

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9ND, 2020



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

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You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14

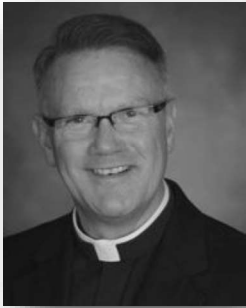
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



On the weekend Masses in honor of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on February 1 and 2nd, the homily proclaimed our call to “open wide the door of the temple of our hearts” to let in the Lord whom we seek. As the prophet Malachi, inspired by the Holy Spirit, exhorted all of us said, *“And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire”* (Malachi 3:1b).

But, how do we open the gates or doors of our hearts, how do we keep them open, and how shall we cooperate to keep them opening ever wider? **I presented three simple ways in which all of us could respond to those questions.** For all of us, conscious or not, desire God’s presence; and God above all else, desires to abide in us, His prized place to reside. So, let us meet God and our heart’s desires with these three daily practices in our lives: 1. to live a life of **gratitude**, which opens the soul, the very core of our being, to live lives of magnanimity . . . to be a “large souled” people; and, 2. to let gratitude overflow into a life of **generosity** to God in lives of worship and obedience to His commandments while perceiving and meeting the needs of our neighbor; and, 3. to live a life of daily on-going **prayer**, where the soul speaks in friendship to God of the deep desires of the heart while

listening to His response to act with virtue and to resist sin.

Each and every one of us are called to be made whole in Christ, called to holiness in imitation of God, to energetically practice the gifts of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming the Kingdom of God, and to a greatness for which God has created us! We should not, nor shall any disciple of Christ, let him or herself be robbed by the adversary of our souls . . . wait for next week’s bulletin for the answer to a more robust life in Christ!

-Father John

ASH WEDNESDAY (Mark your calendars)

7:00AM—Mass in the Church

4:30PM—6:30PM —Soup Supper

6:30PM—7:30—Mass

7:30PM — 8:30—Soup Supper

And...



Stay tuned



Feed My Starving Children

A Reminder for those who have signed up to participate in the Feed My Starving Children "MOBILEPACK."

The date is approaching on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 6:00 pm. - 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Egan Company of Chaplin (117th Ave N & Hwy 169). Participants will meet at the site. If you have a St. Gerard T-shirt, please wear it so we can recognize one another.

There will be NO Faith Formation classes Wednesday, February 19, 2020 so that all families may participate in the Feed My Starving Children MOBILEPACK.



Each year, the **Catholic Services Appeal** funds 20 Designated Ministries including:

- Serving 265,000 meals and snacks to those in need.
- Providing hope and help to over 1,300 women and families with pro-life support, including outreach to the disabled.
- Assisting with tuition, room and board for those studying for the priesthood for our Archdiocese.

Contributions go directly to the Designated Ministries. To learn more, go to www.csafspm.org.

MINISTERING TO GRIEVING FAMILIES

Our Funeral Ministries provide needed comfort for families grieving a loss. If you have a passion for serving or just being a comforting presence for others, please consider volunteering to help. Currently looking for: Luncheon help, Pastoral Care volunteers for Funerals, Organizers, Multimedia, and Laundry Cleaning. If you have a passion for Pastoral Care, please let us know. This is such a crucial Ministry.

For more information, please contact the office at 763-424-8770.



First Communion is fast approaching. Personally I am always delighted to see the children approach the altar to receive the first time. They often look a little nervous. But more than anything the joyful expectation on their faces adds to my own. As I watch them, I hold my breath in anticipation hoping they have a

wondrous encounter with Jesus as they receive Him in His body and blood. It reminds me to anticipate Jesus' glorious gift with the same wonder and awe as it were my first time to receive Him every time I receive Him.

We will have our first, first communion parent meeting this week on February 12. Please keep all of these families, particularly those who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time near your heart in prayer.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Faith formation families regularly participate in Ash Wednesday services. We encourage you to use this opportunity as formation for your family beginning Lent together. We also invite you to participate in the soup supper before or after Mass. We will not be meeting in individual classes.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, February 12 from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. will be the first meeting for parent(s) of First Communion students. First communion students should attend with their parent(s).

CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 12 there is NO elementary school formation other than First Communion families.

LIFELINE MASS

Lifeline is a dynamic, energetic Mass specifically for teens grades 8 -12 that creates an opportunity to be engaged by contemporary music, vibrant speakers and a chance to worship with other teens from around the region. The March event will take place the first Saturday, March 7. A chartered bus will depart from St. Gerard at 4:30 p.m. and will return by 10:15 p.m. You may contact the Church office or Jona Winkelman for more information and a link to register online. Please sign up by visiting the link on the Fa-

Special Events:

Archdiocesan Synod – Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

Tuesday, February 11, 6-9 p.m., Providence Academy, Plymouth

Saturday, February 15, 9 a.m.-noon, Lumen Christi, St. Paul

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6-9 p.m., St. Stephen, Anoka

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

SOUP SUPPER—ASH WEDNESDAY

Come together in fellowship as we enter our Lenten journey. Our second annual Soup Supper will be held from 4:30-6:30PM and 7:30-8:30PM on Ash Wednesday. If you are interested in cooking or serving, please contact the office.

2020 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference – *Arise, the King is Calling Your Name*

February 22, 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, Edina

Please join us for this year's conference with opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, inspiring talks by Dr. Mary Healy and Dr. Carol Razza, and the music of His Own. There will be opportunities for Confession, adoration, shopping, and to pray with prayer teams, along with a lot of laughter, a fabulous lunch, chocolate, and door prizes. \$55 before Feb. 1, \$70 after.

Space for 200 women is available for a **Gathering in the Vineyard** on **Friday, February 21, 6:30-9 p.m.** This extension of the conference, will bring together women passionate about living out the New Evangelization. Includes dinner, praise and worship, networking, entertainment, the music of His Own, and a few surprises. \$100 for Friday Social Gathering & Saturday conference before Feb. 1, \$150 after. For more information and to register visit WINEconference.org.

This Week at St. Gerard's

MASS INTENTIONS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:25 am - Arthur Dols †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:25 am - Bert Stock †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:25 am - Children of Richard Potvin

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:25 am - Tony Czerniak †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 pm - Marian Jacobs †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am - Larry Molenaar †

10:30 am - Myra Kolor and Kokoe Amu
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UPCOMING WEEKEND MASSES:

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SIR 15:15-20
1 COR 2:6-10
MT 5:17-37 OR
5:20-22A, 27-28,
33-34A, 37

PRAYER LIST: Diane Carlson, Deborah Davis, Laurie Carroll, Donna Curtiss, Gene Hoelsher, Joyce Laher, Michael Morrison, Kathleen Walsh

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Mon Feb 10, 2020

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)
8:30am - 9am Communion Service (Cha)
7pm - 8:30pm Youth Homelessness Mtg. (F)
7:30pm - 9pm Scouts (H, 3)

Tue Feb 11, 2020

7:25am - 7:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)
7:30am - 8am Mass (Cha)
8am - 8:30am Perpetual Help Devotion (Cha)
9:15am - 11:15am Women's Prayer & Support Group (F)
7pm - 9pm Hospitality 360
7:30pm - 9pm Regent AA (4)

Wed Feb 12, 2020

7:25am - 7:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)
7:30am - 8am Mass (Cha)
9am - 12am Adoration (Cha)
6pm - 7:15pm FF- 1st-5th (ALL)
6:30pm - 8:30pm FF 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting
7pm - 8:15pm Music Rehearsal (Chu)

Thu Feb 13, 2020

12am - 8:30am Adoration (Cha)
7:25am - 7:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)
8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)
10am - 12pm Cornerstone Scripture Study (Rms 1 thru 7, FS)
6pm - 7pm Centering Prayer (Cha)

Fri Feb 14, 2020

7:25am - 7:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)
7:30am - 10:30am Chapel Group Breakfast - (K)
7:30am - 8am Mass (Cha)

Sat Feb 15, 2020

4pm - 4:30pm Individual Confessions (Chu)
5pm - 6pm Mass (Chu)

Sun Feb 16, 2020

8:30am - 9:30am Mass (Chu)
10:30am - 11:30am FF - TBD St. G's Kids (1-4)
10:30am - 11:30am Mass (Chu)
11:30am - 12:30pm Baptisms (Chu)
6pm - 7:30pm FF Edge & Confirmation Sessions (All)