



## 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

### PASTORAL STAFF:

Fr. John Klockeman

Fr. Joseph-Quốc Thiện Vương

Karl Kornowski - Parish Administrator

E. Jona Winkelman - Dir. Faith Formation

### MAIN OFFICE:

Sue Czerniak - Administrative Assistant

### FACILITIES SERVICES:

Bob Imholte - Facilities Care Coordinator

Geoff Moore - Custodian



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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



It is with gratitude that I write this weekend's bulletin article in deeply thanking so many of our fellow parishioners who have generously donated so much of their time and talent in helping to make Saint Gerard's a parish of personal service, friendship, and faith!

I am encouraged by the many hours of dedication and relational ministry to one another. Such generosity can be heard by those in music ministry who spend not only many hours in practice, but who minister to us and glorify God in not only one or two Masses, but perhaps even three Masses every weekend. Thank you!

To those many valiant catechists who not only teach, but spend hours planning their classes so that the material presented can be a well-informed and personal encounter with the Living God for each child and teen. And, that our Catholic Faith, with its intellectual depth may be highlighted to form young minds and souls so as to secure the trajectory of each life in virtue, faith, and personal conduct. To be a catechist is a noble and challenging task. May our faith formation families complement what is taught in the classroom with a living faith practiced at home.

To so many of our fellow parishioners involved in liturgical ministry who seek to serve us and pray with us so that each liturgy, whether Sunday Masses, or baptisms, or funerals, marriages, etc, may be an encounter with Christ as a community of believers.

Many hours go into planning each liturgy, and the generous assistance of lectors, ushers, distributors of Holy Communion, soundboard and VDS volunteers, make each celebration life-giving and apparently seamless.

I would like to also give a robust thank you to all those involved in our funeral liturgies and lunches. So many positive comments have been made about the food service, décor, dedicated ministry to the families and guests, as well as pleasant space of the updated Saint Francis Hall. Ministry of food preparation, set-up, clean-up, a smile, a welcoming attitude all ease the sorrow that many are experiencing. You are hidden gems to us here at Saint Gerard's!

To those who are involved with various outreach ministries, and those in bible studies and prayer groups, who work with other local churches and organizations to make a positive and life-changing impact on the lives of those in our community and elsewhere. Our heartfelt gratitude to you as well as you/we not only meet the human needs of others, but provide hope to encounter the Lord Jesus as members of His body, the Church.

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful staff, and new hires, who have graced us with new energy, ideas, and creativity directed to not only serve God and neighbor, but to make the Gospel come alive in the lives, hearts and minds of all within and outside our parish. Father Joseph and I have been so blessed by them, their talents, gifts, and energy. They are invaluable.

With a heart full of gratitude to God for you and to you, I remain thankful,

Father John Klockeman

### ALMSGIVING IDEAS IN OUR OWN CHURCH

As we rapidly approach the Lenten season, we Catholics are called to "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).

One excellent way to do that is to donate for two very special Ministries right here at St. Gerard's (see below). Via the purple envelope in your packet called "FEED THE HUNGRY", funds are raised to support two very longstanding ministries that directly serve the poor. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to do the work we are called to perform as Catholics!



St. Gerard's prepares and serves a lunch at **Sharing and Caring Hands** every **1st Saturday** of the month. Call John at 763-561-3841 to volunteer or to learn more.

St. Gerard's prepares and serves a meal at **Loaves and Fishes in Minneapolis** every **4th Friday** of the month. Call Karen at 763-561-7411 to volunteer or to learn more



The Gospel today causes me to reflect upon thoughts of this reading when I was younger. My dad was a fisherman. He went to Canada every summer to fish with his buddies. He would

take my brothers and sisters and I fishing every once in a while to my grandparents' cabin. I have a particular memory of my older sister catching a catfish off a home-made pole constructed of an ice-scraper, 3 feet of fishing line, a hook and a piece of cheese. My experience of fishing was always of a pole, hook and line. Whenever I used to read these readings of the apostles being "fishers-of-men," I imagined the apostles spreading the love of Jesus one by one like a fish and a pole. It was a startling re-adjusting of my thoughts when I realized they used fishing nets to fish. They would cast out the weighted net broadly stretching a wide path, catching multitudes of fish that would be pulled in collectively. In my further reflection, both styles of fishing reflect the way Jesus loves us. He teaches us truth and love in a way that is for all of us like a net and simultaneously teaches us personally about truth and love in a way that is like fishing with a pole. As we journey through the seas of life, it is ultimately most important that we be caught by His love.

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## Special Events:

### **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 next three are:

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 pm at Pax Christi, Eden Prairie**

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events by visiting the parish website, [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org), NEWS & EVENTS page.

### **Newly Married Retreat: Living in Love**

#### **February 1, 2020, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Mendota**

A day for all couples just married through 7 years of marriage. Join us for lively presentations with practical, relevant, and inspirational examples from the creators, Brad and Libby, that will open up conversations for you and your spouse. Living in Love provides an extraordinary opportunity for married couples to reconnect with their own love history through private couple time, brief communal prayers, and a renewal of vows. There is no large group discussion or open sharing. \$40 per couple and includes a course book, light breakfast and a catered lunch. Register at [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org).

### **FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING**

There will be a First Eucharist parent meeting on Wednesday, **February 12** from 6:00 - 7:15PM. This meeting is for parents who have a child making their First Eucharist this spring (2020).

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

We have Adoration every Wednesday 9:00am through Thursday 8:00am. If you would like to learn more about what Adoration is and see if it would be good for you, please contact the Parish Office at 763-424-8770.

# This Week at St. Gerard's

## MASS INTENTIONS:

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

8:25 am - Terry Lovaas †

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:25 am - Richard Potvin †

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

8:25 am - Albert F Czapski †

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

8:25 am - Lorraine Hentges †

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

5:00 pm - Osinis

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:30 am - People of the Parish

10:30 am - Frank Curtiss †

### UPCOMING

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Feast of the Presenta-  
tion of the Lord

**MAL 3:1-4**

**HEB 2:14-18**

**LK 2:22-40 OR**

**2:22-32**

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### **Mon Jan 27, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Communion Service(Cha)

### **Tue Jan 28, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 9:30am Perpetual Help Devotion(Cha)

9:15am - 11:15am Women's Prayer & Support Group (F)

7:30pm - 9pm Parish Pastoral Council (F)

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

### **Wed Jan 29, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 12am Adoration (Cha)

6pm - 7:15pm FF - 1st-5th ( ALL)

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

### **Thu Jan 30, 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 ( 1 thru 7, FS)

6pm - 7pm Centering Prayer (Cha)

### **Fri Jan 31, 2020**

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

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

### **Sat Feb 1, 2020**

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

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

4:30pm - 6pm Catholic Schools (T#1,T#2,T#3)

5pm - 6pm Mass (Chu)

### **Sun Feb 2, 2020**

8am - 12pm Catholic Schools (T#1,T#2,T#3)

8:30am - 9:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Cha)

8:30am - 9:30am Mass (Chu)

9:30am - 10:30am FF-NO CLASS Edge & Confirmation

10:30am - 11:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Cha)

10:30am - 11:30am Mass (Chu)

10:30am - 11:30am FF- St. G's Kids (1-4)

11:30am - 12:30pm Baptism/s 11:30pm