



# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

February 25, 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Lent

## 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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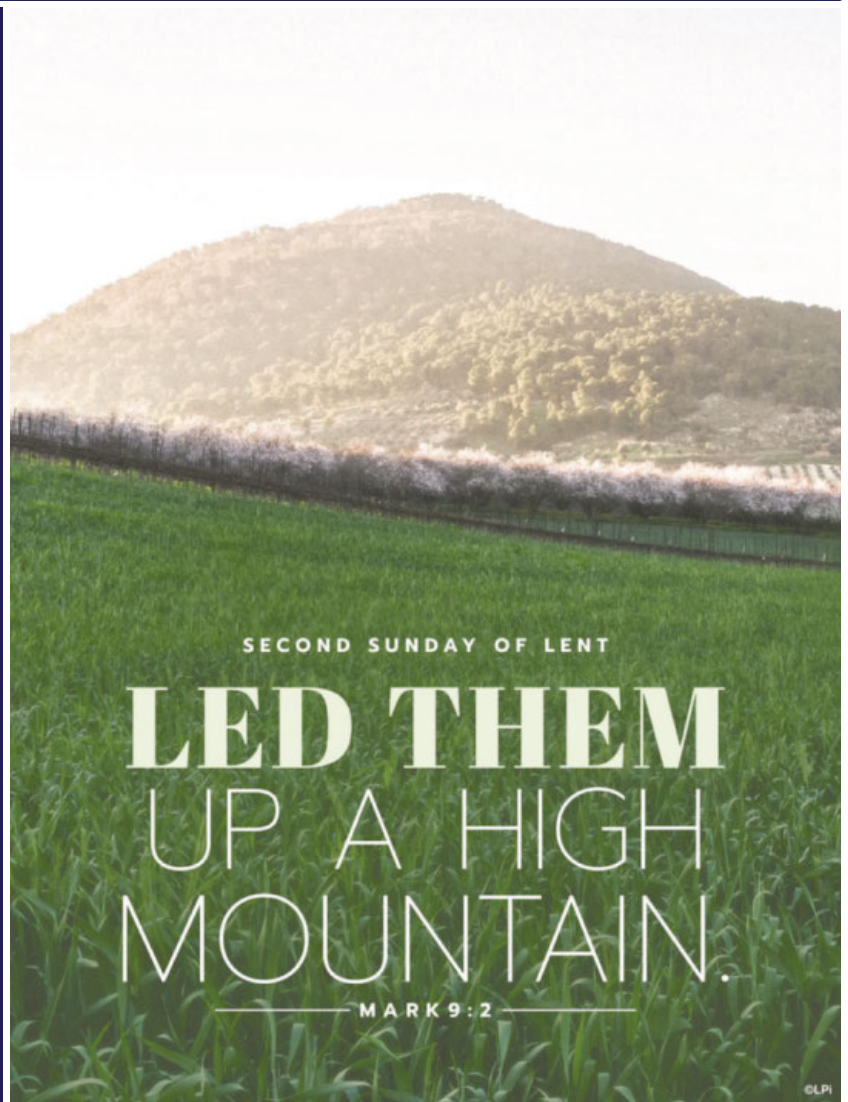
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## STAY CONNECTED

We send weekly updates to parishioners who have signed up with Flocknote. Stay up to date with us! To sign up for Flocknote please contact the Parish Office.



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### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, February 26

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

#### Tuesday, February 27

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

#### Wednesday, February 28

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration  
6:30pm | Guest Speaker-Dr. James Stewart

#### Thursday, February 29

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
6:00pm | OCIA/Catholicism 101

#### Friday, March 1

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

#### Saturday, March 2

8:00am | Daily Mass (Vietnamese)  
9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)  
4:00pm | Confessions (English)  
5:00pm | Mass (English)

#### Sunday, March 3

##### *Coffee & Donuts After All Masses*

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)  
9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)  
9:30am | Mass (English)  
11:00am | Mass (English)

### GUEST SPEAKER

Join us on **Wednesday, February 28 from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Francis Hall for a talk by Dr. James Stewart.**

The featured speaker Dr. James Stewart, professor emeritus of history at Macalester and expert on American race relations over time will be speaking at St. Gerard and focusing on elevating awareness of continued problems of racial inequity in our communities. Light appetizers will be served-please **RSVP** by calling the Parish Office, 763-424-8770 by Monday, February 26.

### 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!

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, February 26

8:30am | Colleen Bright

#### Tuesday, February 27

8:30am | Mark Flaherty +

#### Wednesday, February 28

8:30am | Paulette Flaherty +

#### Thursday, February 29

8:30am | Dianne Bentsen +

#### Friday, March 1

8:30am | Jim Nervig +

#### Saturday, March 2

5:00pm | People of the Parish

#### Sunday, March 3

9:30am | Alphonsus Sau Tuan Vo +  
11:00am | Roseann Sakse +

### 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.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

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THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP LUNCH

Join us on **Friday, March 8 from 11:30am-2pm** for Stations of the Cross and a soup lunch. Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church with a soup lunch to follow in the St. Francis Hall. Please **RSVP** by calling the Parish Office, 763-424-8770 by Wednesday, March 6 so we have a count for the lunch.

## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

It is not too late to sign up for a photo session to be included in our parish directory.

Photos will be taken **March 5th – April 20th**

Sessions are 12 minutes long for a family of 5 or under (additional time added for larger families)

Tuesday – Friday: 2pm - 8:30 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 4pm (appointments are every 12 minute)

Sign up online at: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) (Church Code: mn432 , Password: photos) or call the church office at 763-424-8770.

Thank you for being a part of our church community!



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### FORGIVENESS RETREAT

Join us on **Saturday, March 9 from 9:30am-12:30pm** for a retreat led by our seminarian Zac Ochsenbauer. Jump start your Lenten journey by experiencing a deeper way of forgiveness that God offers to each one of us and experience the joy of extending forgiveness to others. Our time spent together will include fellowship, prayer, reflection, discussion, and lunch. This retreat is open to anyone! Please **RSVP** by March 5 by calling the Parish Office, 763-424-8770. *This retreat is being sponsored by St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus.*

### 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to be offering a youth Group here at St. Gerard's! Come for games, fellowship, prayer, small groups, and lunch. The youth group is for students in grades 7-12 and will meet in the St. Francis Hall **March 10th and May 19th from 12-1:45**. Permission slips can be filled out at the door when you arrive. Please send an email to Meredith at [Formation@st-gerard.org](mailto:Formation@st-gerard.org) so we can plan for food.

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Why Do We Give Alms? The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462) This LENT St. Gerard has chosen two outreach ministries to support with ALMSGIVING.

**CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program)** provides:

- Food Assistance - Meals on Wheels
- Housing Assistance - Senior Services
- Children's Programs - Farm Fresh Fest
- Turning Leaf Thrift Store

### "Friends of the Poor Ministry"

Is led by Sr. Rose Vu who helps provide clean drinking water, sustainable food supply plus much more for those in need in Vietnam.

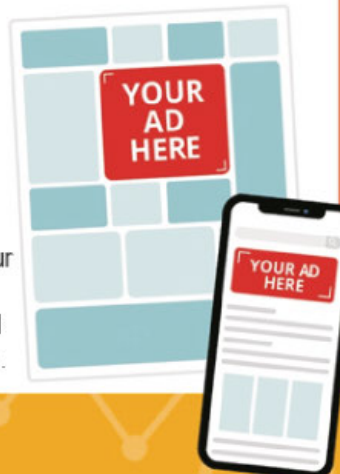
**Donations can be placed in the designated plastic boxes located in the gathering space during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday.**

Checks can be made out to St. Gerard. Please put the name of the charity in the memo of the check.

## AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

Kristee Flynn from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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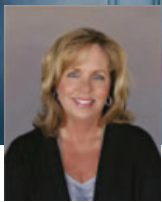
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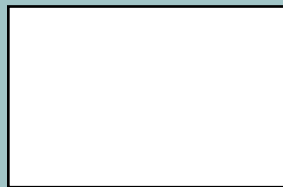


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