

# The Church of St. Gerard Majella

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 1, 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

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm

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



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@StGerardYM



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@StGerardYouth

Parish Office: 763-424-8770  
Fax Number: 763-424-4327  
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## 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

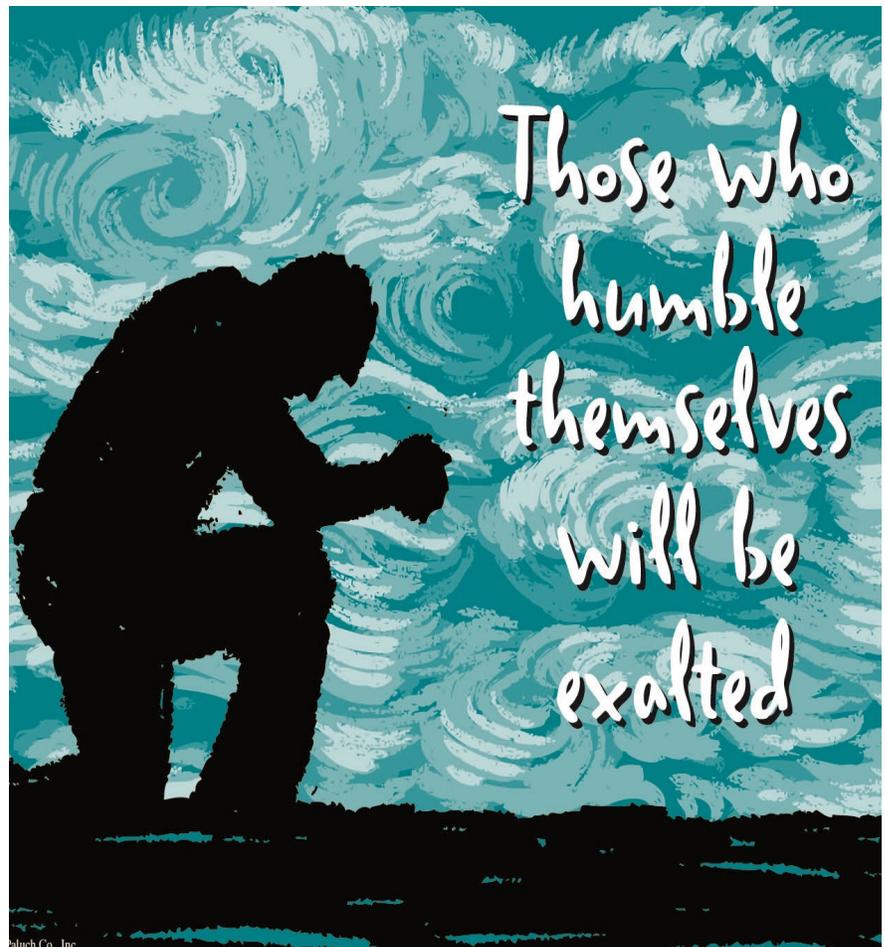
Sue Czerniak - Secretary/Receptionist  
Dianne Goodwin - Secretary/Receptionist

## 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!*



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 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Sometimes opportunity knocks... Sometimes it just kicks down the door.

The latter explains why you may have noticed an unexpected and significant addition to our liturgical music area this last week. I have been in contact over the last several months (when Fr. Tom was still here) with Joni, my counterpart over at St. Austin's in Minneapolis, which was slated to close and merge with St. Bridget's. We had discussed the possibility of purchasing some liturgical items from them and planned a trip a couple weeks ago to see what they would not be using at St. Bridget's. As Brother Bruce and Joni guided us around I casually asked about the beautiful piano. "Are you interested in it?" Joni immediately responded. Turns out they had another potential interested party, however they felt it would be much better to "keep it in the family." We had no intention of going there to purchase an instrument, but it was worth discussing. I was reminded of a conversation I had with Tim when I first came here regarding a piano (we are both kindred music geeks). He correctly stated that the two baby grands we had were simply unplayable, unfixable and not suitable for a sound befitting a good Liturgy. He had decided to pick up an inexpensive keyboard with dreams of getting a real instrument someday.

Well, here we are looking at an immaculately maintained instrument in the same oak color as our sanctuary, with a motivated seller with a spiritual tie to St. Gerard's and a very short window to make a decision. After much discussion we decided that it was an opportunity we needed to take. We called Joni, and committed to purchasing.

The next blessing is that due to the incredible generosity of a donor, we have covered the cost of this instrument which will be a part of St. Gerards for years to come!

Fast forward one week and we found ourselves having a piano delivered and set up so quickly that we couldn't even get this story in the bulletin before it showed up!

Sometimes opportunity knocks... Other times it lets itself in, makes itself at home and becomes part of the family.

As we are on the topic of music, know that we are working a process to find the right person for this Church. Maintaining a high bar makes for a longer hiring process. In the meantime, we will be using appropriate subs until that perfect man or woman is brought to us.

Also, please take the time to THANK the dedicated and amazing volunteers who lead us in song each week. I'm so impressed by them all. The time they put in and the guts they have to stand up and lead each week should never be taken for granted. Trust that it can be challenging to stand up in front of a full Church, give their best, and hope it is what everyone likes. They seem to do it with ease, grace and a great attitude! That is a HUGE part of what has made music such an integral part of this parish's past, and

will be what leads us into the future.

More to follow soon. As always, please reach out to me directly with anything. - Karl Kornowski

## WEDDING BANNES



Nicole Fischer and Westin Satzinger will be married at the Church of St. Gerard on September 7, 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? 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!

We are so happy to have you with us!

- Stephen & Ajitha Kanayinkal; Akhil
- Ashley Nguyen
- Gerald & Sara Barr; Rachel & David
- Chung & Van Anh Hoang; Anthony
- Sharon & Dan Huth; Brianna & Brandon
- Tiffany & Ryan Bakke; Reid, Reese & Reston
- Peter & Deborah Schiessl
- Matthew & Shelby O'Keefe; Bradley, Connor & Beckett



## CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Come and see! The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study will be studying the Letters of James, Peter, and John beginning on October 3, 2019 and ending on March 26, 2020. Weekly meetings are on Thursday mornings from 10:00am to noon, with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The weekly meetings are based on brief talks, small group interaction, and great readings from the Bible and Catholic commentaries. For more details, please contact Kathy Ruhland at [katruhland@comcast.net](mailto:katruhland@comcast.net) or 612-636-5424. You can also visit the Cornerstone website for more information: [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org)

## AUGUST BAPTISMS

Kodie Rose Renner and Wyatt Charles Hill were made members of the Church through the saving waters of baptism. May God continue to bless their families and our parish as we continue the vital work of teaching them what it means to follow Christ.

## NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Prep Class at St. Gerard's will be at 9:30am on Saturday, **September 21**. 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.

**EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY**

Sister Parish Ministry invites you to join us for an immersion opportunity to Explore Migration as a Faith Journey in McAllen, TX in January 2020. One way to respond to the complex issue of migration is to experience it first-hand with face to face contact. During this visit we will celebrate Immigration Sunday with some of the immigrants and our fellow parishioners from San Rafael, Mexico. It will be a week of working with respite centers, listening to stories of the migrants, talking with Border Patrol and Immigration lawyers. Participating in the "Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey" 8-week module will be a part of the preparation for this immersion experience. For more information, contact Shawn Phillips 763-350-3598 or email [senborah@gmail.com](mailto:senborah@gmail.com)

**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, **September 7**. 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.

**CEAP BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

It is back to school time! St. Gerard's is collecting school supplies and donations for CEAP's Back To School Drive to ensure every child is prepared for school. For every \$10 donated, you can provide a full backpack to a child in our community. School supply donations can be placed in the collection bins in the Gathering Space or at the altar in the church. Checks can be made out to CEAP and placed in the Sunday collection baskets or brought to the parish office. Thanks for your participation St. Gerard's!

**HOUSING FOR ALL BUS TOUR**

Come see and hear how the need for affordable housing impacts our community, our neighbors and our seniors in the local metro area. All are welcome to join the tour on Tuesday, **September 17**, from 5:30-8:00pm; a light dinner is provided. There is no cost for the tour. We will gather at Hope Bridge Community Center (4217 Boone Ave, New Hope). Register at [rsvp@micah.org](mailto:rsvp@micah.org) or 651-646-0612. Housing For All, a community and faith-based group, advocates for stable housing for people of modest incomes in the NW suburbs of Hennepin County.

**2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION**

St. Gerard's 2019-2020 Faith Formation year starts SOON! Sessions begin the week of September 22:

**Sept 22:** "St. G's Kids" parent and child orientation held after 10:30am Mass in Rooms 1, 3, 4 & 5.

**Sept 29:** "St. G's Kids" first child session at 10:30am.

**Sept. 29:** EDGE and Confirmation kick-off and orientation from 6:00-7:30pm - youth, candidates and parents meet in the Church.

**Sept 25:** Wednesday Night Faith Formation (grades 1-5) from 6:00-7:15pm.

**Oct 2:** Family Night orientation and formation from 6:00-7:30pm - parents and children.

**2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE!** Faith Formation 2019-2020 is quickly approaching and registration is still **OPEN!** On-line registration for 2019-2020 Faith Formation Ministries can be completed on our website ([www.st-gerard.org](http://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 (all youth pre-k through Confirmation.) Paper registration is also available in the parish office. Please call the parish office if you have any questions, 763-424-8770.

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS**

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 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 (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.

**GIFT BEARERS SIGN UP!**

Attention Faith Formation Families! You and your family 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 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!

## SEPTEMBER ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please stay in the Church following Mass:

Saturday, September 7 - after 5:00pm Mass  
Sunday, September 15 - after 8:30am Mass  
Sunday, September 22 - after 10:30am Mass

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STEAK FRY

The St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus are having their annual Steak Fry on Wednesday, **September 4** at 6:00pm at the pavilion (weather permitting.) All St. Gerard KC members and their families are encouraged to attend this event. The cost of the dinner is \$10. It will include steak, potatoes, vegetables, beverages and dessert. This event is a great way for our families to get to know each other better while enjoying a delicious steak dinner. Please RSVP by August 30 to Bob Bazinet 612-615-3086 or Mike Galante at 612-272-1369.



## MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION - MISSION SERVICE

Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, **September 13-15, 2019** for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School, Chicago. Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)) are available on the web site: [www.MissionDoctors.org](http://www.MissionDoctors.org) or by calling 213-368-1872.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

## EASY GIVING FOR ST. GERARD'S!

- **Website:** [www.st-gerard.org](http://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, SEPTEMBER 2**

8:25 am - Communion Service

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

8:25 am - Don Heintzeman †

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

8:25 am -

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

8:25 am -

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

8:25 am - Phil Marxen

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

5:00 pm - Marvin Jacobs †

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

8:30 am - Parish Families

10:30 am - Gerald & Robert Steffens †

## PARISH EVENTS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:30 pm - Regent AA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

9:00 am - Sharing & Caring Hands

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

5:00 pm - Eucharist

6:00 pm - Anointing of the Sick

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

8:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Eucharist



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

**Dee Kotsmith  
Bernie Dols**

Also remember those loved ones who have died.

## SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

**23rd Sunday OT**

**WIS 9:13-18B**

**PHMN 9-10, 12-17**

**LK 14:25-33**

## **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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