



THE CHURCH OF  
ST. GERARD MAJELLA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am communicating with you tonight because there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 at St. Gerard's. While medical privacy laws limits the information we are able to share we have received verbal permission from Father Joseph to inform you that he has tested positive for Covid-19.

Parish staff contacted both the MN Dept of Health as well as our Archdiocese and currently Father Joseph is receiving medical assistance and is under the care of his physician.

To ensure we are doing everything to limit the spread of the virus, in concert with the Department of Health guidance, we will be implementing the following procedures:

- Whole Parish Life will move temporarily to online only
- Weekend Masses will continue as scheduled utilizing substitute outside Priests
- Liturgical Music will be temporarily suspended as it was at the onset of this outbreak
- Daily Masses will be temporarily suspended
- Weekend Reconciliations will be temporarily suspended
- Adoration will remain temporarily suspended
- December 17<sup>th</sup> communal penance will be cancelled – please visit the website of other surrounding Parishes' Reconciliation schedules
- As per CDC protocols, Father Klockeman will remain in quarantine for 14 days.

**Please call the Parish Emergency Phone number 612-703-7570 for the following:**

- Anointing of the Sick
- Emergency Baptism
- Funeral Mass (limited to 10 immediate family members)

In our attempts to maintain a sense of community, updates will be sent out via Flocknote and on our Parish Website: [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org))

This crisis will undoubtedly be having a significant impact on us financially as a Parish. I ask that you prayerfully consider mailing in your weekly donations, or visit our website and click on GIVE to set up your own electronic giving.

Let us keep Father Joseph and all with Covid-19 in our prayers.

May God bless and protect us all during this difficult time,

**Father John Klockeman, Pastor**