

FIRST SUNDAY LENT

MARCH 1, 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

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BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

~ MATTHEW 4:4

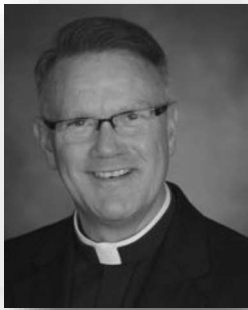
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A Note From Your Pastor:



An encouragement again to attend the Synod process:

While there is much going on in your lives and that of our parish community of Saint Gerard, there is also much going on in our local Archdiocese. Depending on the doors you entered for our weekend Masses, perhaps you have had the opportunity to see large posters advertising and inviting you to attend one or more upcoming **Archdiocesan Synod: Prayer and Listening Events**. *I strongly encourage all of you – whatever age -- to attend at least one session to not only be heard but to hear the desires of others for our local Church.*

In short a Synod is initiated by a local ordinary, namely our Archbishop, and is meant to gather together clergy and laity surrounding any number of timely concerns. A Synod is not a regularly held event, but one of deep importance in the life of an archdiocese. We have the privilege in our current day and age to attend such an historic local event and contribute to the vitality and strength of our local church for which we all have a heart.

A Synod is meant to be an event of mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. More importantly, *a Synod is a deep listening to the Holy Spirit* who speaks collectively to the *sensus fidei* -- the sense of the faithful – of both clergy and laity in a two-year process rooted in prayer to help Archbishop Hebda discern. Through a consultative process, the pastoral priorities of our Church now and into the near future. Your participation, as a member of the Catholic faithful, is key to a successful Synod. ***You are invited*** to participate by offering your prayers, pastoral concerns, and ideas for moving our Archdiocese forward at any one of the Prayer and Listening Events.

Please read and decide which one (or more) of

these events you will attend. The listing for upcoming Prayer and Listening Events is not only listed the signage on our parish front doors, but also on the Archdiocesan website: archspm.org. There you can find out more information on the Synod, its process, and how to get involved. *Get informed and be informed. Be heard and hear.*

This winter and spring there are 10 sessions available (bilingual sessions too)! The Synod process will be completed in 2021. Again, I urge all of you to go, young or old, new Catholic or life-long. The Archbishop of our local Church wants to hear from you on what works and what can be improved as we move forward toward a new day in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Praying that every gift and grace Christ won upon the Cross be yours in abundance,

Father John Klockeman

P.S. Please grab a RICE BOWL after Mass.



Justice and Outreach

Q: Can you get better pancakes and eggs at a restaurant?

A: **Probably.**

Q: Do they serve fresh-ground artisan coffee prepared and served by an experienced barista?

A: **No.**

Q: Is there private seating with scenic views

A: **Definitely not.**

Q: Why is a KC's Parish Breakfast being advertised under "Social Justice"?

A: **Glad you asked....**

The KC's at St. Gerard's each year use proceeds raised at the breakfasts to:

- Support women's outreach
- Feed the hungry
- Serve the needs of the parish
- Many, many more social justice endeavors!

Join in true fellowship next **Sunday (March 8th) after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.** Please mark your calendars, invite a friend, take your grandkids (yes, there is whip cream and sprinkles!), and plan to eat some good food, laugh, share stories, meet some new people at Church all while donating to great ministry.



Donating Medical Supplies



Donating Check for St. Gerard's Projects



Community Free-throw Contest



CEAP and Robbinsdale Women's Center accepting checks

Faith Formation



Evangelization. What do you think of when you hear the word? I have not always responded positively to it. It made me think of being in college and someone pressing me whether I had been "born again." I am a bit of a word nerd and at some point looked up the history of the word

evangelization. It is a Greek word. In fact when in Greece (and some other western countries) you hear the introduction to the third reading in the Mass from the Gospel it is introduced as the "evangelion". In other words Gospel and Evangelization are from the same root word in two different languages. Because of this I often like to use the word "gospelizing" in place of evangelization. Try it. You might like it, too.

RITE OF SENDING

Rite of Sending of RCIA candidates will be today at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray for Scott Marvin and Bobby Lauangsaraj our candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church. They will be received by the bishop this afternoon at the Basilica in the Rite of Continuing Conversion with other candidates throughout the western part of the Archdiocese as they enter into the last stage of formation prior to their reception on the Easter Vigil.

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; or you can sign up by visiting the link on the faith formation page on our website.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1st!

Special Events:



Minnesota Food Share/ Food for Families

March is Minnesota Food Share month. Beginning Sunday, March 8th, there will envelopes for monetary donations being handed out by the KCs in the gathering space. All proceeds will be donated to CEAP, our local food shelf.

ANOINTING MASS

An Anointing Mass will be held at 10AM, March 18th. Exposition and Adoration will follow after Mass.

COMMUNAL PENANCE

St. Gerard's Lenten Communal Penance Service will be held on March 12th at 7PM.

SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Scout Troop 575- Spaghetti Dinner. Come and help support St Gerard's Scout Troop 575. The annual spaghetti dinner is March 7 from 5-8pm. Tickets are \$8.00 per person, Kids 4 and under are Free. Enjoy a lovely dinner, Bake Sale and Silent Auction to help support the troop! Tickets are sold after the 5pm mass on February 29 and at the door.

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 final two are:

**Saturday, Mar. 7, 9 a.m.-noon, Transfiguration,
Oakdale**

**Saturday, Mar. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, St. Alphonsus,
Brooklyn Center (bilingual Spanish/English)**

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

This Week at St. Gerard's

MASS INTENTIONS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:25 am - Cathy and Ed Keller

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:25 am - People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:25 am - Thuy Lun †

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:25 am - Brian Dupay †

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5:00 pm - Terese Thole †

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 am - Natasha and John Gumbs †

10:30 am - People of the Parish

UPCOMING WEEKEND MASSES:

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**GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7
ROM 5:12-19 OR
5:12, 17-19
MT 4:1-11**

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

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Mon Mar 2, 2020

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

7pm - 9pm Justice & Outreach Mtg.(F)

7:30pm - 9pm Scouts (2-3)

Tue Mar 3, 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)

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

Wed Mar 4, 2020

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 12am Adoration (Cha)

6pm - 8pm FF Grades 1-5 (All)

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

Thu Mar 5, 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 Mar 6, 2020

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

Sat Mar 7, 2020

9am - 10am Sharing & Caring Hands (H,K)

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

4:30pm - 5pm KC Rosary (Chu)

5pm - 6pm Lenten Food Share (T#1)

5pm - 6pm Mass (Chu)

6pm - 9pm Scouts Spaghetti Dinner (Stff. H, K)

Sun Mar 8, 2020

8am - 1pm KC Pancake Breakfast (H,K)

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)