

# The Church of St. Gerard Majella

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

## ADDRESS

9600 Regent Avenue North  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443-1499

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm  
Friday: 9 am-1 pm  
Saturday: CLOSED

## EUCCHARIST

Saturday: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 am

WEBSITE: [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org)



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Parish Office: 763-424-8770  
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## PASTORAL Services

Rev. Thomas Santa, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Tuan Pham, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Matthew Bonk, C.Ss.R.  
Karl Kornowski - Parish Administrator  
Anne Tiller - Director of Justice and Outreach  
Amy Wittak - Liturgical Ministry  
Tim Smith - Dir. of Liturgical Music  
Colette O'Brien - Communications  
Judy Foster - Dir. of Faith Formation

## SUPPORT Services

Sue Czerniak - Secretary/Receptionist  
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## MAINTENANCE Services

Dave Neuman - Maintenance Operator  
Roger Popham - Custodian

## All Are Welcome!

*We are a Catholic community striving to love God and our neighbors. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

***"Who Am I To Judge?"***

--Pope Francis

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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas celebration such a wonderful and grace-filled experience. The attendance at our liturgies was overflowing. The generosity of each of you who participated in the CEAP collection and also the Angel Tree project was exemplary. The generosity of those who offered their musical talents in any way to enhance our Christmas liturgies is appreciated. The cards and the gifts both received and given were also appreciated. I cannot think of any way that we could have improved or ratcheted-up our participation. It was a true faith-filled experience for me and I hope it was for you also.

With the beginning of the New Year we continue to face some challenges, some of which were planned and some of which came as a surprise, primarily in the timing. That is the way it seems to be in the world in which we live and our faith community is not isolated from this reality. I try to maintain a perception that engages a "bigger picture" rather than focus on any one component of the change that I am experiencing. It sometimes helps, but not always.

One of our challenges in this New Year will be in our Faith Formation program. Both Heidi and Emily, who have served us so well these last few years, determined that it was time for them to move on and to experience something different. I appreciate the fact that even though they made this decision, they did not leave us hanging: both Heidi and Emily prepared all of the materials that are required in order to successfully complete the current faith formation year and thankfully we have the volunteers and leadership in support roles that is required. This in no way minimizes the impact of their departure from our community but perhaps puts it into another perspective.

Our entire staff, under the leadership of our parish administrator Karl, is in the process of trying to identify and to bring into a helpful focus the effort that we use in support of our shared ministry. The end result will necessarily be a change in the way that we approach different projects and activities, hopefully in a manner that represents the actual needs of the parish that we have. This is one more effort in the continuing effort that I have written about and spoken about: we need to respond to the needs of the parish community that we are, not the parish community that we once might have been. There are points of obvious convergence that emerge but there are also points where the disconnect seems to be quite obvious and measurable. We need to have the courage to make the changes that are necessary in order to maintain the vibrancy of who we are as a community of faith.

Personnel will continue to be in transition over the next few months. We have some planned staff retirements that will come into the mix. We are working with our commissions and with our committees. We are forming a team that will lead the 50th Anniversary of our parish

community which will be celebrated in the Spring of 2020. We are working on our finances, identifying projects, particularly those that provide an improvement in our safety and in our environment, and numerous other things. Hopefully the end result will be something that will serve us well, now and in the dynamic future that will be/is the community of St. Gerard.

Next weekend, January 19-20, we will welcome the pastor of St. Alphonsus to our parish community for the weekend masses. Both Father Tuan and I are gone for the weekend participating in a retreat and in a parish mission, and so Father Don Willard, CSSR volunteered to preside at our masses. I am sure that you will welcome him; perhaps we can provide him with some ideas that he can implement at Saint Alphonsus!

Let us keep each other in our thoughts and in our prayers. I would particularly appreciate prayers for the staff and for the members of our different councils and commissions who are hard at work, offering their talents and their time to our parish community. If you would like to join the effort, no matter what talent you may want to offer, please do not hesitate to volunteer. We will welcome your contribution and it will enhance the diversity that we are already experiencing. Have a great week.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community and Staff

## ST. GERARD'S WELCOME COMMITTEE

Be a part of the Welcome Committee here at St. Gerard's! The goal of this ministry is to assist all persons interested in becoming members, to ensure a welcoming atmosphere for all who attend our parish, and help transition new members into parish life. This important ministry hosts the New Member Brunch, the SPONSOR program, and the welcome desk. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact Bob Bazinet at [bazinetre@gmail.com](mailto:bazinetre@gmail.com) or 763-315-4364.

## JANUARY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the following days in January. If you are ill and would like to receive this sacrament, please stay in the Church following Mass.

Saturday, January 12- after 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 20- after 8:30am Mass

Sunday, January 27- after 10:30am Mass



## NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism class will be held Saturday, January 19, from 9:30-11:30am. For more information on baptism, or to register for the class, call the parish office at 763-424-8770.

## Justice and Outreach

### JANUARY IS POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH!

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Visit our facebook page for a link to a daily reflection calendar on the challenges of poverty.

### HYGIENE KIT COLLECTION

St. Gerard's will continue to collect items for hygiene kits throughout 2019 to be donated to Hennepin County Health and Human Services. These items will be distributed to people experiencing homelessness. For a list of items needed visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (NEWS & EVENTS). Items can be labeled (hygiene) and placed in the CEAP bins.

### PRAYER SERVICE AND MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY

Join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda for the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Tuesday, **January 22** at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul. Immediately following the prayer service, we will walk to the state capitol for the MCCL March for Life rally. All are invited and welcome. For more information, visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (NEWS & EVENTS.)



### BREAKFAST WITH LEGISLATORS

Housing for All invites you to Breakfast with Legislators on Wednesday, **January 23**, from 7:00-9:00am, at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Maple Grove. Meet with your state and local policy makers to build relationships and proclaim as people of faith that Every One Needs a Home! Contact Roxanne Smith at 763-400-7208 or [rsmith@sjtw.net](mailto:rsmith@sjtw.net) with questions. For more info and to register, visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (NEWS & EVENTS).

### LOAVES AND FISHES

St. Gerard's hosts **Loaves and Fishes** on the **4th Friday** of every month. Our next date is Friday, **January 25th**. We serve from 5-7pm at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis. Sign up to serve on the easel in the Gathering Space. Contact Karen Brenteson at 763-561-7411 with any questions.



### OVERCOMING HATRED

You are invited to attend Overcoming Hatred: *The Shoah and the Transmission Memory.....listening, educating, and growing into the 21st Century* featuring guest speakers Ken Engel, Chair of CHAIM (Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota), and Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart. The event will take place Sunday, **January 27**, 6:30-8:00pm at the Church of St. Timothy, Blaine. For more information, visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (NEWS & EVENTS page.)

## Faith Formation

### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FF

Faith Formation, according to the U.S. council of Bishops, should be "life-long." We have some exciting opportunities coming this year. Here is a sneak peek for what is being offered at St. Gerard's in 2019.

**Women and Wine:** Some great new guests and some favorites return. Join us for an evening of community as we enjoy together wine, hors d'oeuvres, and faith-filled conversation. The next Women & Wine will be February 15.

**Women's Lenten Retreat:** March 2019. More information to come.

**Come, enjoy the fellowship, and explore your faith!**

### WOMEN AND WINE - FEB 15



Come enjoy an evening of community as we enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres and reflect on "A Love That Does Justice." Suzanne Belongia Bernet will be the guest speaker on Friday, **February 15**, 7-9pm in the St. Gerard's Atrium. All women are welcome! Suggested donation \$10. RSVP at [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (NEWS & EVENTS) or [suec@st-gerard.org](mailto:suec@st-gerard.org) or call the parish office at 763-424-8770. For more information, visit our website!

### SUMMER 2019 MISSION TRIP

We are excited to announce that our summer 2019 mission trip will be to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Nashville, TN! The mission trip will go from July 13th-20th, 2019. Mission trips are open to all current 8th graders and up. Contact Judy Foster at [judyf@st-gerard.org](mailto:judyf@st-gerard.org) for more information and registration materials. There are limited spots available and registration is on a first come, first serve basis. We hope you will consider joining us for this wonderful opportunity to serve! Visit our youth ministry webpage at [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (YOUTH) to check out our videos from previous mission trips!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

At St. Gerard's, we love kids! All kids are invited to attend VBS 2019 entitled "ROAR: Life is Wild. God is Good." It is an awesome week of fun, friends, and faith... safari-style. **Join us June 10-13!** Stay tuned for more information in the bulletin, and on our website and mobile app.



## Announcements

### WELCOME TO ST. GERARD'S!

If you are visiting St. Gerard's today and would like more information about the parish or how to become a member, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space, pick up a new member info packet, and sign our guest registry. You can also visit the "I Am New" tab of our website ([www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org)) or app (search for "St Gerard Majella" in the app store)! And check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/churchofsaintgerard/>)! Thank you for worshipping with us today!

### MEN ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?



Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, to protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over 100 years the Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of two million men, including 41,000 here in Minnesota who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? Visit [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) us to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Mobile-Hope Dayton is looking for volunteers to lead an Adult English Language Class on Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. Classes are held at the Dayton Mobile Home Park. Volunteers will be under the guidance of the Elk River ELL staff. Training is provided and a foreign language is not required. This is a perfect opportunity to accompany individuals from another culture! For questions or to sign up, please call Sharon Burns 612-325-9791 or email [sharonburns50@gmail.com](mailto:sharonburns50@gmail.com).

## Presiders

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 5:00pm - Rev. Donald Berry Willard  
January 20, 8:30am - Rev. Donald Berry Willard  
January 20, 10:30am - Rev. Donald Berry Willard

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham  
January 27, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham  
January 27, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham  
February 3, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa  
February 3, 10:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

# This Week at St. Gerard's

## INTENTIONS

**M-F 8:25 AM** - Eucharist, Liturgy of Hours  
**TUE 9:00 AM** - Perpetual Help Devotion

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:25 am - Communion Service

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:25 am - Parish Families

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:25 am - Potvin Family

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:25 am -

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:25 am -

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

5:00 pm - Gary Livieri †

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:30 am - Don Liebig †

10:30 am - Grace Onuoha †

## PARISH EVENTS

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

6:30 pm - Community Garden Meeting  
7:00 pm - Youth Homelessness Meeting  
7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion  
9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group  
9:30 am - Women for Spiritual Growth  
6:30 pm - KC's Council Meeting  
7:00 pm - RCIA  
7:30 pm - Regent AA

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 pm - Faith Formation 1st-5th  
7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

10:00 am - Cornerstone Scripture Study  
6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

9:30 am - Baptism Prep Class  
4:00 pm - Individual Confessions  
5:00 pm - Eucharist

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:30 am - Eucharist  
8:30 am - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
9:30 am - Anointing of the Sick  
10:30 am - Eucharist  
10:30 am - Faith Formation - St. G's Kids  
10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
11:30 am - Marriage Party

Text Giving:

**763-225-1078**



**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick and ailing members of our parish community, and all those in our Parish Prayer Book.

Also remember those loved ones who have died.

**JAN 20, 2019**

2nd Sunday OT

**IS 62:1-5**

**1COR 12:4-11**

**JN 2:1-11**

### **SACRAMENTS:**

#### **BAPTISM**

Call the Parish Office to schedule a date and register for the preparation class.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 4:00 pm or any time by appointment.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the desired date.



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