

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 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

Weekdays: 8:25 am
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



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I think this may be the easiest bulletin article I have ever written. It is easy to write because it is primarily an acknowledgement of thanks and gratitude.

Thanks and gratitude for all those who planned, prepared, and served at our Lenten Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday. It was an evening that I found to be a great beginning for Lent. I especially appreciated the opportunity to spend time with our Faith Formation families and the extended parish community in this opportunity for mutual support and sharing. Not to mention that the soups were unbelievable!

Thanks and gratitude for all who made our Lenten journey so spiritually fulfilling. Each and every time I listened to our music ministers sing "Once Upon a Time," I found myself invited to walk a new path of relationship with the Lord. The song never grew old for me and I found myself thinking about it throughout the day. I am grateful to Tim and to Julie who composed this beautiful meditation.

Thanks and gratitude to our daily mass community who were willing to be uprooted for the entire 40 days from the intimacy of the Eucharistic Chapel into the main church. It was a move intended to better serve the increased attendance at daily mass during Lent. Most of the time the move was probably unnecessary, because we could have all squeezed into the chapel, but there were a couple of days when we needed the extra space.

Thanks and gratitude to everyone who practiced and then beautifully performed our musical production of "Present to the Passion." I found the performance to be particularly inspirational and profoundly moving. It was a great joy to witness our performing parishioners and their gift of time and talent to our parish community. The Cross that was constructed by Nathan to be used for the performance (and we also used it on Good Friday to great effect) is really appreciated. It truly set the mood for the performance and I noticed more than one person brought to tears as they gazed upon the cross.

Thanks and gratitude to Amy, our liturgical ministers and sacristans, and everyone who enabled the celebration of our Easter Triduum. Each day of our celebration focused on a singular "connecting point" to our religious faith and practice. On Holy Thursday the opportunity for all to reverence the altar and to participate in the washing of the feet was a true blessing. On Good Friday, at both the evening service and the Taize service, the opportunity to venerate the cross is always a highlight for me. The individual expression of faith and reverence is humbling. On Holy Saturday our celebration of baptism and Eucharist, again with individual participation in ritual, was outstanding. Easter Sunday of course speaks for itself. Just the energy of the day, the increased attendance, and then the excitement of our children when they receive the Easter Eggs at the end of mass, were all expressions of

real Easter joy and the strength of our parish community.

This weekend we change gears, as is often the reality of our Christian Journey. We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a devotion that has found a place in the personal piety and expression of faith for some of the members of our community. This devotion was elevated by Pope Saint John Paul to the solemnity of a Sunday celebration in reflection of his own personal devotion. This weekend at the 5:00 PM mass we wish our custodian (and "oral historian" of the parish) Roger a joyful transition to a retirement seat on the porch of his trailer. We hope that the view is what you hope for. Thank you for your service. It just will not be the same.

That is all for this week. Let us continue to be grateful for all that we have received. The blessings that surround us are truly gifts of God for each of us.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community & staff who serves you

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - APRIL 30

All are welcome to join us for a Mass to remember and pray for all those affected by the fall of Saigon 44 years ago. A Mass of Remembrance will be at the Church of St. Gerard on Tuesday, **April 30** at 6:00pm. Join us after mass for hospitality and Vietnamese delicacies. All are welcome!

MANY, MANY THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all our ministers who helped make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies meaningful! Thank you to coordinators and sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, readers, sound and VDS ministers, altar servers, greeters and ushers, musicians, the environment team, and the Redemptorists. We are blessed by your generosity and service!
- Thank you to the kitchen cleaning crew who silently cleans and cares for St. Gerard's kitchen so faithfully!
- Thank you to Tim and Julie Smith, the St. Gerard's Music Ministry, all the performers and musicians, and those who were able to join us for the musical on Palm Sunday weekend!
- Thank you St. Gerard parishioners for donating the lovely Easter flowers that decorate our beautiful worship space!
- Thank you St. Gerard's for inviting family, friends, and loved ones to join our parish on Holy Week and Easter Sunday, and for welcoming all our visitors!

POSITION OPENINGS

The Church of St. Gerard is hiring! Visit www.st-gerard.org for job position descriptions and more information.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH COLLECTION

St. Gerard's Youth Homelessness Project is holding a spring outreach collection (**April 27 - June 9**) to benefit homeless youth in our community. Youth experiencing homelessness sometimes need groceries and clothing as well as the means to travel to jobs and school. So we will begin by collecting grocery (Aldi, Cub, Walmart) and gas (SuperAmerica, Holiday) gift cards for the next two weeks. Please place gift cards in a labeled envelope (YHP) and place in the collection baskets during Mass. Visit www.st-gerard.org for a full list of items requested for donation during the 2019 spring collection. Thank you for your support!



SHARING AND CARING HANDS

St. Gerard's prepares and serves a lunch at Sharing and Caring Hands every **1st Saturday** of the month. Our next date is Saturday, **May 4**. No need to sign up, just come on Saturday morning at 9:00am to St. Gerard's kitchen and help prepare the food. Then at 10:50am help pack up the food, take it to Sharing and Caring Hands on 7th Street (Minneapolis), and help serve at 11:30am. Call John at 763-561-3841 with any questions.

BURRITO BREAKFAST

Start off your Cinco De Mayo celebration on **May 5**, by joining the Sister Parish Ministry at the spring Burrito Breakfast. Breakfast will be served after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Hope to see you there!

HERMANAS FRANCISCANAS NEWSLETTER

Visit the News & Events page of our app or website, www.st-gerard.org to read the latest Hermanas Franciscanas Newsletter. The young women that attend the Casa Franciscana, and their parents, are our fellow parishioners from San Rafael.



CRS RICE BOWL

Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the parish office throughout the next week. Thank you for your participation!

LOAVES AND FISHES COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Gerard's Loaves & Fishes Group **NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to help lead and coordinate a monthly meal made here at St. Gerard's kitchen every 4th Friday morning of the month. Please contact Anne at annet@st-gerard.org or call 763-424-8770 ext 120 if you can help.

1-5 FAITH FORMATION ENDS WITH EXCITEMENT!

Magician and Former St. Gerard Director of Faith Formation, Brian Richards had the children and adults wowed by his wonderful presentation for the last session for this year's Faith Formation. Ice cream followed and we look forward to another exciting year in the fall of 2019. Remember, we will need leaders next year and we invite all adults of any age to work with helping our children find faith and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

FIRST EUCHARIST WEEKEND

Our candidates will receive Eucharist at the table of the Lord for the first time on Saturday, **May 18** at 5:00pm mass and Sunday, **May 19** at 10:30am mass (only). Please continue praying for them as they finish their final prep on Wednesday, May 1. Please be aware that attendance at mass will be larger than usual with all of their families and guests. The mass may also be a bit longer. Please plan accordingly.

WOMEN AND WINE

Our event on Friday, April 12 was a smashing success! Looking forward, we will be offering another Women and Wine in the fall of 2019. Spread the word! Come join in the lively discussions and wonderful presentations, food and designer deserts... and of course, WINE! These Adult Formation offerings focus on women's issues and personal experiences based on matters of faith. All women of all faith traditions are welcome.

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Look for our on-line registration coming up for next year's Formation Ministries in early **May**. Paper registration will be available at the parish office and cash, check and credit cards payments are accepted.

2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All kids (PreK-5th grade) are welcomed and invited to attend VBS 2019 entitled "ROAR: Life is Wild. God is Good." Kids will experience exciting stations that emphasize the daily Bible Point such as: Wild Bible Adventures, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, and Stampede Sports. Save the date to join us **June 10-13!** Online registration opens in **May!** More info to come in the bulletin, website, app, and facebook.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of the following **ADULT leaders** for VBS: snacks, large group music and prayer leader, supplies and games. Please consider helping our VBS in June to be a success again this year! Contact Judy Foster at the parish office if you are interested or need more information. Youth volunteers also needed!

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!

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

If your daughter would like to wear a First Communion dress, but it doesn't work into your budget, please contact Trish Cooley at 763-551-9563. Trish has a small collection of new or slightly worn dresses in various styles and sizes for you to use free of charge.



KC PARISH FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus expect to have the Metro Dining Club cards by May 4. We will be selling them again in the Gathering Space following the weekend Masses throughout May. The cost per box will be \$25.

RWC WALK FOR LIFE EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 11

**Clifton E. French Park Visitor Center
12605 Rockford Road, Plymouth, MN**

Registration begins at 10:00am. The walk starts at 10:30am. Help the Robbinsdale Women's Center reach its goal by raising funds so the Center can reach more vulnerable women with the truth of life and mercy of Christ. Walk individually or start a team. Getting sponsors and forming teams is easier than ever. Kids will enjoy face painting and a balloon twister and prizes. After the Walk, the Knights of Columbus will serve up grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, beans, chips, drinks. Only \$5 per meal. Children 5 and under free. The meal price will go toward food costs with the remainder going to the RWC. The Knights will be in the Gathering Space this weekend and next to share more information and assist you in participating in the Walk.

Presiders

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham

May 5, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

May 5, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa

May 12, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

May 12, 10:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa

May 19, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa

May 19, 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
DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:25 am - Parish Families

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:25 am - Carmela Veneri

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:25 am - Bob Veneri †

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:25 am - Claudia Manning †

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00 pm - Tom Veneri

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 am - Parish Families

10:30 am - Jay Wittak †

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

6:00 pm - Mass of Remembrance

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm - FF 1st Eucharist Final Prep

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, MAY 3

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00 am - Sharing & Caring Hands

4:00 pm - Individual Confession

4:30 pm - Rosary (Church)

5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Word, Children

9:30 am - Burrito Breakfast

10:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word, Children

11:30 am - Burrito Breakfast

11:30 am - Baptisms



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

Judy Yeager
Marcia Cunningham
Joyce Laher
Judy Granstra

Also remember those loved ones who have died.

MAY 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

ACTS 5:27-32,40B-41

REV 5:11-14

JN 21:1-19

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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