



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

December 17, 2023 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu | 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday | 9:00am-1:00pm
Sat-Sun | Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Mon-Fri | 8:30am | English
Sat | 8:00am | Vietnamese

Weekends

Sat | 5:00pm | English
Sun | 8:00am | Vietnamese
Sun | 9:30am | English
Sun | 11:00am | English

Reconciliation

Sat | 4:00pm or by appointment

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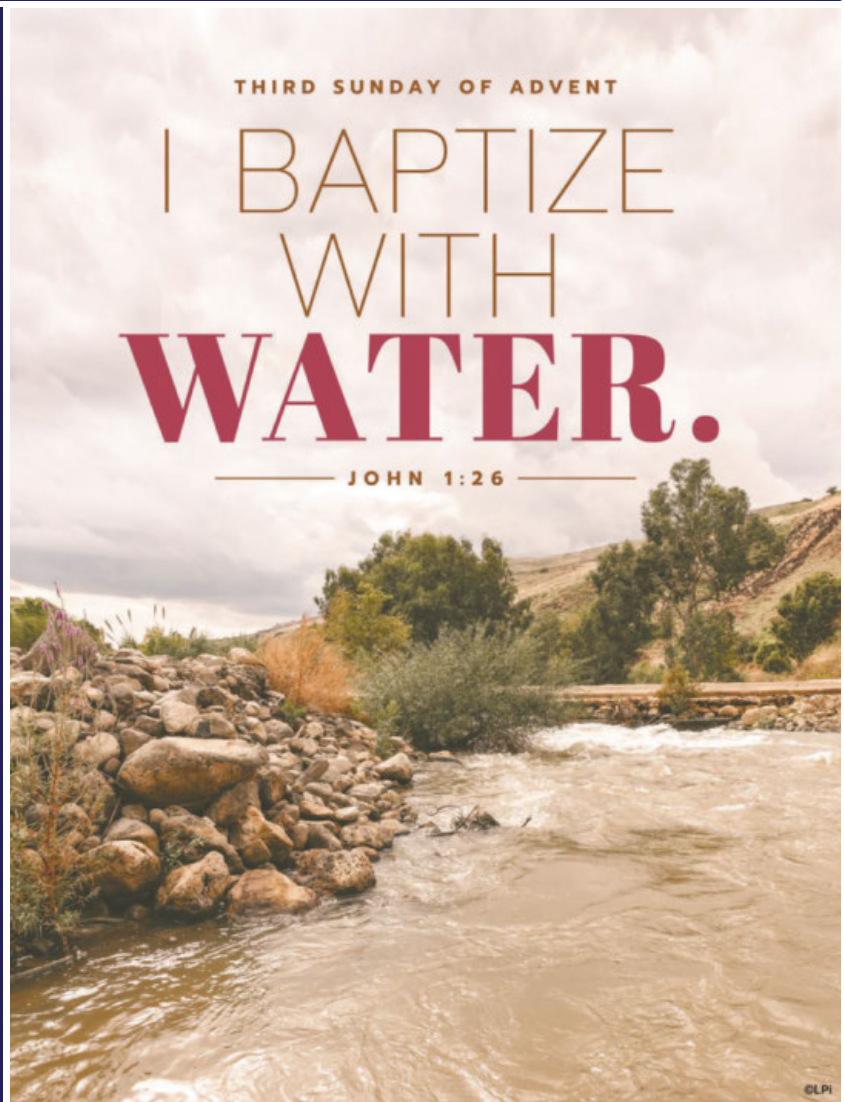
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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 18

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
6:30pm | Grief Share

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
7:30pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 20

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

Thursday, December 21

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
6:30pm | "Land of Christmas" Evening of Reflection

Friday, December 22

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
6:00pm | Pickleball

Saturday, December 23

8:00am | Daily Mass & Confessions (Vietnamese)
4:00pm | Confessions (English)
5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, December 24

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)
9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)
10:00am | Mass (English)
4:00pm | Christmas Eve Mass (English)
7:00pm | Christmas Eve Mass (Vietnamese)
10:00pm | Christmas Eve Mass (English)

Monday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

8:00am | Christmas Mass (Vietnamese)
10:00am | Christmas Mass (English)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18

8:30am | Paul Cong Nguyen +

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am | Clara Ba Chau +

Wednesday, December 20

8:30am | Frank Witscoski +

Thursday, December 21

8:30am | Ray Scherschligt +

Friday, December 22

8:30am | Jon Witscoski +

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm | Richard Potvin +

Sunday, December 24

10:00am | Jack Woodcock +
4:00pm | People of the Parish
10:00pm | Gerald & Robert Steffens ++

Monday, December 25

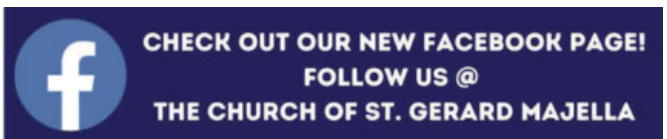
10:00am | Victoria Alabi +

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? If so, please contact the Parish Office so we can update your contact information in our records!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Did you know that you can donate to St. Gerard's online? Check out our website, www.st-gerard.org under the "Engage" tab or scan the QR code below with your mobile device to sign up and donate:





A NOTE REGARDING 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OBLIGATIONS

This year Christmas falls on a Monday, which shortens the 4th week of Advent to about one day. Please note our Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas below. As Catholics we are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, like Christmas. Though these two dates with obligations occur close together, both obligations need to be met by going to one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. Please also note that due to the two different obligations there will be two separate collections taken. Thank you for your constant support of St. Gerard's!

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Times:

Saturday, December 23-5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24-10am Mass
(This replaces our 9:30am and 11am Masses)

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday, December 24-4pm Mass & 10pm Mass

Monday, December 25-10am Mass

ADVENT GIVING: DECEMBER 3-DECEMBER 24

Throughout the Advent season we will be collecting **NEW coats** (child and adult sizes), **gloves/mittens** (child and adult sizes), **winter hats** (child and adult sizes), **toiletries** (toothpaste, bar soap, etc.), **toilet paper, paper towels and laundry soap** (liquid or powder) to be **donated to Brooklyn Park Schools.**

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parishioners of St. Gerard's

I am looking to start a youth group at the parish for 8-12th graders, but I cannot do it without your prayers and support. I am looking for volunteers, preferably parents of youth ages 8-12 or teachers who are enthusiastic about spreading the Faith. The commitment would be once per month for about two hours in addition to a planning meeting. Volunteers would also need to go through Virtus training which takes no more than a few hours. Please contact me if you are interested. My email is ochs9973@stthomas.edu. I would appreciate it if you could respond before December 20th. If I get enough volunteers I plan on having the first youth group meeting in February.

Sincerely,

Zachary Ochsenbauer

WINTER SOCK DRIVE

We will be accepting donations of **new socks** in any size to donate to those in need. Drop of donations in the **marked wagon in the Gathering Space.**

“Land of Christmas”

An Advent Evening of Reflection with Fr. Charlie

Thursday, December 21 from 6:30-8:30pm

- 6:30-6:45pm-Happy Hour with Appetizers*
- 6:45-7:15pm-Dinner, free will offering*
- 7:30pm-Reflection led by Fr. Charlie*

If you are planning on joining us for dinner, please RSVP via email to churchadmin@st-gerard.org or by calling the Parish Office by Monday, December 18.



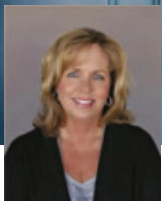
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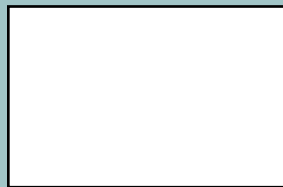


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