



# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

January 21, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WELCOME!

9600 Regent Avenue North  
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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

## PARISH STAFF

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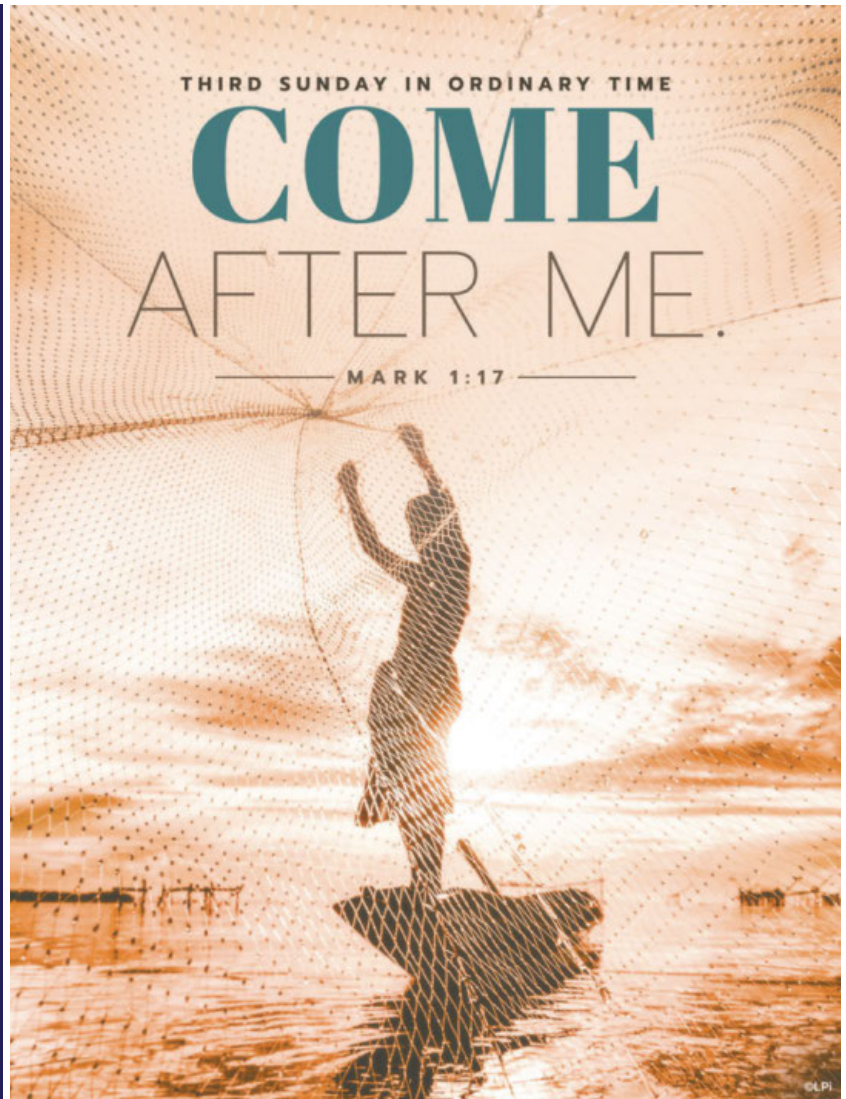
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## 2 | PARISH UPDATES

The Church of St. Gerard Majella | [st-gerard.org](http://st-gerard.org)

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, January 22

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

#### Tuesday, January 23

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:30pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

#### Wednesday, January 24

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

#### Thursday, January 25

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | OCIA/Catholicism 101

#### Friday, January 26

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | Pickleball

#### Saturday, January 27

8:00am | Daily Mass & Confessions (Vietnamese)

4:00pm | Confessions (English)

5:00pm | Mass (English)

#### Sunday, January 28

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

### EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS

St. Gerard's staff has been made aware of some parishioners receiving texts and emails that say they are from Fr. Charlie and other parish staff asking for things like gift cards and things of this nature. Please know that these messages and others like them are scams. Please do not respond to them or interact with these messages in any way. It unfortunately is a common phishing scam and the only way to combat it is through awareness. If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Toweh via email at [churchadmin@st-gerard.org](mailto:churchadmin@st-gerard.org).

### MASS RECORDINGS & BULLETINS ON WEBSITE

Did you know that you can listen to recordings of Mass readings and homilies on our parish website? Did you know you can also check out our bulletin online?

You can access our Mass recordings and bulletins on our website under the "News/Media" tab.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, January 22

8:30am | Gene Capistrant +

#### Tuesday, January 23

8:30am | Greg Peterka +

#### Wednesday, January 24

8:30am | OPEN

#### Thursday, January 25

8:30am | Nicholas Alvin Zirbes +

#### Friday, January 26

8:30am | Richard Potvin +

#### Saturday, January 27

5:00pm | Marv Jacobs +

#### Sunday, January 28

9:30am | People of the Parish

11:00am | OPEN

### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear parishioners of St. Gerard's, I am very excited to be starting a youth group here at St. Gerard's for young people in **grades 7-12!** The youth group will meet after the 11 am Mass on **Sunday February 4th from 12-1:45 pm**, lunch is included! The youth group will be a fun and relaxing time including games, small groups, and prayer. **If you are planning on attending, please email [formation@st-gerard.org](mailto:formation@st-gerard.org).** I hope many young people will be enriched and grow in their faith through this youth group. Please keep the youth group in your prayers.

In Christ, Zac



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### 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!



**NEW STATE CHILD TAX CREDIT**

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC), the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, is eager to share important information about the new state Child Tax Credit, the Working Family Credit, and the K-12 Education Credit and Subtraction that could significantly impact the lives of the low and middle-income families in your parish.

Last year, MCC was proud to spearhead legislation passed into law that created a nation-leading Child Tax Credit (CTC). This credit, paired with the Working Family Credit, can significantly help families by increasing their tax return or lowering the amount of taxes owed. For example, a single parent making \$45,000 annually with two children could receive a credit of \$1,850. A married couple with six children, making \$70,000 annually, could receive \$6,650.

For more information, please check out [www.familiesfirstproject.com/CTC](http://www.familiesfirstproject.com/CTC).

**GRIEF SHARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Come find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. At GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us! This group meets on **Mondays from 6:30-8pm from February 19-May 20, 2024** at the Church of St. Gerard Majella. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN SPOTS AVAILABLE**

Are you interested in harvesting your own vegetables? If you do not have a place to grow fresh vegetables, consider getting a spot in the St. Gerard Community Garden. The garden is located at the north end of the Church Parking Lot. **We now have a couple of spaces available for the Summer of 2024.** The Church supplies the water and you just need to plant a harvest your vegetables. **If you are interested, please contact us at 763-424-8770. To obtain a spot you need to sign a contract and pay \$50 for the year for your spot.** Hope to see you in the garden soon.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

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



**OCIA/CATHOLICISM 101**

Come join your fellow parishioners at the Church of St. Gerard for the viewing of the faith formation video series "Symbolon" produced by Ascension Press. Meetings are on **Thursdays from 6-7:30pm**. This program provides explanations for the "what" and "why" of the Catholic faith. There will also be opportunities for discussion and questions.

All are welcome! Invite your family and friends! The next topics are:

**January 25**-The Eucharist: The Source & Summit of Christian Life

**February 1**-A Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

**February 8**-Sacrament of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed

**February 15**-No Class

**February 22**-Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service & Communion

**February 29**-A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace and the Path to Holiness

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS THANK YOU**

Special thanks to John and Kate Roach and Linda and Larry Stull and all those who assisted with our Christmas Decorations this year! The church looked beautiful and so many appreciative comments were received from those who attended Masses at St. Gerard Parish during the Christmas season to worship Christ, our Newborn King!

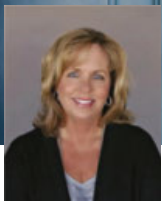
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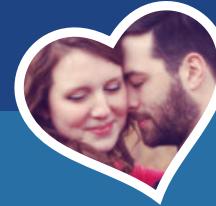
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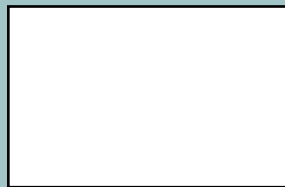


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