

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 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



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Fr. John Klockeman

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Colette O'Brien - Communications

Open Position - Dir. of Faith Formation

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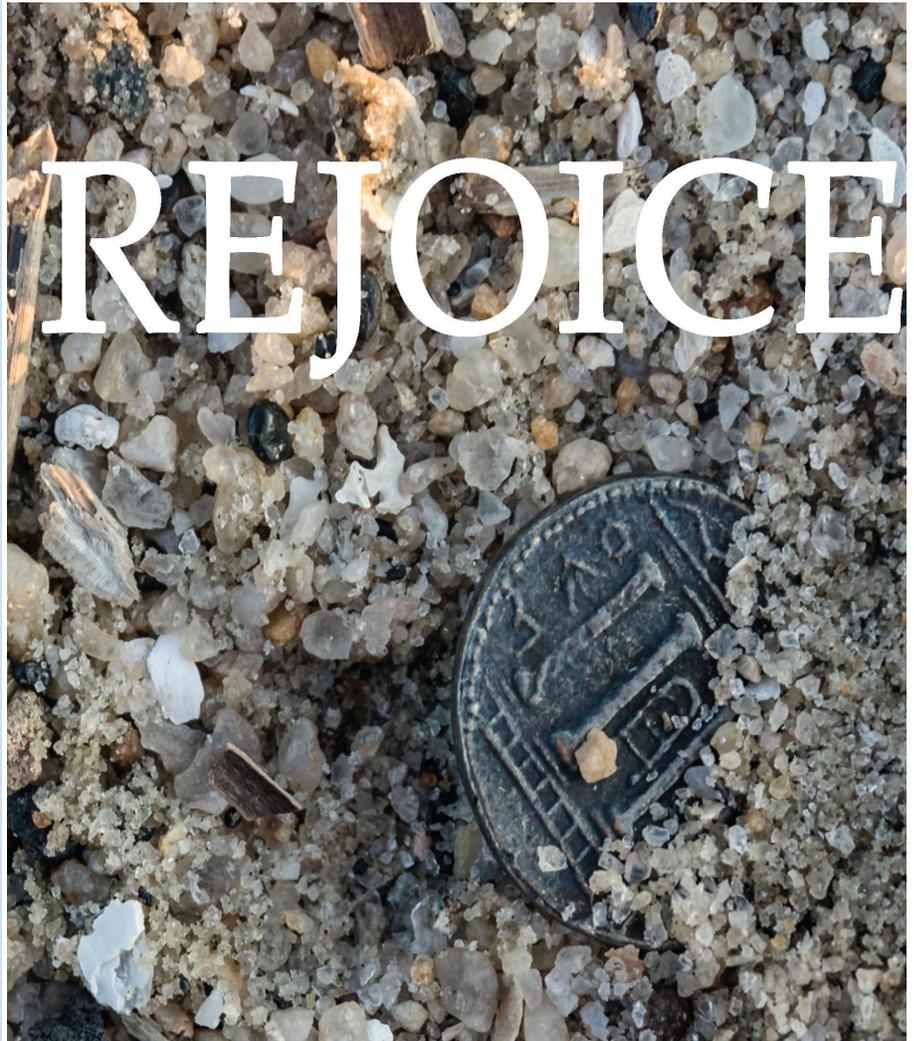
MAINTENANCE Services

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 ASSOCIATE PASTOR

My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Father John and I migrated to St. Gerard's in Brooklyn Park on July 1, 2019. It is still time for us to unpack boxes of books and things. We are making good progress while responding to many immediate calls to make St. Gerard's run as normal. Every weekend we are packed with liturgies and many sacraments and responding to the needs of Gerardians. Sometimes we are scattered thin due to many pastoral needs happening at once and we feel unprepared and inattentive to those pastoral needs. Those sacraments and ministries we are ordained as priests in the Catholic Church to administer, you can expect us to do excellently. Each week we are filled with Holy Masses, Confessions, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Weddings, Funerals and more. Sometimes I feel that I have rushed through those things nonstop in a fixed window of time. For example: last weekend we had five babies baptized during two masses, and we had Anointing of the Sick at the end of Mass. I missed seeing faces and greeting the faithful as they were walking out to go home, when it is the only opportunity for me to see the faithful each week in the normal manner. While I rush myself to unvest and move to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, I have no time to greet, to know and to learn of those who come for the sacrament of anointing because they are in a hurry to go home and I am exhausted after just finishing the Holy Mass.

Father John and I, with the Administration staff, sat down and carefully considered how we may serve the community more hospitably on a personal level while we are serving a very large community. I believe some pastoral activities can be more effectively served if we allocate them at a different time and serve it more fully, such as administrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

We learn that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for "who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger of death due to sickness or old age." The sacrament is administered by a bishop or priest, who uses oleum infirmorum/Oil of the Sick (olive oil or another pure plant oil blessed by a bishop usually at the Chism Mass every year before the Holy Week in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis) to anoint the faithful's forehead and perhaps other parts of the body while reciting certain prayers. It gives comfort, peace, courage and, **if the sick person is unable to make a confession, even forgiveness of sins.** At the anointing after the Holy Mass, I usually remind those who receive the sacrament that they should make it to confession ASAP since they are still able to do that for the grace of God effectively in them. The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;

- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Father John and I are responsible to respond to any call at any time when a faithful in our community is needed to be anointed, please give us a chance to serve you wherever you are to meet God's Mercy. Therefore, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick following the weekend masses is being revisited, since many pastoral activities are taking place. We considered it carefully, moving forward to celebrate the sacrament in full scale where we can gather together to celebrate the Holy Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. Then we will gather for lunch. This will give Father John, myself, and the Staff the opportunity to get to know you and serve you.

Thus, **beginning October 2019 and moving forward we will no longer serve the Sacrament of Anointing following the weekend masses.** Instead we are scheduling **the Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick on October 16, 2019 at 10:30am and lunch will be served following the Holy Mass.** You are invited. Please sign up to attend so we have a proper count to serve food and if extra priests are needed for this occasion. This day is also the Feast of St. Gerard, our patron saint. Please spread the word and join us. More information regarding this Feast Day and the Holy Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be given through the bulletin and social media.

Rev. Joseph-Quoc Vuong

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 (***this weekend***) or call Kathy Ruhland at 612-636-5424 or email katruhland@comcast.net. For more information, visit: www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED!

Congratulations to Nicole Fischer and Westin Satzinger married at St. Gerard's on September 7. Our prayers are with them as they begin their married life together!



EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY

I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35). Pope Francis has said, "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity." How do people of faith respond to migration in the 21st Century? "Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey" is an 8-session program that offers participants a chance to find common ground and to discover more about themselves, their values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world, and invites them to take action. The Justice and Outreach Commission and Sister Parish Ministry will be offering the Exploring Migration program at St. Gerard's beginning Monday, September 23rd – November 11th from 6:00-8:30pm. Register in the Gathering Space today to join this small group or contact Shawn Phillips at 763-350-3598 or 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 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.



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS YOU!



On the fourth Friday of each month St. Gerard's prepares, transports and serves a meal at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis to approximately 100-250 people in need. The serving team serves from 5:00 - 7:00pm at St. Stephen's School Building (2123 Clinton Ave S, Minneapolis, 55404). Sign up to help serve on the easel in the Gathering Space of St. Gerard's. We need 14 people to best assist this ministry (last month we only had 4). Sign up and support this wonderful ministry! Our next date is Friday, **September 27**. Contact Karen Brenteson at 763-561-7411 with questions.

FUNERAL HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

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 or 763-424-8770.

FAITH FORMATION - NEW START DATES

Attention Faith Formation families! Faith Formation classes will now start in early October. New start dates will be posted soon on the website, facebook page, and bulletin.

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.

MARRIAGE MENTORS

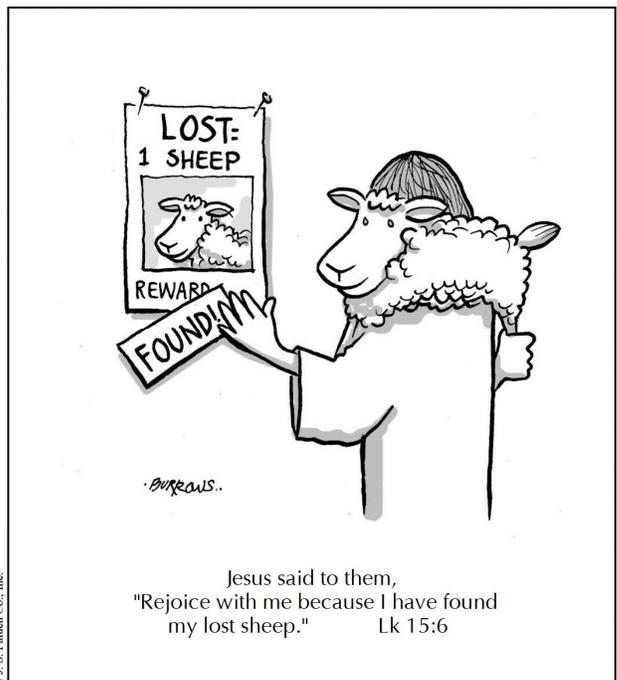
What is a marriage mentor? They are couples who work with engaged couples to prepare for receiving the sacrament of Marriage. This is a rewarding ministry that has a flexible time commitment which includes 2-3 couples per year (two - 2 hour sessions with each couple), and 4 hours of training and enrichment meetings twice a year for the mentors to share their experiences and continue their formation. 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!

GIFT BEARERS SIGN UP!

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 to get involved!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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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!

WEEKEND BULLETINS & HOMILIES ARE ONLINE!

Visit our parish website, www.st-gerard.org, or FREE 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!

THE SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Catechetical Institute invites you to experience The School of Discipleship, "Follow The Lord 24/7". Let Jesus' mission transform your life! Jeff Cavins teaches the basics of discipleship and helps put what you learn into practice! Special guest speaker, Fr. Mike Schmitz on Wednesday, November 6. CI: School of Discipleship is open to all adult Catholics who desire to become a disciple and cultivate discipleship in others. No prerequisites. Invite family and friends! Classes held Tuesdays, October 1 - November 12, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Andrew's, Elk River. Cost is \$150. Registration is open at www.semssp.org/ci or 651-962-5072.

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31)

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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

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 16

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:25 am - Richard Potvin †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:25 am - Bill & Adele Schultz

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:25 am - Phil Marxen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:25 am -

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 pm - Cary Zwolski †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 am - Larry Molenaar †

10:30 am - Sarah Olukolu †

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 pm - Scout Troup #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:30 pm - KC Council Meeting

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am - Cornerstone Social

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 am - Baptism Prep Class

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Eucharist

11:30 am - Anointing of the Sick

11:30 am - St. G's Kids Orientation



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

Bernie Dols

Michael & Kathleen Morrison

Rita Baron

Also remember those loved ones who have died.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

25th Sunday OT

AM 8:4-7

1 TM 2:1-8

LK 16:1-13

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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