

# The Church of St. Gerard Majella

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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, Sunday: CLOSED


## EUCCHARIST

Weekdays: 8:25 am  
Saturday: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 am

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

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@StGerardYM

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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  
Dianne Goodwin - Secretary/Receptionist

## MAINTENANCE Services

Position Open - Custodian  
Position Open - Facilities Care Coordinator

## 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 hope everyone is excited with the news that a new pastoral team has been appointed for our Parish. The new pastor and his associate will be in place no later than July 1. It is our plan that there will be an informal introduction in the bulletin next week. We are also engaging the transition team that has been put in place. It will be a time of high energy and expectation the next few weeks but I know that we are ready as a parish for this transition. The permanence that is so necessary, repeatedly referenced in the parish survey for example, will soon become a reality for all of us. I have no reason to expect anything other than a smooth transition and a blessed beginning in our parish life.

We had a wonderful parish leadership gathering last Thursday evening. I truly enjoyed the presentations, reflective of how much work we have dedicated to the task these last few months under the leadership of our administrator Karl. It was good to see so many generous and faithful parishioners in attendance at this first event of this type in quite a while. Our anticipation is that it will be only the first of many such gatherings as we continue to grow and develop as a parish community. The sheer talent that was present and the generosity that was shared by all was truly inspirational. It was a real experience of God's manifested grace for me and hopefully for all those who attended.

One of the persistent questions I have received over the last few weeks was obviously the question about the future leadership of our parish. That question has now been answered. The question that accompanied this first question was a question about what the future holds for the Redemptorist community. Our appointments take place the first few weeks of June. At the moment, the provincial council is visiting all of our ministry sites and communities, listening to the Redemptorist community but also to the people who are served by the community. They will take all of this information back to the council, pray about it, and try to sort it out to see what is possible and what is not. At this point in time no one really knows what the final results might be but I will let you know as soon as I know. Keep the Provincial Council in your prayers. There are more and more needs and less and less men who can answer the need.

This week I am on retreat, a period of time that I always look forward to but this year perhaps more than most years. I must admit that I feel pretty tired and can use a break. Even though, as I shared with you, I was energized by our Lenten and Easter liturgies and events, nonetheless I could also find myself developing a core tiredness that seemed not to go away. Some of it is the busyness of the liturgical season but some of it is that I am not as young as I used to be. Hopefully, the extended retreat will help to rejuvenate the spirit for the two month sprint to the finish that lies ahead.

Have a great week. Let us remember to keep each other in our thoughts and prayers. It is also good to keep our new pastoral team in prayer as they prepare to make a transition from what is familiar to them to the new adventure of the St. Gerard parish community.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community & staff who serves you

## WEDDING BANNES

**Paige Myers and Gavin McLain** will be married at the Church of St. Gerard on May 18, 2019. We pray for God's richest blessings on them as they begin their married life together.



## WEDDING PLANS?

Interested in getting married at St. Gerard's? Please contact Amy Wittak, Liturgical Ministry Coordinator ([amyw@st-gerard.org](mailto:amyw@st-gerard.org) or 763-424-8770) at least 6 months before the date you plan on getting married. Congratulations on your engagement!

## A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!



Welcome to the parish family of St. Gerard Majella. We are so happy to have you with us!

- Marcia Cunningham
- Sophia Iskierka and Latrell Love; Cameron

## NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Prep Class at St. Gerard's will be at 9:30am on Saturday, **May 18**. Classes are typically the third Saturday of the month. Please call the Parish Office at 763-424-8770 to register for the preparation class and schedule a date for the baptism.

## MAY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

Saturday, May 11- after 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 19- after 8:30am Mass



## POSITION OPENINGS

The Church of St. Gerard is hiring! There is a full-time position opening for a Facility Care Coordinator and a part-time Custodian position opening. Visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) for job descriptions and more information. Interested candidates should email a PDF formatted resume to Karl Kornowski at [karlk@st-gerard.org](mailto:karlk@st-gerard.org).

## YHP COLLECTION:

### THIS WEEK - GIFT CARDS!

St. Gerard's Youth Homelessness Project is holding a spring outreach collection (**through 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. This week we will again be collecting grocery (Aldi, Cub, Walmart) and gas (SuperAmerica, Holiday) gift cards. Please place gift cards in a labeled envelope (YHP) and place in the collection baskets during Mass. Visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) for a full list of items requested for donation during the 2019 spring collection. Thank you for your support!



### BURRITO BREAKFAST - MAY 5

Start off your Cinco De Mayo celebration this Sunday, **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!

### LOAVES AND FISHES COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Gerard's Loaves & Fishes Group **NEEDS** a **LEADER/COORDINATOR** to help plan and prepare 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](mailto:annet@st-gerard.org) or call 763-424-8770 ext 120 if you can help.

### LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Here are a few suggestions on ways you can help!

**Loaves & Fishes:** Help prepare/serve food to people in need on the 4th Friday of the month.

**Sharing & Caring Hands:** Help prepare/serve lunch at Sharing & Caring Hands on the 1st Saturday of the month.

**Justice Commission:** Help develop and implement a social justice strategy for St. Gerard's. Past events have included the "Fair Trade Sale" and a study group on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si". The Justice Commission meets on the first Monday of the month.

**San Rafael Sister Parish:** Participate in building a relationship between our parishes and learn about the people of San Rafael through trips and communications. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information about these Justice/Outreach opportunities, contact Anne at [annet@st-gerard.org](mailto:annet@st-gerard.org) or visit [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) (GET INVOLVED).

### HERMANAS FRANCISCANAS NEWSLETTER

Visit the News & Events page of our app or website, [www.st-gerard.org](http://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.

## FIRST EUCHARIST WEEKEND

Our candidates will receive Eucharist at the table of the Lord for the first time on Saturday, **May 18** at the 5:00pm mass and Sunday, **May 19** at the 10:30am mass (only). Please continue to pray for them and their families. 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.

## 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD - SUMMER STRETCH

We will again be offering Summer Stretch for our youth in August. Dates to be announced. This is an opportunity to do service in the community in the morning and a fun social event in the afternoon. Keep an eye out for updates!

## 2019 VBS - REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration for St. Gerard's 2019 Vacation Bible School is now **OPEN!** Online registration and volunteer sign-up is available on the website ([www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org)) or app ("St Gerard Majella" in the app store). All kids (PreK-5th grade) are welcomed and invited to attend VBS 2019 titled "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. Join us **June 10-13** from 9:00am to noon!



## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of the following **ADULT leaders** for VBS: snacks, large group music/prayer leader, supplies and games. Many adult and youth volunteers are needed for VBS to be a success again this year! Contact Judy Foster at the parish office if you need more information. Sign up to volunteer online **TODAY** on St. Gerard's website or app. (Use the VBS registration link to also sign up to volunteer.) VBS is **June 10-13** from 9:00am to noon. Thank you!

## GIFT BEARERS SIGN UP!

Attention Faith Formation Families! You are invited to sign up to bring up the gifts at mass. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Gathering Space on the table next to the Welcome Desk. All 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](http://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!

### **WEEKEND BULLETINS & HOMILIES ARE ONLINE!**

Visit our website, [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org), or mobile app to read the bulletin or listen to the weekend homily. Also check out current parish events, online giving, and ways to get involved in the parish!

### **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 METRO DINING CLUB CARDS**

The Knights of Columbus will have the Metro Dining Club cards this weekend! They will be selling them again in the Gathering Space following the weekend Masses throughout May. The cost per box is \$25.

### **RWC WALK FOR LIFE EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 11**

#### **Clifton E. French Park Visitor Center**

#### **12605 Rockford Road, Plymouth, MN**

Registration begins 10:00am. The walk starts at 10:30am. Help the Robbinsdale Women's Center achieve its goal to reach vulnerable women with the truth of life and mercy of Christ. 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 to assist you in participating in the Walk.

## Presiders

### **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

### **6th Sunday of Easter**

May 25, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham

May 26, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

May 26, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

# 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, MAY 6**

8:25 am - Communion Service

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

8:25 am - Steven Ignagni

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

8:25 am - Carmela Veneri

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

8:25 am - Bob Veneri †

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

8:25 am - Tom Veneri

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

5:00 pm - Marvin Jacobs †

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

8:30 am - Grace Onuoha †

10:30 am - Parish Families

## PARISH EVENTS

**MONDAY, MAY 6**

7:00 pm - Justice & Outreach Meeting

7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:30 pm - Regent AA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

4:00 pm - Individual Confession

4:30 pm - Rosary (Church)

5:00 pm - Eucharist

6:00 pm - Anointing of the Sick

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Word, Children

10:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word, Children



**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**  
**Henry Teigland**

Also remember those loved ones who have died.

MAY 12, 2019

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**ACTS** 13:14,43-52

**REV** 7:9,14B-17

**JN** 10:27-30

**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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