

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16TH, 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

By appointment (763) 424-8770

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

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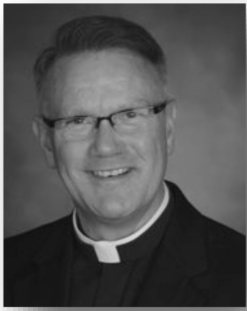
I have come  
to fulfill  
the law  
and the prophets.  
—Matthew 5:17

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## A Note From Your Pastor

As Saint John Paul II reminds us, we are all made by God in love, by Love, and for Love. Meaning, God made us in love, by Love Himself

(God), and for Himself. Our destiny, by which this life is a preparation, for our eternal life beholding God in His radiance, what we Christians call His Beatitude! All that we do in this life either builds up to this eternal moment or detracts from ever embracing it. So as maturing Christian disciples, we should violently resist anything that seeks to rob us of our destiny for which we were created!

While there are many things in this life that may try to sideline us and impoverish our relationship with God, one that the enemy of our soul uses is sin. While not exhaustive, here is a listing of serious sins provided by the New Testament, for our reflection and examination to assess the health of our spiritual lives:

**Romans 1: 28-32; Galatians 5: 19-21; Ephesians 4: 25-26, 29-32; and Colossians 3: 5-10.**

It is true that all of us desire to live lives of purpose and greatness, to make our mark with lives of substance, virtue, and nobility. Therefore, as maturing disciples of Christ, we should *pray* and *act* that the doors to the temple of our hearts may remain always open, and ever widening, and not shut to the God whom we love and who desires us to experience His love in a new, personal, and more complete way. In short, to resist anything that leads us away from God and embrace all that leads us toward God.

A life of reflection is a key component to wholeness in Christ. We take our cue from the Virgin Mary, which Sacred Scripture says, "Pondered all these things in her heart." She

was the preeminent disciple of her Son, Jesus. We should follow her lead to wholeness, holiness, heroism, and victory. And, after reflecting on our own lives – successes in gratitude, and failures of poor choices and impulses (sin), let us avail ourselves to the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation if needed, in what the early Church called the "Second Baptism." In such a sacrament we are renewed and reconciled in our relationship with God. We grow in self-knowledge, which is the "first step toward holiness" because we avail ourselves to God's grace of forgiveness and strength. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is all about relationship and restoration!

As Catholic Christians, we must remember that every sacrament, every act of repentance, every act of virtue, every moment of prayer is about reconciling and maturing our relationship with God for whom we were created in His image. As Saint Augustine reminds us, *"The God who redeemed you without your willing it will not save you without your willing it."* So, let us will His saving power!

Then, renewed by His grace and having restored what was robbed by grave sin, which closed the doors to the temple of our hearts, let us recommit ourselves to magnanimous (large souled, strong) living as we put on Christ. As Scripture says, *"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive (remember the Our Father). And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body (the Church). And be thankful"* (Colossians 3: 15).

Blessings and prayers for you and your loved ones,

-Father John Klockeman



## 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.

## Additional MOBILEPACK times available for all Parishioners:

We have arranged times for parishioners to sign up and register to participate in the FMSC MOBILEPACK on Thursday, February 20 from 9 am to 11 am, Friday, February 21 from 6pm to 8:30 pm and on Sunday, February 23 from Noon to 2 pm. The event will be held again this year at the Egan Building located at the intersection of Hwy 169 and 117<sup>th</sup> St. in Champlin. Go to our website under Justice/Outreach to sign up for a time.



On the fourth Friday of each month St. Gerard's prepares, transports, and serves a meal at the L&F St. Stephen's site to people in need. (2123 Clinton Ave So, MPLS

55404). The serving team serves from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. If you can help please sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space. 16-20 volunteers are needed to best assist this ministry. St. Gerard's next serves on February 24th. If you have questions call Karen Brenteson 612-232-2586.



Each year, the **Catholic Services Appeal** funds 20 Designated Ministries that serve those most in need.

These are ministries that can only continue with support from all of our Parishes.



Do you ever catch yourself in a moment of cynicism? I do. Too often. I was a student in a school with a very diverse, international student body. One of my classmates was a priest from India. He told me a story of going to a paralytic hospital to pray with a man who could not walk. Towards the end of the

priest's prayer the man literally stood up and walked. My response, "NO! No! Really!?" To myself I thought, that doesn't happen anymore! Then my classmate said, "It gets better." What? What could be better than a miraculous healing of someone who couldn't walk? He told me the man in the bed next to the first man who had just been healed said, "Me, too! Me, too!" So, the priest prayed and the second man stood up, miraculously healed. My response was, "NO! No! Really!?" Yes, really. If only we all had the same confidence in the power of Jesus to heal. Where will you and I allow our disbelief and doubt be transformed by some wonder of Jesus this week? I will be delighted to hear your stories!

## 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.

## 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 Faith Formation page on our website.

## Annulment Q & A

**February 26, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul**

Staff members of the Metropolitan Tribunal will be available for confidential consultation and to answer questions regarding the investigation into the possibility of nullity of the marriage bond (annulment process). No appointment necessary. For more information contact the Tribunal at (651) 291-4466.

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

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-9 p.m.**, Our Lady of Grace, Edina

**Saturday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m.-noon**, St. Pius V, Cannon Falls

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

### Book Recommendations from The Pastor

Many of you requested the title of the book that Fr. Klockeman spoke of in his Homily last weekend. The book was:

**"How The Catholic Church Built Western Civilization"** By Thomas E. Woods, Jr. Ph.D.

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# This Week at St. Gerard's

## MASS INTENTIONS:

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:25 am - Faith Formation Families

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

8:25 am - Marjorie Quinn †

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:25 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick †

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

8:25 am - John Michaud †

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

5:00 pm - Dick Keefe †

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:30 am - Samuel Alabi †

10:30 am - People of The Parish

### UPCOMING

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Times

**LV 19:1-2, 17-18**

**1 COR 3:16-23**

**MT 5:38-48**

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### **Mon Feb 17, 2020**

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

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

### **Tue Feb 18, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 9:05am Perpetual Help Devotion (Cha)

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

4pm - 5pm Cornfest leadership meeting (O)

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

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

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

### **Wed Feb 19, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 12am Adoration (Cha)

6pm - 7:15pm FF - Feed My Starving Children (Champlin)

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

### **Thu Feb 20, 2020**

12am - 8:30am Adoration (Cha)

8:25am - 8:30am 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 21, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

### **Sat Feb 22, 2020**

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

5pm - 6pm Mass (Chu)

### **Sun Feb 23, 2020**

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

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

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

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

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

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