The Church of St. Gerard Majella

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 28,

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

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

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:00 pm

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
Fax Number:	763-424-4327
Victim Assistance:	651-291-4475

PASTORAL Services
Fr. John Klockeman
Fr. Joseph-Quốc Thiện Vương
Karl Kornowski - Parish Administrator
Amy Wittak- Liturgical Ministry
Open Position - Dir. of Liturgical Music
Colette O'Brien - Communications
Open Position - Dir. of Faith Formation

SUPPORT Services
Sue Czerniak - Secretary/Receptionist
Dianne Goodwin - Secretary/Receptionist

MAINTENANCE Services
Geoff Moore - Custodian
Bob Imholte - 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!

Lord, teach us to pray

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.

The Church of St. Gerard

A Note From The Business Administrator

Please show some of that famous St. Gerard's hospitality and introduce yourselves to some of our new Staff in the Facilities Department. Many have noticed the hard work Bob (Facilities Care Coordinator) and Geoff (Part-time Custodian) have been doing. I am amazed at the workload and impressed how many things we are "knocking off the list". I encourage you to go to the website and fill out a Maintenance or Custodial Request (bottom left of main page) if there is anything you notice or see. Many of the jobs are being added because of diligent Parishioners. A recent example is a call I received from one of you to discuss a FREEZING Church. That led us to find a problem with our air conditioning controls. This likely saved us money... Thanks, and keep the input coming! We will take all requests and put them on the (enormous) list.

Dust ~~Bunnies~~ Bears:

As we finished up some painting in the rectory, one of our volunteers took off a vent to clean it… well, after running upstairs to triage a shriek of "HOLY COW!!! LOOK AT THIS" (this has been a theme), I was presented with a metal rectangle that although was "vent shaped" looked more like a black patch of fuzzy astro-turf! Upon further inspection, we found that the ducts not only had not been cleaned since the furnace was installed (I'll let you do the math) but were covered in mats of mold and other nasties. Needless to say, we bit the bullet (this has also been a theme) and had a commercial duct cleaning business come out and make this a healthy space. It was expensive as there was a labyrinth of ducts, but well worth it in the end. We will plan the next cleaning prior to 2070. Promise.

Who's the guy who looks like a young Tim Smith?:

We want to thank Zeke Smith (yes, son of THOSE "Smiths") who shares in the Smith musical giftedness, is acting as our interim Director of Liturgical Music until Mid-August when he returns to school down south. We thank him and the whole Smith clan for being so generous of their talents in service to St. Gerard's as we search for the right long-term/permanent replacement. As a musician myself, I can appreciate the challenge in finding the perfect fit for this Parish. So, as the Search Committee begins its process of looking through candidates, we will begin putting together a plan to ensure we are covered, and the quality of our music remains at the level we have been blessed with having for so long.

If anything else is on your mind… Please reach out. - Karl

Welcome Geoff Moore!

We welcome our new custodian, Geoff Moore. Geoff and his wife, Becka, have a son in college and a daughter in high school. They enjoy traveling, fishing, hunting, and anything else in the outdoors.

2019 Corn Fest

St. Gerard's 49th annual Corn Fest is:
Friday, August 9 from 6:00 - 11:00pm
Saturday, August 10 from 5:00 - 11:00pm
Outdoor Mass: Saturday, Aug 10, 4:00pm

There will be carnival games, inflatables, food booths, beer garden, wall of wine, bingo, grand raffle, basket auction, pull tabs, and FREE live music from 7:00 - 11:00pm both nights! (Friday, August 9 is The Backyard Band and Saturday, August 10 is Emerson Avenue.) Don't forget to **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! (In the Gathering Space or ONLINE on our website or mobile app.)**

Corn Fest 2019: Help Needed!

Corn Fest needs an adult assistant(s) for Games/Sports Alley. This person will work with the coordinator Tamara Metke, maintaining the booths on Friday and/or Saturday. Please contact Tamara at 763-370-1837 if you can help.

Ticket Changes

Buy food and drinks with tickets this year. Use the same $1 tickets for food and games. This should make the lines at St. Gerard's Grill faster. Simply hand your tickets to the cashier and pick up your food. There will be multiple locations to buy your tickets so lines should be shorter there, too.

Credit Cards Accepted!

Fewer people carry cash these days, so to make it more convenient, food and game tickets AND silent auction baskets can be purchased with credit cards! There will be card readers at the ticket booths and in the Silent Auction area. **NOTE: Raffle tickets and Pull Tabs still require cash** due to state gambling laws.

Basket Auction and Wall of Wine Moving!

Baskets and Wall of Wine will be displayed in the Gathering Space. This is a great way to welcome guests to our Gathering Space and invite them to visit again in the future.

Baskets and Bingo Access changes

No more long walks past the inflatables to play bingo or bid on baskets - use the *Faith Formation* classroom doors (door 2) this year. This will make it easier for EVERYONE!

Bring Your Bingo Daubers!

New this year – Bingo played with paper games and daubers No more sliding windows on those cardboard cards, so if you have a favorite lucky dauber, bring it!

Corn Fest Set-Up Sunday is August 4!

Corn Fest Committee needs your help! **Corn Fest set-up will take place following 10:30 mass on Sunday, August 4.** (Clean-up will take place on Sunday, August 11 following the 10:30 mass.) Please volunteer to lend a hand for a couple hours, if you are able. Thanks St. Gerards!

Justice and Outreach

Catholic Social Teaching & The Sister Parish Ministry

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. St. Gerard's Sister Parish Ministry with San Rafael provides opportunities to live out the themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable: A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

During our July 2017 visit to San Rafael, we were humbled to visit an area of town called El Cono. El Cono in Spanish means "the granary". This is the area where the crops and cattle were kept during the time the land area was a hacienda. The people who live here have no property rights. The fortunate live in a "government" house which is 4 meters by 4 meters, one door and no windows. We were privileged to visit with two families who are living out their faith and inviting others to the same calling by leading a Bible study.

More information at: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/option-for-the-poor-and-vulnerable.cfm

Youth Homelessness Project

The St. Gerard's Youth Homelessness Project received a letter of thanks to all parishioners for the many gift cards and diapers donated to Open Doors For Youth. The gift cards and diapers were collected during the spring outreach collection (April - June, 2019.) Open Doors for Youth is a drop-in resource center in Elk River. They serve youth (16 - 24) who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. To read the thank you letter, visit the News & Events page of our parish website or mobile app.

Loaves and Fishes Coordinator Needed

St. Gerard's Loaves & Fishes group needs a **LEADER/ COORDINATOR** to help plan and prepare a monthly meal made at St. Gerard's kitchen every 4th Friday morning of the month. Contact the parish office 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, **August 3**. 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.

Faith Formation

2019-2020 Faith Formation Registration

Faith Formation 2019-2020 registration is **OPEN!** On-line registration for next year's Faith Formation Ministries can be completed on our website (www.st-gerard.org) or mobile app. You can also make a payment and sign up to volunteer online. Receive a price break on the registration fee if you sign up to volunteer as a small group leader. Register today! Don't miss the fun and community as we gather for Faith Formation for all youth pre-k through Confirmation. Paper registration is also available in the parish office.

Small Group Leaders

Many say, "I don't know enough about the teachings of the church to lead a small group of children or youth." All that is required to be a small group leader is a desire to share your faith. Session plans are easy to follow and we concentrate more on building relationships with the kids and having them build relationships with each other. Our goal is to help answer their questions as they find faith and help them apply their faith in their real lives. Please pray about taking time to help youth journey to a personal relationship with Christ. Time commitment can vary and you can even team lead, lessening the load. Small Group Leaders are needed for:

- Sundays during 10:30am Mass for pre-K and K (St. G's Kids)
- Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:15pm, once a week (average of 3 meetings per month) for grades 1-5
- Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm for middle grades and Confirmation

You will find that by sharing your faith, you can make a difference in the lives of our children and youth and also come closer to Jesus Christ in your own spiritual journey.

Confirmation

St. Gerard Faith Formation offers preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 9. You must be registered in the parish to participate. Register for Confirmation online on our parish website (www.st-gerard.org.) This will be the LAST YEAR that a 1 year program will be offered (grade 9). Those entering grade 8 this fall will have a 2 year process which is the same time frame as surrounding parishes. They will be confirmed in the spring of 2021. For more info, contact the parish office.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

For those entering Confirmation preparation, we would like to encourage you to do service over the summer months to get a head-start on service requirements. Many helpers are needed for **Corn Fest (August 9/10).** To participate, note that volunteer sign up can be done in the Gathering Space or online by visiting our website or app. Be sure to record your hours worked and turn them in this fall. Thank you!

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 mobile 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!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

At St. Gerards, we have Adoration every Wednesday 9:00am through Thursday 8:00am. You are welcome to visit the chapel any time without signing up. If you wish to sign up for a committed weekly hour, please call the Parish Office at 763-424-8770.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

The St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus are looking for men in our parish to join us in our mission to support our parish, our faith, and our Catholic way of life. As you may know, the Knights are one of many valued parish groups whose work brings a variety of benefits to our parish and community. Through many visible activities, we support our parish youth groups and people with special needs in our community and beyond. We support our seminarians, and our priests in special projects not always visible. Finally, we host events and invite our parish to get together as a family so that the fabric of our parish community is strengthened. If you are interested in membership and would like to receive information, please visit our website at kc13001.mnknights.org or email knights13001news@gmail.com

ATTENTION ONLINE SHOPPERS!

Do you shop on Amazon? When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same low prices, same products and same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Gerards. Support St. Gerards when you shop Amazon by using the link https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0973587 Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

EASY GIVING FOR ST. GERARD'S!

- **Website:** www.st-gerard.org GIVE page
- **Mobile App:** GIVE page
- **QR Code:** scan the QR Code (inside flap of the bulletin)
- **Auto Withdrawal:** Contact the parish office at 763-424-8770

Thank you for your continued support!

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, JULY 29
8:25 am - Communion Service
TUESDAY, JULY 30
8:25 am - Pat Schuller †
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
8:25 am - Kathy Irvin †
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
8:25 am - Paul & Sheila Garceau †
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
8:25 am - Gerald & Robert Steffens †
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
5:00 pm - Dick Keefe †
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
8:30 am - Dick Dziuk †
10:30 am - Parish Families

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 29

TUESDAY, JULY 30
9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion
9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group
7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration
7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
6:00 pm - Centering Prayer
7:00 pm - Corn Fest Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
9:00 am - Sharing & Caring Hands
4:00 pm - Individual Confession
5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
8:30 am - Eucharist
10:30 am - Eucharist
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:
Emma Janey
Mellen Mingate

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:
Judy Yeager

AUGUST 4, 2019
18th Sunday OT

ECC 1:2, 2:21-23
COL 3:1-5, 9-11
LK 12:13-21

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.

Get the App

Donate Online