

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 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

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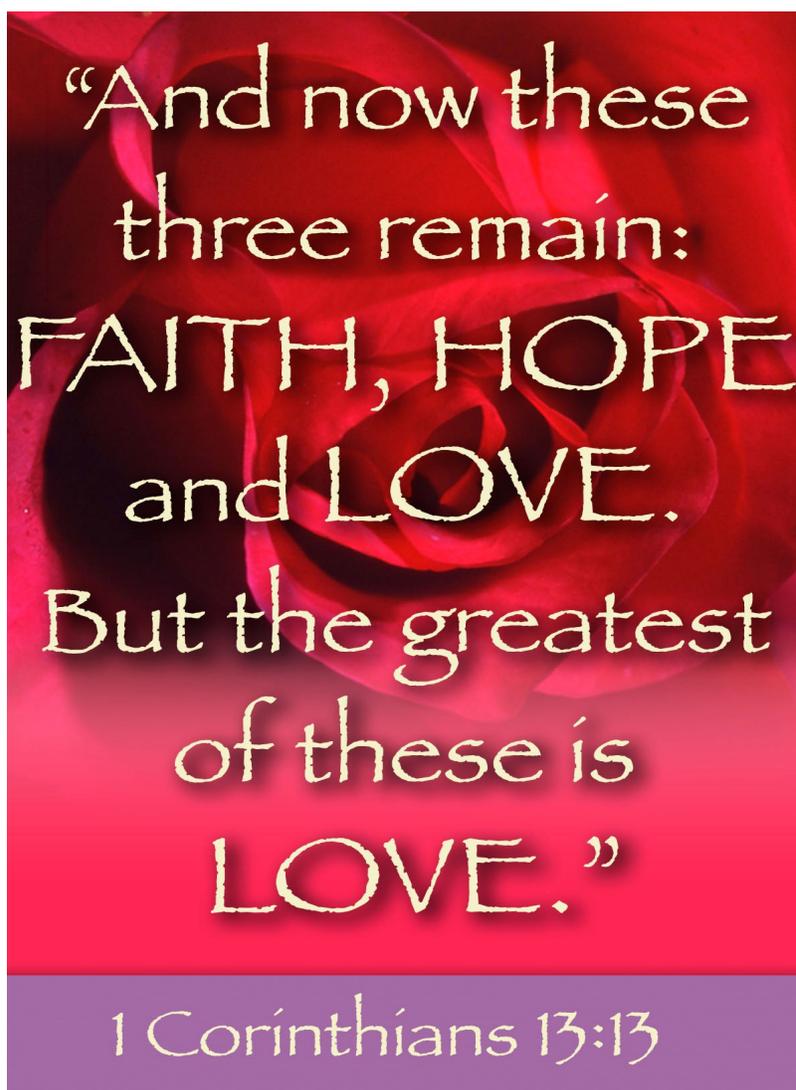
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All Are Welcome!

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



Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the Sound Desk in the Church.
Low-Gluten hosts are available.
Please call the parish office for more information.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This past week, as the Star Tribune so aptly noted, "Winter Finally Arrived." I would say that it more than arrived, it seemed to come to a screeching halt over Minnesota and other parts of the country to remind us of how good we have had it. I was somewhat prepared for the onslaught since I was caught in the storm the previous week while on retreat in Vermont. There we experienced three feet of snow. Try shoveling out your rental car with the snow brush that is provided with the rental: it is not a pretty sight! The two experiences combined has renewed my opinion about this time of year and I find myself thinking of Arizona, where weather is something that you watch on television, not something that you experience.

This past week was also the week where the discernment process at St. Bridget parish came to a conclusion. I must congratulate the parishioners of the parish for participating, to the best of their ability, in a process that challenged their patience. I believe that we arrived at the best decision that we could arrive at but in these situations it is impossible for everyone to be pleased. Some will be disappointed and that is most certainly the situation that we find ourselves in. Hopefully, we will continue to respond to the generous outpouring of the Spirit of God and continue to witness to the power of God's saving grace at work in our world. That is really all that we can ultimately hope for and expect.

I am looking forward to our parish celebrations this weekend. The TET New Year mass on Saturday evening and the blessing of throats at the two morning masses on Sunday are reminders of the great diversity that we experience as Church. There is a richness in what we celebrate and a richness that feeds and nourishes us in ways that we can continue to grow and appreciate daily. For a person of faith, the power of grace is made manifest in so many ways each and every day. Some are quite ordinary while still other moments are dramatic. Nonetheless, grace prevails and forms us more and more each day into the People of God.

It is hard to believe but we still have the entire month of February before Lent begins. Ash Wednesday is not until March 6 this year. I believe that is about the latest it can be. What a later start to the season of Lent guarantees, or at least makes more possible, is a very pleasant Easter. If you remember last year we experienced the nasty little surprise of bitter cold and snow. I can still easily recall the Boy Scouts standing outside trying to get the Easter fire burning. Hopefully, this year it will not be so much of a challenge.

Speaking of the Boy Scouts, they will be present this weekend at the masses selling tickets for their Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019. If this is something that you can plan on attending, please consider doing so.

That is all for this week. Let us continue to remember each other in our thoughts and in our prayers. There are so

many needs that can benefit from our prayer. Sometimes even the person standing next to you, who for all intents and purposes looks perfectly fine, may well be struggling with something within. Perhaps it is a personal struggle, or a family concern, or something work related. It does not matter. The shared power of prayer is intended to bind us together in faith and in support for each other. We do not need to know the details. All we need to know is that we are loved and supported and that we can count on each other for the encouragement that we may need. Have a great week.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community and Staff

A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome! We are so happy you are with us!

- Teri & Bill McMullen; Kiera, Olivia, Fiona
- Andrew Farrell & Kimberly Nguyen; Charlotte



JANUARY BAPTISMS

Izen Tri Dau and Sephra Lois Bakke were made members of the Church through the saving waters of baptism. May God continue to bless their families and our parish as we continue the vital work of teaching them what it means to follow Christ.

2019 MEN'S RETREAT

All men are invited to a Men's Retreat at the Church of St. Gerard on Saturday, **February 16**, from 9am - 3pm in the Fireside Room. Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R., will present on the topic "*Truth To Power: Finding your path when absolutes collide.*" Lunch will be served. No fee to attend. Please RSVP to succ@st-gerard.org or call the parish office, 763-424-8770.

FEBRUARY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the following days in February. If you are ill and would like to receive this sacrament, please stay in the Church following Mass.
Saturday, February 9- after 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, February 17- after 8:30am Mass
Sunday, February 24- after 10:30am Mass



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation supports 20 designated outreach ministries. Partnering with these ministries, you help those in need: the hungry, the orphan, the sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth and college students, and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics young and old alike. Learn more about each of the vital ministries supported by the Foundation. Visit www.csafspm.org today.

ST. GERARD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Come grow with us! St. Gerard's Community Garden will begin accepting registrations on Monday, **February 11, 2019** for the coming growing season. 14 individual 20 ft. x 20 ft. garden plots are available for 2019.

Both parishioners and the public will be able to rent an individual plot for growing fresh and healthy food. Goals include serving low income and diverse groups within the Brooklyn Park community and promoting and providing access to healthy food. One of the garden plots will be reserved for parishioners to grow fresh vegetables to be donated to the Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP). If you would like further information or to volunteer, contact Anne Tiller at annet@st-gerard.org or 763-424-8770 ext 120. For more info on the community garden, visit www.st-gerard.org (NEWS & EVENTS).

TWO FEET OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AT ST. GERARD'S

Did you know the two feet of social justice at St. Gerard's are the **Justice and Outreach Commission** and the **Social Justice Ministries**? St. Gerard's Justice and Outreach Commission is looking for new members. They work to expand access to affordable housing, improve equality in education, extend legal protection to unborn children, support environmental protection laws, support a living wage for all, and promote peace. Some of the social justice ministries at St. Gerard's include: Loaves & Fishes, Sharing & Caring Hands, CEAP Food Shelf, Angel Tree, San Rafael Sister Parish, Community Garden, and Youth Homeless Project. Get involved with social justice at St. Gerard's!

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL 2019 - ST. PAUL, MN

Now is the time to begin to transform politics in Minnesota. Join your local bishop and 2,000+ Catholics in St. Paul on Tuesday, **February 19** to learn how you can build relationships with your newly elected officials and advocate for life and human dignity. Get your tickets, register for transportation, and find more details about this inspiring day of prayer, education, and advocacy by visiting www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org

RECOGNIZING TRAUMA

Join the Catholic Charities Advocacy Team to learn from a panel of experts how childhood, historical and current trauma can alter those who are dealing with it, our society and the role the community plays in supporting one another. The event takes place Wednesday, **February 27**, from 5:30 - 8:30pm (program begins at 6:00pm), at the Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. For more information, and to register, visit: <https://www.cctwincities.org>

WOMEN AND WINE - FEB 15

Attention ladies! You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship and 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 (NEWS & EVENTS) or suec@st-gerard.org or call the parish office at 763-424-8770. For more information, visit our website!

FAITH FORMATION 1-5

Our next family evening will be Wednesday, **February 6** and we will welcome once again our presenter, Rachael Kroog who will talk about "Safe Touch". Her energetic and engaging presentation helps both children and parents to recognize adults whom they can trust and other important information for families. This event completes our requirements from the Archdiocese on "Safe Child Initiative" for all children and youth to address issues of abuse prevention and awareness.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREP TO BEGIN

Our families will meet during regular Faith Formation sessions starting **February 20**. Children and parents will gather to journey toward receiving Christ in the Eucharist and we encourage prayer partners to continue their support. They will receive the Sacrament on Saturday, May 18 at the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, May 19 at the 10:30 am Mass.

REMINDER

President's Day weekend is fast approaching and both Confirmation and EDGE youth will not have sessions on Sunday, **February 17**.

EDGE

On **February 24**, our EDGE (grade 6-8) youth will be joining the challenge of St. Joseph's in New Hope to participate in a service project at Feed My Starving Children. This event replaces the evening session. We remind parents to get their permission forms in so we can meet the challenge and have a great turn out! Please pray for them as they help feed families around the world!

CONFIRMATION

We ask you to continue to pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the sacrament on March 16, preceded by the Rite of Sending on Sunday, March 10 and a retreat on March 3. Parents are requested to register on-line for the retreat by February 22. Contact Judy Foster at the parish office if you have any questions.

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) or app ("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!

DID YOU RECENTLY JOIN ST. GERARD'S?

We would like to invite you to a New Member Brunch on Sunday, February 24 after the 10:30 Mass. We will meet at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space. The brunch will also include a tour; time to meet some staff members and other new parishioners; and tons of helpful information. Please RSVP online at www.st-gerard.org (I AM NEW page) or by emailing suec@st-gerard.org or by calling the parish office at 763-424-8770 . Hope to see you there!



BOY SCOUT TROOP 575 SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Gerard's Boy Scout Troop 575 invites you and your families to join us on Saturday, **February 23** from 5-8 pm in the hard floor area for our 27TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER, DESSERT BAR AND SILENT AUCTION!!! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Some of our silent auction items are numerous merchant/restaurant gift cards, hand created baskets and many other awesome items! Price: \$8, age 4 and under free. Monetary donations also accepted. Hope to see you there!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

Find out more about being a Royal! Preschool - grade 8 information night is February 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm and/or drop in for a tour on February 12, 9:00am - 2:00pm. Find out more and register at school.saintvdp.org

Presiders

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa
February 10, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham
February 10, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham
February 17, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa
February 17, 10:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa
February 24, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa
February 24, 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, FEBRUARY 4

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:25 am - Vernon Schultz †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:25 am - Jack Fischer †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:25 am - Therese Doan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:25 am - Arthur Dols †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:00 pm - Nora Hand †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30 am - Daniel Johnson †

10:30 am - Richard Potvin †

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 pm - Justice & Outreach Meeting

7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm - Faith Formation Family Night

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 am - Cornerstone Scripture Study

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

5:00 pm - Eucharist

6:00 pm - KC's Soup Supper

6:00 pm - Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Word for Children

10:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Faith Formation - St. G's Kids

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word for Children

6:00 pm - Faith Formation - EDGE

6:00 pm - Confirmation



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

Joan Blashack

Also remember those loved ones who have died.

FEB 10, 2019

5th Sunday OT

IS 6:1-2A,3-8

1 COR 15:1-11

LK 5:1-11

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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