

# The Church of St. Gerard Majella

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 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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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

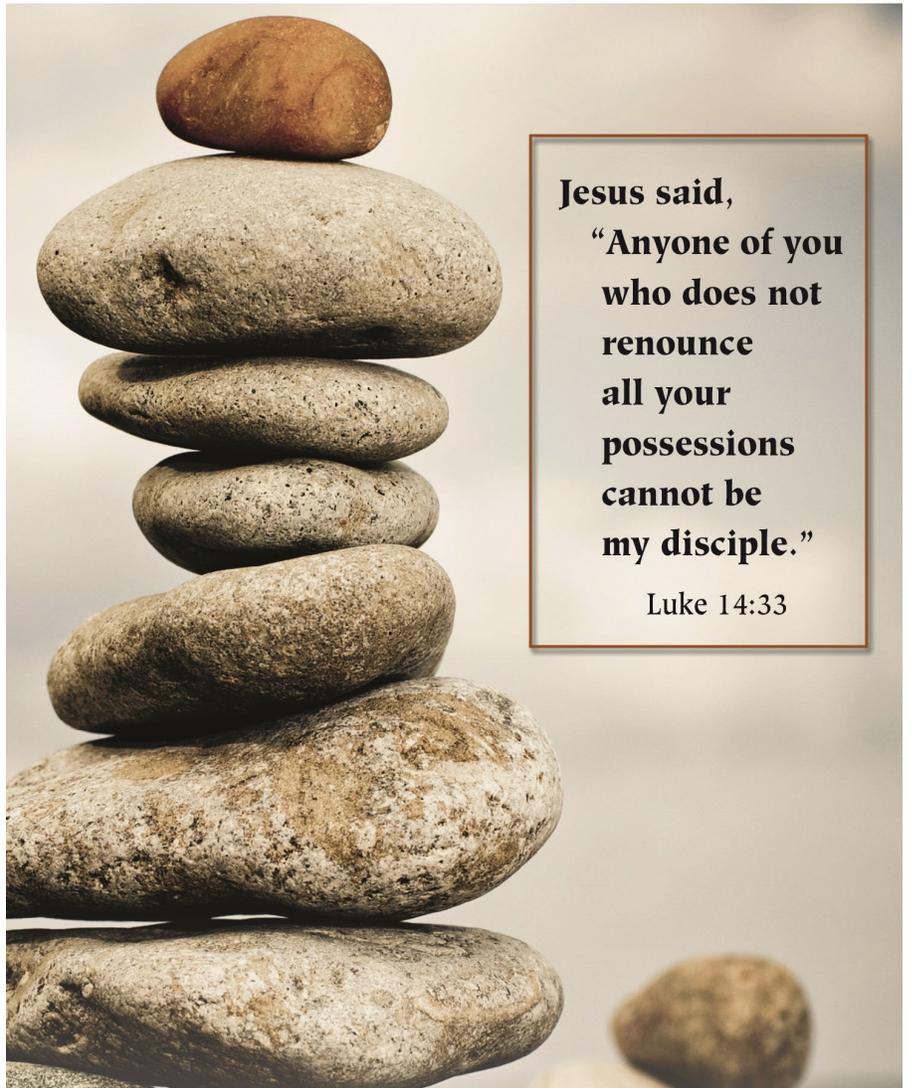
## MAINTENANCE Services

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!*



**Jesus said,  
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Luke 14:33

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

### Garage Sale:

As we began getting ready to receive our new Priests, with some furniture of their own, we began piling things in the rectory garage... Fast-forward to a full garage and some enterprising volunteers suggesting a sale, and voilà, the First Annual St. Gerard's Garage Sale was born! Despite being hastily put together without a great roadmap of what may or may-not work, it was a rousing success. We earned \$3684.44 after expenses and the feeling on the ground was that it was a beautiful event and opportunity to open our doors to the community and allow parishioners to shop and donate in a creative way. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen. My hope is that it was a fun time for everyone, judging from the laughter and kibitzing that filled the hallways for the duration. I know they're going to kill me, but a special thanks to Anne and Dave who were unanimously voted MVP's of this event for all their hard work, planning and willingness to essentially live here for a week! The consensus was that we should definitely do this again next year. If you are interested in helping plan, please reach out to the office.

### Corn Fest:

Wow. Um. Wow. Ok, so my first Corn Fest was a master class in man/woman-power. I witnessed the mobilization of a virtual army of volunteers who much like a real army, basically set up a small village in the course of a couple days. Despite very poor weather on Saturday, the event was an overall success. It was very nice to have the addition of Fr. Joseph and his team of Vietnamese volunteers providing authentic food which seemed to be a big hit! As we strategize for next year with our 50<sup>th</sup> rapidly approaching, our goal is to look what we can do to maximize the footprint of Corn Fest in our rapidly expanding community while not running volunteers into the ground. We are hoping to dream big and see what would be possible. If you have some creative ideas and a desire to help, please reach out to the office. The sky is the limit.

2019 Corn Fest Preliminary Numbers:

Raffle (Net): \$29,600

Total of all other items (Net): \$17,182 (\$5745 of that in Credit Card Sales)

### Roofing Repair:

After almost a full week of work with the 114' lift, J. Dalsin Roofing has completed our repairs. Total bill came to \$21,594 which included the 10% discount under our Archdiocese purchasing program. There were MANY holes throughout the campus including flat roofs, conventional roofs, flashing and even some stucco cracks. Moving forward we will have this inspected and repaired on a regular maintenance cycle so that we maintain this campus and remain good stewards of what so many of you have built here.

-Karl Kornowski

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place in the Chapel during the Sunday masses. It's an opportunity for kids to read and reflect on the readings at their own level. It is meant primarily for elementary aged children. There's no registration and ALL KIDS ARE WELCOME! Interested in being a leader or helper for this ministry? Contact Amy at amyw@st-gerard.org. Training and resources provided.

## PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

If you would like to make some pre-planning funeral arrangements for yourself or a loved one, contact Amy Wittak at amyw@st-gerard.org or 763-424-8770 to receive materials for planning a funeral service, including selections for Scripture readings and for appropriate music. You may also visit the parish website (FUNERALS) to review or print materials.

## CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

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, visit the table in the Gathering Space September 14/15 or call Kathy Ruhland at 612-636-5424 or email katruhland@comcast.net. For more information, visit: [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org)

## SEPTEMBER ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

## 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.

## 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
- Thank you for your continued support!

## EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY

Migration, and integration of migrants, is one of the most pressing and contentious issues facing the global community today. Political commentary, media attention, and the interest of the general public all feed into an international debate that can too often be poorly informed and one sided. The Just Matters, "Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey" module, explores issues such as, migrant smuggling, human trafficking, and international labor force. It also considers the current and future impact migration has, both on the countries where migrants settle and those they leave behind. This eight-week series is starting September 23rd. Register today in the Gathering Space. For more information, contact Shawn Phillips at 763-350-3598 or email [senborah@gmail.com](mailto:senborah@gmail.com)

## 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.



## AUGUST CEAP DONATIONS



Did you know that St. Gerard's collects food and clothing donations for CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Programs) throughout the whole year? During the month of August, the Church of St. Gerard collected/donated 53lbs of clothing, 266lbs of food, and 47lbs of school supplies to CEAP. Donations can be placed in the collection bins in the Gathering Space or at the altar in church. Checks can be made out to CEAP and placed in the Sunday collection baskets or brought to the parish office. (Please do not donate items other than those specified by CEAP.) Thanks!

## FUNERAL HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers are needed to help with funeral luncheons. You can help serve lunch or help with cleanup. Time commitment is about 2-3 hours. If you are looking for a meaningful way to give back and help families during a difficult time, this is the ministry for you. Teens and up welcome to get involved. For more information, contact Amy Wittak at [amyw@st-gerard.org](mailto:amyw@st-gerard.org) or 763-424-8770.

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

**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.

**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.

## RCIA

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be starting in the fall. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. We will walk through their journey of faith with them and guide those who have not received sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, those who are un-baptized and those who wish to look into becoming Roman Catholic from another faith tradition. For more information, please contact the parish office at 763-424-8770.

## MARRIAGE MENTORS

What is a marriage mentor? They are couples who work with engaged couples to prepare for receiving the sacrament of Marriage. This is a rewarding ministry that has a flexible time commitment which includes 2-3 couples per year (two - 2 hour sessions with each couple), and 4 hours of training and enrichment meetings twice a year for the mentors to share their experiences and continue their formation. If this is something you as a couple might be interested in, please contact the parish office at 763-424-8770 for more information. You will find it will also enrich your own marriage relationship as well!

# 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!



## 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](http://kc13001.mnknights.org) or email [knights13001news@gmail.com](mailto:knights13001news@gmail.com)

## ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

This Pentecost (June 9, 2019), the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis began a Synod process. The goal of the Synod is to help Archbishop Hebda discern the pastoral priorities of our local Church today – and into the future. Prayer and Listening events are the first part of the process and will provide an opportunity for input from all Catholics. For a list of these events, hosted throughout the Archdiocese, visit: [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HARVEST FESTIVAL

All are invited to join the Church of St. Vincent De Paul for a day of family fun at their annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 15, from 11:00am - 6:00pm. There will be bingo, inflatables, and many kids and teen games. All are welcome! For more information, please visit [saintvdp.org](http://saintvdp.org)

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

# 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 9**

8:25 am - Communion Service

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

8:25 am - Jack Fischer & Family

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

8:25 am - Brian Dupay †

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

8:25 am - Ronald Blalock †

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

8:25 am - Jerome Grow †

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

5:00 pm - Eugene Hand †

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

8:30 am - Grace Onuoha †

10:30 am - Parish Families

## PARISH EVENTS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

7:00 pm - Youth Homelessness Meeting

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

6:30 pm - Finance Council

7:00 pm - Parish Pastoral Council

7:30 pm - Regent AA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Hospitality 360 Meeting

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

9:00 am - Chapel Group Breakfast

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

5:00 pm - Eucharist

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

8:30 am - Eucharist

9:30 am - Anointing of the Sick

10:30 am - Eucharist

11:30 am - Baptism



**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**

**Michael & Kathleen**

**Morrison**

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

**Lillian LaCrosse**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

**24th Sunday OT**

**EX 32:7-11, 13-14**

**1 TM 1:12-17**

**LK 15:1-32**

**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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