

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 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

 Like us on FACEBOOK

 St. Gerard's Youth TWITTER handle:
@StGerardYM

 St. Gerard's Youth INSTAGRAM:
@StGerardYouth

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

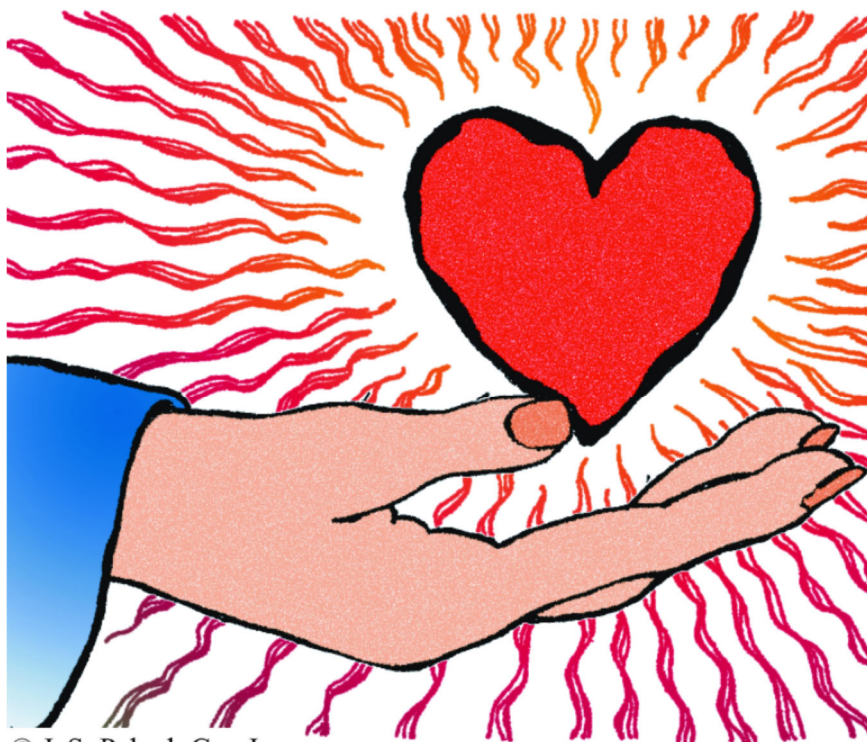
All Are Welcome!

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

LOVE

ONE ANOTHER



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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.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day weekend. The weather was perfect and the liturgy of both Word and Eucharist was a wonderful way to celebrate this day. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to bless each Mother with an individual blessing after mass. I believe that the more personal approach, as opposed to a general blessing where people just stand at their seat to receive it, is more appropriate for special days. It takes a little more effort, and a little more patience waiting in line, but the spiritual connection is worth it.

Spiritual connections are much more difficult to experience in our present experience. It is no one's fault in particular, but rather a consequence of our time and the conveniences that we prefer. It is difficult and oftentimes a deliberate act that requires some effort in order to spiritually connect with the world around us. Opportunities are seemingly infrequent, or at least not as frequent as they once might have been.

For example, I can remember as a young child the long walk to church, or at other times riding my bike, as I struggled to get to St. Alphonsus for serving responsibilities. The early morning masses started at 6:00 AM and, in the days before concelebration, the side altars at church were in constant use. The Redemptorist community that staffed the parish included about 10 priests so there was always 7 or 8 side altar masses to serve, and that was before the visiting priests were accounted for. I remember the crisp air in the morning, still trying to get the sleep out of my eyes, as I journeyed to church some 10 blocks away. No one was forcing me to do it, it was just something I wanted to do. Somehow it made me feel more connected to the Spirit of God and it was a feeling that I enjoyed.

I also remember the sounds and the smells that greeted me once I entered church. There were many, many votive lights burning, the use of incense was much more frequent and so the smell lingered, and of course there were the sounds of the organ and the sounds of the bells. In a sense, you were transported into another space as soon as you entered the church and you started thinking about spiritual things. Today, in our atmosphere, we rely on a different experience and manifestation of Church, centered more on people and on relationships. I think this is crucial and in the long run much more important, but it doesn't mean that I cannot still appreciate the memories. I do not want to go back to what was, but I do understand the nostalgia of those days long past.

Perhaps, I am thinking a little more about the past because we are in a period of transition here at St. Gerard. Approximately 47 years of pastoral service by religious communities is transitioning to pastoral service by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. I have been asked over and over again these past few weeks if there is a discernible difference that should be anticipated. I am not

sure if it should be anticipated, but there is a discernable difference. I do not think it is easily explained but it is "felt." It is not a good thing or a bad thing, it is just rather what it is. In our experience it is what we are being called to experience and it is how we will continue to build church and support the People of God in our time and place. I can feel the energy and I look forward to the movement.

Have a great week. Enjoy the wonderful days of Spring. Let us continue to remember each other in prayer. As we prepare for the Feast of Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost we continue to be blessed.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.

For the Redemptorist Community and Staff

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Our next altar server training will be Wednesday, **May 22** at 6:00pm. Anyone who has received their First Eucharist or older is encouraged to attend. Contact Amy at amyw@st-gerard.org for questions or for more information. Thank you for helping make our liturgies vibrant!

FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Come join Tim, Director of Liturgical Music, and Amy, Liturgical Ministry Coordinator, in giving the gift to your loved ones of pre-planning your funeral. Seminar will be Saturday, **June 8** starting at 9:30am. Meet in the choir room. Everyone is welcome!



CORN FEST 2019: AUGUST 9-10

Mark your calendars now! St. Gerard's 49th annual Corn Fest is **August 9-10, 2019!** Plan to join us Friday and Saturday as we celebrate 49 years of faith, family and community!

This year the event will be:

Friday, August 9 from 6:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday, August 10 from 5:00 - 11:00pm

Outdoor Mass: Saturday, August 10 at 4:00pm

FREE Live Music: Friday & Saturday 7:00-11:00pm

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 for job descriptions and more information. Interested candidates should email a PDF formatted resume to Karl Kornowski at karlk@st-gerard.org.

YHP COLLECTION:

THIS WEEK - SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, AND DIAPERS

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 go without basic necessities for themselves and those they care for. This week we will continue collecting new men's/women's and child/youth socks and underwear, and diapers (sizes N-3). Please place donations in the collection bins in the church. Visit www.st-gerard.org for a full list of items requested for donation during the 2019 spring collection. Thank you for your support!



LOAVES & FISHES

St. Gerard's hosts Loaves & Fishes on the **4th Friday** of every month. Our next date is Friday, **May 24**. 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 questions.

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 or call 763-424-8770 ext 120 if you can help.



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, **June 1**. 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.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you are a parishioner, or know of a parishioner, who is homebound and would like to receive Communion regularly, contact Anne Tiller, at 763-424-8770 ext 120 or email annet@st-gerard.org.



A HUGE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped prepare our candidates receiving the sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation, RCIC, Marriage and Baptism. Many hands held up these candidates: small group leaders, parents, mentor couples and baptism class leaders. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides them in their faith.

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

On-line registration for next year's Faith Formation Ministries is **OPEN!** Visit our website www.st-gerard.org or app to register, make payment, and sign up to volunteer. Early registration is encouraged and the fees are less costly. There is also a price break if you consider volunteering as a small group leader. Come join the fun next year on Wednesday evenings (gr. 1-5), and Sunday evenings for EDGE (gr. 6-8) and Confirmation (gr. 9 to 11). Paper registration is also available in the parish office.

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) 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." Join us **June 10-13** from 9:00am to noon!



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Currently, we are in need of the following **ADULT** leaders for VBS: **snack leader** and **music/skit leader**. Contact Judy Foster at the parish office if you need more information. Sign up online to volunteer **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 volunteers!

LOOKING AHEAD - SUMMER STRETCH

We will again be offering Summer Stretch for our youth in August. Dates to be announced. This is an opportunity for youth to do service in the community in the morning and a fun social event in the afternoon. Keep an eye out for updates in the bulletin, on the parish website or app, or on our facebook page. Plan to invite your friends! 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) 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!

BOYS FOR BIZAA (BY THE HARRERS)

You are invited to attend Colby's 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast to raise money to sponsor children in Nigeria through BIZAA. The event will also include Quinton's "Child Clothing/Toy/Baby Equipment" Drive, Peyton's Silent Auction, live music, and a bounce house. BIZAA helps children in Africa go to school and end their entrapment in child labor and child trafficking (visit BIZAA.org). Join the fun on Saturday, **June 1**, from 8:30-11:30am at 6805 - 104th Circle N, Brooklyn Park, 55445. Or, you can make a donation to www.gofundme.com/boys-for-bizaa



KC METRO DINING CLUB CARDS

The Knights of Columbus have the Metro Dining Club cards for sale in the Gathering Space following the weekend Masses throughout May. The cost per box is \$25.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

"Faithful Beginnings" (Early Childhood program at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School) has openings in our Tuesday/Thursday preschool program for the 2019-20 School Year. This program is a play-based introduction to school, and designed for 3 and 4 year olds. The cost is \$155 a month. For more information, visit school.saintvdp.org/about-preschool or email or call our Assistant Principal, Maggie Dawson for a tour (maggiedawson@saintvdp.org, 763-425-3970).

Presiders

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

7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 5:00pm - Rev. Tuan Pham
June 2, 8:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham
June 2, 10:30am - Rev. Tuan Pham

Pentecost

June 8, 5:00pm - Rev. Thomas Santa
June 9, 8:30am - Rev. Thomas Santa
June 9, 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, MAY 20

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:25 am - Parish Families

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8:25 am - Bob Veneri Family

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:25 am - Richard Potvin †

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:25 am - Bessie Hawrysch †

SATURDAY, MAY 25

5:00 pm - Jean Eidem †

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 am - Carolyn Manovill †

10:30 am - Gerald & Robert Steffens †

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:30 pm - Scouts #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

6:30 pm - KC's Council Meeting

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm - Altar Server Training

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00 am - Loaves & Fishes Bread Buttering

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

7:00 pm - Sister Parish Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Parish Office Closed - Memorial Day

8:30 am - Loaves & Fishes Prep

5:00 pm - Loaves & Fishes at St Stephen's

SATURDAY, MAY 25

4:00 pm - Individual Confession

4:30 pm - Rosary (Church)

5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Eucharist

11:30 am - Anointing of the Sick



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

Joyce Laher
Judy Granstra
Henry Teigland

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

Mary Schroetke

MAY 26, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

ACTS 15:1-2,22-29

REV 21:10-14,22-23

JN 14:23-29

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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