



# 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

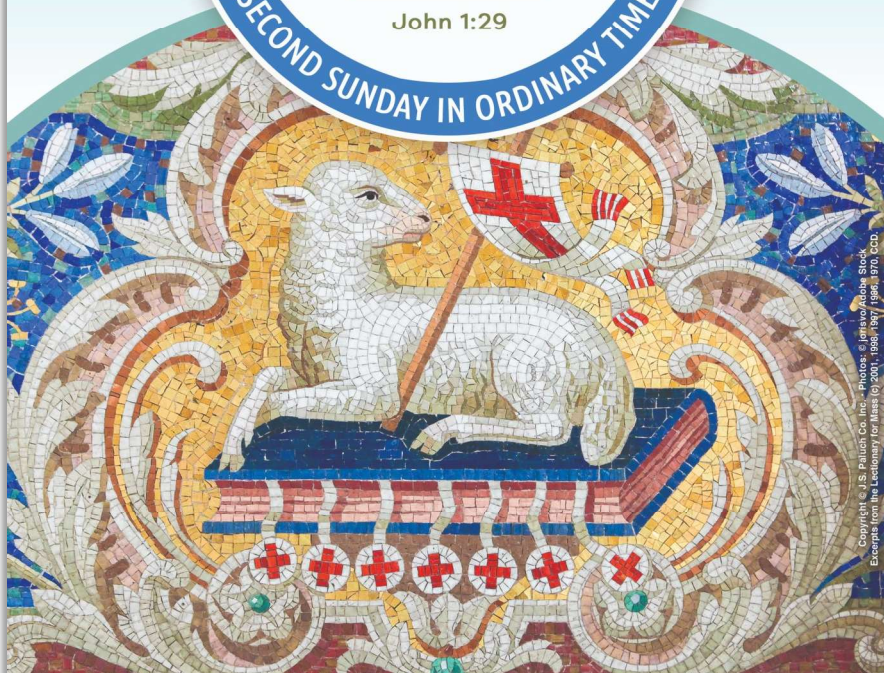
Geoff Moore - Custodian

JANUARY 19, 2020

John the Baptist  
saw Jesus coming  
toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away  
the sins of the world."

John 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## The Church of St. Gerard

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

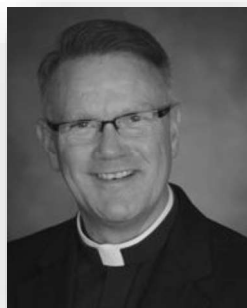
Seasons come and seasons go, and so do valued staff members in each parish as new horizons open. As many of you may already know, Amy Wittak, has accepted a position as Director of Liturgical Ministry at Lumen Christi in Saint Paul. This is a wonderful advancement for her in her ministerial work, and I/we as a staff are deeply happy for her as an opportunity to use her gifts and talents in the wider Church. Amy and I had a long conversation concerning her desires to serve at Lumen Christi, and I sense that this is the best move for her, her gifts, and her family. She has faithfully served with joy and relational connection at Saint Gerard's these past four years amid times of staff and leadership transition. We pray for her and her family to receive every grace and blessing as the future unfolds.

While Amy and other staff members have moved on, others have come to be a part of our parish community. In addition to the arrival of Father Joseph and me, we have other staff members who have become vital members of Saint Gerard. Bob Imholte, Facilities Care Coordinator, who has done joyfully an incredible job of fixing and updating long-neglected facility repairs for our parish while beautifying our campus as well. He is a blessing to our parish and to our staff. In addition to Bob, we have hired Geoff Moore, who is our custodian. Geoff not only cleans our church and classrooms, etc. he also sets up and breaks down any tables, chairs, etc for required events. He, as well, is a man of joy and high Christian integrity. What a blessing. Finally, we have hired Jona Winkelman as our Director of Faith Formation. In only a week, she has shown herself an invaluable asset to our parish with new vision and creativity. She, as all our new hires, are a demonstration of God's providence. We are blessed.

Feel free to introduce yourself to our new hires over these coming weeks pre and post Mass. Our parish is entering into a new era of creativity and vitality.

God bless you and your families,

Father John Klockeman



## The Church of St. Gerard

### Catholic Schools Week Feb 1st and 2nd

Have you ever considered a Catholic school for your child? If so, we have invited Ave Maria Academy, Epiphany, St. Alphonsus, St. Stephens, and St. Vincent's to represent themselves in the atrium after mass on Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd. Each school has education opportunities from Preschool through 8th grade. Come visit after mass with these Catholic schools in our area and members of our St. Gerards parish whose children attend them to learn more. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Katie Bartsch at [dk\\_bartsch@msn.com](mailto:dk_bartsch@msn.com).

### Sewing With A Purpose

Are you looking for a way to use your gifts of sewing to help those in need? Whether you are an accomplished quilter or someone who is looking to learn, please consider volunteering to become a CEAP Quilter. They meet from 9 AM to 12 noon on Mondays during the school year in order to make quilts and other clothing items for those in need.

The CEAP Quilters would like to Thank St. Gerard's for their continued contributions of sheets, fabric, yarn and other sewing supplies. Please check out the display this weekend in the gathering space and contact Ann at 612-850-4445 if you would like to learn how to get involved.



## Justice and Outreach

Thank you St Gerard's for responding to the immediate need in our local community. With support from the Angel Tree, who this year offered an opportunity to donate towards our Youth Homeless initiative, we were able to donate 43 pairs of pajamas for Brooklyn Avenues.



*"Pajamas are one of the most important donations for Avenues, and one of the hardest donations to get. The majority of youth at Avenues don't have much clothes, let alone a set of pajamas. With the new pajama's, youth will be able to change into something comfortable, feel at home, and have the clothes they brought washed before having to wear them again. Thank you for the donation [St. Gerard's]!"*

- Katherine Meerse,  
Executive Director of Avenues for Youth

### **Prayer Service for Life – January 22, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul**

Celebrated by Rev. John L Ubel, this annual prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome.

**Did You Know?** This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. [www.usccb.org/january-22](http://www.usccb.org/january-22)

## Faith Formation

Greetings! My name is Jona Winkelman and I will have a chance to meet many of you for the first time this weekend. I must tell you what an honor it is to be here to serve this community in the capacity of Director of Faith Formation.



I had my first chance at St. Gerard this week to experience First Reconciliation with the 7 year olds of the parish. Like these precious kids, we all feel a little nervous (or a lot) when we receive this sacrament. However, I was reminded again of the beauty of reconciliation as I observed the freshness of the faces of these children after they have received absolution. I will certainly go next time with the expectant hope of that same freshness in my own soul.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks and months.

-Jona

### **RECYCLE ELECTRONICS FOR FAITH FORMATION**

Did you get some new electronics for Christmas and your now have extra "stuff"? Maybe you don't know what to do some of those old electronics collecting dust in a drawer. We have the answer! Bring it up to church and put it in the basket outside the office door. We'll recycle it through a company that will re-purpose it while paying the parish money for it. Here's what we can take: injet printer cartridges (no laser toners, please), any cell phone (working or not), digital cameras or video cams (no film cameras), GPS devices, tablets and Ipads (working or not), Sorry, we cannot take laptops or computer towers. Those should go to Best Buy or Hennepin County recycling. So far, we've raised over \$4,000 through this project so it is definitely worthwhile. If you have questions, contact Dave Brom at 763-560-8845 or at [bahamamama3@comcast.net](mailto:bahamamama3@comcast.net).

### **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.

## Special Events:

### **Breakfast with Legislators**

Tuesday, January 28 from 7-9 am

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

Meet with your state and local policy makers to build relationships and proclaim as people of God that everyone needs a home. The session will consist of short state and local policy presentations on affordable housing. A continental breakfast will be provided.

### **Human Rights & Caucus Resolutions to Support Them**

Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. - Free Pizza and Salad Buffet 6:30 p.m. - Program

Mississippi Room, Brooklyn Park Library

8500 West Broadway Avenue, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Think Again Brooklyns will meet at the Brooklyn Park Library January 21, the day after Martin Luther King Day.

(City Hall will be closed on Monday so the Brooklyn Park City Council members will use the Chambers Tuesday for an Economic Development Authority meeting.)

### **Healing Series Talks at Our Lady of Lourdes: Harm, Healing, and Wholeness**

**Sunday, January 19 at 9:45 a.m.** at Our Lady of Lourdes, 1

Lourdes Place, Minneapolis

Come learn about the work being done locally through Rachel's Vineyard from Vicotria Johnson, Nancy Blom, and Fr. Marcus Millis. Meet in Hofstede Hall.

### **Newly Married Retreat: Living in Love**

**February 1, 2020, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Mendota**

A day for all couples just married through 7 years of marriage. Join us for lively presentations with practical, relevant, and inspirational examples from the creators, Brad and Libby, that will open up conversations for you and your spouse. Living in Love provides an extraordinary opportunity for married couples to reconnect with their own love history through private couple time, brief communal prayers, and a renewal of vows. There is no large group discussion or open sharing. \$40 per couple and includes a course book, light breakfast and a catered lunch. Register at [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org).

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena January 14-22 via email, text message, or an app. Sign up today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

# This Week at St. Gerard's

## MASS INTENTIONS:

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

8:25 am - Lorraine Hentges †

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:25 am - Richard Potvin †

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

8:25 am - Those suffering from Cancer

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

8:25 am - Confirmandi of the Parish

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

5:00 pm - Marvin Jacobs †

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:30 am - Jean Eidem †

10:30 am - People of the Parish

### UPCOMING WEEKEND MASSES:

Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

**IS** 8:23—9:3

**1 COR** 1:10-13, 17

**MT** 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### **Mon Jan 20, 2020**

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours(Cha)

8:30am - 9am Communion Service(Cha)

### **Tue Jan 21, 2020**

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours(Cha)

8:30am - 9am Eucharist (Cha)

9am - 9:30am Perpetual Help Devotion(Cha)

9:15am - 11:15am Women's Prayer & Support Group (F)

6:30pm - 7:30pm Finance Council (F)

7pm - 9pm KC Council Meeting (5,6,7)

7:30pm - 9pm Regent AA(4)

### **Wed Jan 22, 2020**

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours(Cha)

8:30am - 9am Eucharist (Cha)

9am - 12am Adoration (Cha)

6pm - 7:15pm FF - 1st-5th ( ALL)

7pm - 8:15pm Music Rehearsal(MR)

### **Thu Jan 23, 2020**

12am - 8:30am Adoration (Cha)

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours(Cha)

8:30am - 9am Eucharist(Cha)

9am - 10:30am L & F Bread Buttering(K)

10am - 12pm Cornerstone Scripture Study (Rms 1 thru 7, FS)

6pm - 7pm Centering Prayer (Cha)

7pm - 9pm Sister Parish Meeting(A)

### **Fri Jan 24, 2020**

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours(Cha)

8:30am - 9am Eucharist (Cha)

8:30am - 9:30am Loaves & Fishes Prep(H,K)

5pm - 6pm Loaves & Fishes at St. Stephen's Minneapolis

### **Sat Jan 25, 2020**

4pm - 4:30pm Individual Confessions(Chu)

5pm - 6pm Eucharist(Chu)

### **Sun Jan 26, 2020**

8:30am - 9:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Cha)

8:30am - 9:30am Eucharist(Chu)

10:30am - 11:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Cha)

10:30am - 11:30am Eucharist(Chu)

10:30am - 11:30am FF - St G's Kids (1-4)

6pm - 7:30pm FF Edge & Confirmation Sessions (All)