or a loved one, contact Amy Wittak at amyw@st-gerard.org or 763-424-8770 to receive materials for planning a funeral service, including selections for Scripture readings and for appropriate music. You may also visit the parish website (FUNERALS) to review or print materials.

WEDDING PLANS?

Interested in getting married at St. Gerard's? Contact Amy Wittak (amyw@st-gerard.org or 763-424-8770) for more information. Congratulations on your engagement!

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP



Today after Masses!

Justice and Outreach

Faith Formation

SISTER PARISH MISSION TRIP - McALLEN, TX

Below are some pictures “from the road” as our sister parish group is down in McAllen, TX. Please keep them in your prayers!



CONFERENCE FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Thursday, **January 23**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Holiday Inn & Suites, 8511 Hudson Blvd., Lake Elmo

This conference is open to all victim/survivors, and anyone who has been impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Hear from Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, retired Justice Janine Geske from Milwaukee, Tim O'Malley, and others. A panel of survivors and others will share their experiences concerning clergy sexual abuse and how it has changed their lives. Lunch is provided. There is no fee to attend; however, space is limited. To reserve a space please email Paula Kaempffer, Archdiocesan Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, at kaempfferp@archspm.org, or Tom Ring, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney, at tom.ring@co.ramsey.mn.us by January 20. Call 651.291.4429 for more information.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

St Gerard's Faith Formation has an opportunity to help feed children in need. Faith Formation grades 1 – Confirmation and their parent(s) will be able to help pack meals for children in need. The date is

Wednesday February 19, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:30pm. The event will be held at the Egan Company in Champlin (117th Ave N & Hwy 169). We still have some slots available. Please visit the link on our parish website, www.st-gerard.org, to register.



FF FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night will be **Wednesday February 19**, which is the Feed My Starving Children event at the Egan Center in Champlin. There will be no classes on February 19 due to the Feed My Starving Children event. All Parishioners welcome to attend!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, **January 15** at 6:00PM. Please pray for our students and their families as they enter the final preparations for this special sacrament.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

There will be a First Eucharist parent meeting on Wednesday, **February 12** from 6:00 - 7:15PM. This meeting is for parents who have a child making their First Eucharist this spring (2020).

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Attention Confirmation students and families! Mark your calendars! The Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Saturday, **April 4**, 2020 from 10:00am - 9:00pm. More information to follow.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in the Chapel during the 8:30 and 10:30AM Masses. It's an opportunity for kids to read and reflect on the readings at their own level. It is meant primarily for elementary aged children. There's no registration and you don't need to be a parishioner of St. Gerard's to attend. **ALL KIDS ARE WELCOME.**

Announcements

WELCOME TO ST. GERARD'S

If you are visiting St. Gerard's today and would like more information about the parish or how to become a member, please stop by the welcome desk in the gathering space and sign our guest registry. You can also visit the "I Am New" tab of our website (www.st-gerard.org) or parish app ("St Gerard Majella" in the app store) And check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/churchofsaintgerard>). Thank you for worshipping with us today.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

The St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus are looking for men in our parish to join us in our mission to support our parish, our faith, and our Catholic way of life. As you may know, the Knights are one of many valued parish groups whose work brings a variety of benefits to our parish and community. Through many visible activities, we support our parish youth groups and people with special needs in our community and beyond. We support our seminarians and our priests in special projects not always visible. Finally, we host events and invite our parish to get together as a family so that the fabric of our parish community is strengthened. If you are interested in membership and would like to receive information, please visit our website at kc13001.mnknights.org or email knights13001news@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

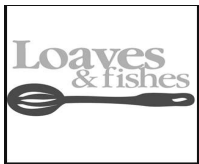
The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to us.

EASY GIVING FOR ST. GERARD'S!

- **Website:** www.st-gerard.org GIVE page
- **Mobile App:** GIVE page
- **Auto Withdrawal:** Contact the Parish office at 763-424-8770

Thank you for your continued support!

LOAVES & FISHES



On the fourth Friday of each month St. Gerard's prepares, transports, and serves a meal at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis to people in need. The serving team serves from 5:00 - 7:00pm at St. Stephen's School Building (2123 Clinton Ave S, Minneapolis, 55404). Sign up to help serve on the easel in the Gathering Space. We need 16-20 people to best assist this ministry. Our next date is Friday, **January 24th**. Contact Karen Brenteson at 763-561-7411 with questions.

This Week at St. Gerard's

MASS INTENTIONS:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:25 am - Jona Winkelman

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:25 am - Bob Imholte

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

8:25 am - Karl Kornowski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

8:25 am - People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:00 pm - Phil Marxen †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 am - Dr. Ibarek Gebre †

10:30 am - Parker Johnson †

UPCOMING WEEKEND MASSES:

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

IS 49:3, 5-6

1 COR 1:1-3

JN 1:29-34

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Mon Jan 13, 2020

8:25am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am Communion Service (Cha)

7pm Justice & Outreach Mtg.(F)

7pm Youth Homelessness Mtg. (Away)

7:30pm Scouts (H, 3)

Tue Jan 14, 2020

8:25am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am Eucharist (Cha)

9am Perpetual Help Devotion (Cha)

9:15am Women's Prayer & Support Group (F)

7pm Hospitality 360

7:30pm Regent AA(4)

Wed Jan 15, 2020

8:25am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am Eucharist (Cha)

9am Adoration (Cha)

6pm FF- 1st-5th (ALL)

6pm FF-1st Reconciliation Celebration (Chu)

7pm Music Rehearsal (MR)

Thu Jan 16, 2020

12am Adoration (Cha)

8:25am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am Eucharist (Cha)

10am Cornerstone Scripture Study (Rms 1 thru 7, FS)

10am Funeral: Anthony Czerniak

6pm Centering Prayer (Cha)

Fri Jan 17, 2020

8:25am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am Eucharist (Cha)

Sat Jan 18, 2020

9:30am Baptism Prep Class (F)

4pm Individual Confessions (Chu)

5pm Eucharist (Chu)

Sun Jan 19, 2020

8:30am Eucharist (Chu)

10:30am Eucharist (Chu)

10:30am FF - NO St. G's Kids

11:30am Baptisms (Chu)

6pm FF Edge & Confirmation Sessions (All)