

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 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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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



**Every
Tree Is
Known
By Its
Own
Fruit.**

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Low-Gluten hosts are available.
Please call the parish office for more information.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This is our last week of the liturgical part of the year designated as “Ordinary Time.” On Wednesday, March 6 we begin the liturgical season of Lent. By now you should have received numerous communications about the service schedule for Ash Wednesday. We will offer the distribution of ashes within the Eucharist at 8:30 AM and also 5:00 PM. We will also have the distribution of ashes within the context of the Liturgy of the Word at 12:00 PM (noon) and also at 7:00 PM. A soup supper for all, which will be hosted in the St. Francis Hall, is a good way to begin your Lenten practice. Please consider joining us either after the 5:00 PM mass or before the 7:00 PM service (if you choose the 7:00 PM service there is no need to worry about the Eucharistic Fast).

Also during Lent we will celebrate daily Eucharist, Monday through Friday, in the Church at 8:30 AM. The service each day will be celebrated in a simple manner with the singing of an opening and a closing song. On Wednesday, the day that we traditionally dedicate to Eucharistic Adoration, we will begin Adoration in the church and then, at 12:00 Noon, we will move the Eucharist to the chapel. Perhaps providing for a more public opportunity for Adoration in the Church might serve as an invitation to stop by and pray with the Lord, also as part of your Lenten Practice. The purpose for moving the daily celebration of the Eucharist into the Church is anticipation of the larger number of people who routinely attend mass during the liturgical season of Lent. Our daily mass chapel would be stretched to the limit if we tried to use this small space, so the decision was made to meet in the Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Eucharist throughout Lent, if this is something that your daily schedule permits, even if only once in a while.

We have also planned all of the liturgies of Lent through and up to the celebration of Easter. We are trying to set a more contemplative (prayerful) setting that will encourage the spirit of the liturgical season. In addition to our regular Lenten opportunities parishioners are encouraged to pray the traditional Stations of the Cross (booklets are available both in the Church and in the chapel) and also to choose some kind of Lenten practice that will help you focus on the importance of these days of preparation for the Feast of Easter. Traditionally, people try and choose some sort of Lenten discipline for their spiritual practice by choosing to “give-up” something for Lent. That is a good idea but it is not the only spiritual practice worth considering. You might also choose to add some discipline to your life during Lent by devoting time for prayer and meditation, for example, that is not part of your usual routine and pattern. Sometimes adding some sort of spiritual practice is far more helpful than deleting something from your routine.

It is also a good practice, at the beginning of Lent, to begin to focus on your personal and family schedule by looking ahead to Holy Week. Holy Week will be Thursday,

April 18. Good Friday is Friday, April 19. Holy Saturday is April 20. Easter Sunday is April 21. If you plan now you might be able to join the parish community for one or all of these important liturgical celebrations. What sometimes happens is because of the demands of everyday life, even though it is Lent, Holy Week has a way of “sneaking-up” on us and we absentmindedly plan something that conflicts with our attendance at one of the Liturgical Services that we intended to be part of. Making a deliberate intention and focus at the beginning of Lent does not guarantee that nothing will conflict with your plans but at the very least it enables a real possibility and intention.

Personally I am looking forward to Lent. Spiritually I find it to be a very helpful time of the year. With all of the feelings that I have being “weighed down” by winter and all of the snow and the ice, not to mention the wind, Lent provides me with an opportunity to change my focus. I begin to anticipate the new life of Easter and the promise of Spring that comes with the feast. Let us remember each other in our thoughts and in our prayers during the coming liturgical season of God’s grace and blessing.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community and Staff

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6!

8:30am - Eucharist with Ashes

12:00pm - Word Service with Ashes

5:00pm - Eucharist with Ashes

6:00pm - ALL PARISH SOUP SUPPER!

7:00pm - Word Service with Ashes

Join us Ash Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm for our **ALL PARISH SOUP SUPPER** and Faith Formation Family Night! No need to RSVP. All are Welcome!



LENT/TRIDUUM/EASTER SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 8:30 and 10:30am

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 8:30am Mass (in the Church)

Communal Reconciliation Service: April 4 at 7:00pm

Palm Sunday: April 13 at 5:00pm,

April 14 at 8:30am and 10:30am

Holy Thursday: April 18 at 7:00pm

Good Friday: April 19

3:00pm, Taize Service with Veneration of the Cross

7:00pm, Service with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 20 at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 21 at 8:30 and 10:30am

“PRESENT TO THE PASSION” MUSICAL

Join us at the Church of St. Gerard’s for an uplifting original musical about God’s passionate love for us, exploring the fascinating women and men of the passion narratives. Presented by Tim and Julie Smith and the St Gerard’s Music Ministry. This free, event will be Saturday, April 13, at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 14, at 2:30pm.



MARCH AGAINST HUNGER IN MN

St. Gerard's will collect both food and cash donations throughout the month of March! For the last 45 years, CEAP has been the neighborhood food shelf for the Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center communities. Every year, when the calendar turns to March, CEAP coordinates efforts to bring together individuals, businesses, civic groups, and faith communities, to raise both food and funds to March Against Hunger in MN. CEAP's 2019 goal is to raise \$245,000 and 210,000 pounds of food for our community. A portion of every dollar and pound raised for CEAP will be matched by Minnesota FoodShare in this joint effort to eradicate hunger in Minnesota. Please help by filling a grocery bag or making a cash donation. Make checks out to CEAP and either place in the Sunday collection baskets or drop off at the parish office.

ST. GERARD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN



St. Gerard's Community Garden registration is **NOW OPEN** for the 2019 growing season. If you would like more information, contact Anne Tiller at annet@st-gerard.org or 763-424-8770 ext 120. For registration materials, visit www.st-gerard.org (NEWS & EVENTS) or stop by the parish office.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

A Garden Coordinator is needed for the 2019 growing season. Many benefits, including free garden plot for the growing season. For more info and a job description, contact annet@st-gerard.org or call 763-424-8770 ext 120.

LOAVES & FISHES

St. Gerard's Loaves and Fishes Group needs volunteers to help put together a monthly meal made here at St. Gerard's. If you can help in our kitchen every fourth Friday of the month in the morning, please contact Anne at annet@st-gerard.org or call 763-424-8770 ext. 120



ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our parish community - and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from St. Gerard's on Ash Wednesday, and return to church on Palm Sunday. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation candidates will be going on retreat *this* Sunday, **March 3rd** following attendance at the 8:30am mass. Please continue to pray for them!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Attention families! Join us for Mass or Word Service with ash distribution on Ash Wednesday! (See the schedule on page 1.) And we would love for you to attend the All Parish Soup Supper and Faith Formation Family Night from 6:00-7:00pm! All are Welcome! Don't forget to pick up your CRS Rice bowl on Ash Wednesday and return it to church on Palm Sunday. During the 40 days of Lent, read the CRS Rice Bowl stories of people and communities from around the world and share a meatless meal from their community with your family!



ADULT FAITH SCRIPTURE STUDY PACKETS

Are you looking for a simple and creative scripture study for now through Lent? The Sunday by Sunday Scripture study is published and written locally by the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Paul and are written only 3 months in advance. There is a page for each Sunday's readings and can be done a week prior, which makes hearing the readings the following Sunday more meaningful. They are located on the welcome stand in the gathering space. Please take only 1 per family or individual. We have limited amounts, but if you wish to order a copy, please contact Judy Foster at the parish office and we will order more. They are published year round.

2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE for the 2019 Women's Retreat coming Saturday, **April 27**. Join the women of St. Gerard's for a morning to reflect on "All Things New: A Day of Reflection and Renewal." The guest speaker will be Lisa Ervin. The morning will begin at 8:30am with hospitality and continue from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch will be included. Retreat fee is \$25. Registration and more information to come. We hope you will join us!



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

LWC takes place in the Chapel during the 8:30am and 10:30am masses. It's an opportunity for kids to read and reflect on the readings at their own level. It is meant primarily for elementary aged children. There's no registration and you don't need to be a parishioner of St. Gerard's to attend. ALL KIDS ARE WELCOME!

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!

CORNFEST IS AUGUST 9-10, 2019!

Corn Fest planning is underway. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 14**, at 7:00 pm. The goal for our 49th annual Corn Fest is to be a true community-builder, inviting everyone to join in the wonderful blessings our Parish has to offer. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to make this happen, email cornfest@outlook.com or call Craig, 763-200-3949. Cornfest is Aug 9-10! I promise NO snow all weekend!



FAMILY FUN BAND CONCERT AT ST. GERARD'S

Join us for a **FREE** concert by the St. Louis Park Community Band! Steve Lyons, a parishioner at St. Gerard's, is the Director of the St. Louis Park Band. This family-friendly concert will be in the St. Gerard's Worship Space *this* Sunday, **March 3**, at 2:30pm. Reception to follow. All are welcome!



KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST - MARCH 3

Please join the Knights of Columbus and your fellow parishioners for a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses *this* Sunday, **March 3**. Proceeds from this free-will offering event will be used for parish needs and community programs.

KC 40 CANS FOR LENT/MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

The St. Gerard's Knights and the Outreach ministry are accepting non-perishable food donations during Lent. All donations go to CEAP. Minnesota Food Share, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and the Knights of Columbus match a portion of every dollar and every pound of food raised for CEAP. The Knights will be handing out grocery bags after mass on **March 2-3 and 9-10** and collecting donations through the month of March.

Presiders

Ash Wednesday (For more info, see bulletin page 1.)

March 6, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa
March 6, 12:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa
March 6, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham
March 6, 7:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham
March 10, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham
March 10, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

This Week at St. Gerard's

INTENTIONS

M-F 8:25 AM - Eucharist

TUE 9:00 AM - Perpetual Help Devotion

MONDAY, MARCH 4

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:25 am - Parish Families

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

See bulletin page 1 for schedule.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 am -

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 am -

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:00 pm - Marvin Jacobs †

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 am -

10:30 am - Gerald & Robert Steffens †

Daily Mass will be in the church for Lent.

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 pm - Justice and Outreach Meeting

7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:30 pm - Regent AA

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

NO Eucharistic Adoration.

8:30 am - Eucharist with Ashes

12:00 pm - Word Service with Ashes

5:00 pm - Eucharist with Ashes

6:00 pm - All Parish Soup Supper

6:00 pm - Faith Formation Family Night

7:00 pm - Word Service with Ashes

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 am - Cornerstone Scripture Study

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

5:00 pm - Eucharist

6:00 pm - Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Word for Children

10:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word for Children

10:30 am - FF St. G's Kids

10:30 am - RCIA/Confirmation Rite of Sending



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

Ron Denny
Phillip (Lee) Holmer
Donna Curtiss
Laurie Carroll

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

Monica Hallbach
Thuy Luu

MAR 10, 2019

1st Sunday Lent

DT 26:4-10

ROM 10:8-13

LK 4:1-13

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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