

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 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

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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!

*No servant
can serve*

*two
masters*

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Good and timely communication is part of any organization and family. And, while school has begun and fall is soon upon us, it is timely for me, and our parish staff, to update you all on a number of items being worked upon, namely Faith Formation and RCIA.

Upon my arrival with Father Joseph, there has been a need to fill three essential staff vacancies: Director of Faith Formation, Director of Liturgical Music, and the Coordinator of Evangelization and Discipleship (youth director for middle school and high school, plus a new initiative for young adults in the NW Suburbs). The job descriptions of all three positions have been revised and updated to reflect our emerging needs and demographics, plus all have been posted to various employment platforms. While we have received many resumes, I/we want to make sure that any hire is the best fit versus just filling a staff position for its own sake. This takes trust, ingenuity, networking and a watchful eye for the best-qualified candidate.

As you may know or not, late summer hires in the Church for these three positions is not the best time because most individuals have either agreed to a hire earlier in May or June, or are waiting until the next hiring round that emerges early next year. Given these realities, God has been faithful in His providence to Saint Gerards. **Two accomplished parish members have generously stepped forward to coordinate respectively the Faith Formation Program and the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) this coming academic year!** I am very impressed with their credentials, their energy, creativity, and focus. They are a blessing to us!

This week and next, the staff and these two program coordinators, will embark on a communications effort to inform all families involved in these two programs respectively. This bulletin announcement is one part of our communication strategy. **So, be attentive to this article, any personal phone calls, emails, and any social media connections we make to you who have registered.**

Concerning Faith Formation: Including St. G Kids, Grades 1-5, First Communion, First Confession, Edge, Confirmation:

Wednesday, September 25:

- Catechist Training 6:00-7:15pm (Grades 1-5)
- Catechist Training 7:30-8:45pm (EDGE, Confirmation)

Sunday, October 6, 8:30 and 10:30am Masses:

- Post homily commissioning of all catechists & religious education volunteers
- Blessing of all students in Faith Formation

Sunday, October 6:

- First class & parent orientation 6:00-7:30pm (Edge & Confirmation)

Wednesday, October 9:

- Kick-off night 6:00-7:15pm (Grades 1-5)

Sunday, October 13:

- First class during 10:30 Mass (St. G's Kids - Pre-K)

Schedules for each Faith Formation group will be given at respective kick-off nights or nights of their first class (i.e. Edge and Confirmation).

Concerning RCIA: RCIA will begin with a date to be announced, either in late October or early November. Such a calendar start date is normative and will provide plenty of time to instruct those considering or interested in the Catholic Faith prior to their reception into the Faith at the Easter Vigil in early April of 2020.

Again, Father Joseph and I would like to thank all those interested in not only the vitality of our parish, for proper creative hires, for interested families affected by these changes, but also many of you who intimately understand the need for solid catechesis and the hours of "work behind the scenes" that it takes to coordinate these vital programs. Thank you all for your interest, your prayers, and your collaboration.

Blessings in Christ, Father John Klockeman

105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

On April 30, 2019, Pope Francis issued a Message for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be observed Sunday, September 29, 2019. Please join us in observing this at all our Masses that weekend. Also, Archbishop Hebda invites you to join him on Sunday, September 29 at the annual Mass for Solidarity at 4:30pm at the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis. Finally, please see the parish website for Pope Francis' full message.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Bring your non-human family members and join us for a Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 5 at 11:00am at the pavilion. Please join us!

WEDDING BANNES

Amanda Marvin and James Glaser will be married at the Church of St. Gerard on October 5, 2019. We pray for God's richest blessings on them as they begin their married life together.



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. Visit www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org or contact Kathy Ruhland at 612-636-5424 or katruhland@comcast.net for info.

EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY

The United Nations reports 244 million international migrants today. "Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey" is a program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants to find common ground on the issue of migration 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. Pray for our parishioners who have committed to participate in this study module, September 23 – November 11, from 6:00-8:30pm. All sessions include prayer, dialogue, active listening, and relationship-building.

ST. GERARD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

By Dennis Potvin (for CEAP plot - H11)

This week, bell peppers, jalapeno peppers, and some cherry tomatoes were harvested from the CEAP plot. I had hoped that the peppers would bounce back better from the hail damage, but no luck. We still have two rows of lettuce, a row of beets, and a row of kale to glean from until the end of the month. I think we will just squeak by 300 pounds of vegetables. We would have been closer to 400 pounds had the hail not caused so much damage in August.

This year, the following has been donated to CEAP from the community garden plot: 70.4lbs onions, 21.5lbs bell peppers, 9.3lbs jalapeno peppers, 53lbs red potatoes, 41.9lbs tomatoes, 15.1lbs beets, 62.5lbs carrots, and 20.1lbs kale.

TOTAL: 294lbs of vegetables!

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 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. 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.

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, **October 5**. 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 - NEW START DATES

Attention Faith Formation families! Faith Formation classes will now start in early October. Please refer to Fr. Klockeman's article in this bulletin or visit the Youth Faith Formation page of the parish website for more information.

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.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

We still need small group leaders for Faith Formation classes. 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 our 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 youth and also grow closer to Jesus Christ in your own spiritual journey.



Announcements

PUMPKIN FEST AND USED BOOK SALE

Considering our restructure in Faith Formation (see Father's bulletin article), we felt it best to postpone Pumpkin Fest this year so that we can adequately prepare to have a HUGE Pumpkin Fest next year that integrates our Faith Formation Program and the entire Parish. In an effort to take advantage of better foot traffic, the Book Sale will combine with the Parish Garage Sale next year, so please consider donating your used books at the front office at any time.

CONSTRUCTION IN ST. FRANCIS HALL

Please note, due to construction in St. Francis Hall, Adoration will be cancelled for Wednesday, October 2 and daily Mass will be held in the church the week of September 30 - October 4. Thank you for your understanding!



PRAY THE ROSARY

Please join members of the Knights of Columbus each Saturday in October at 4:30pm. The Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. It's a simple prayer that we can all say together with Mary, the Mother of God. The Rosary is Scripture-based, beginning with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith; the Lord's Prayer, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels; and the Hail Mary includes the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. Mass follows at 5:00pm.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

This Pentecost, 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 throughout the Archdiocese, see the bulletin insert or visit: www.archspm.org

THE SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Catechetical Institute invites you to experience The School of Discipleship, "Follow The Lord 24/7". Jeff Cavins teaches the basics of discipleship and helps put what you learn into practice! The School of Discipleship is open to all adult Catholics who desire to become a disciple and cultivate discipleship in others. No prerequisites. 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.

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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 23

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:25 am - LeRoy & Veronica Schultz †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:25 am - Theresa Perry

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:25 am - Richard Potvin †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:25 am - Brian DuPay †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 pm - Parish Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 am - Gary Livieri †

10:30 am - Dede Kolor

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00 pm - Explore Migration Soup Supper

6:30 pm - Explore Migration Module

7:30 pm - Scout Troup #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 am - Loaves & Fishes Bread Buttering

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

7:00 pm - Sister Parish Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 am - Loaves & Fishes Prep

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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:

Rita Baron

Katie Vanderhyden

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

Kathleen Morrison

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

26th Sunday OT

AM 6:1A, 4-7

1 TM 6:11-16

LK 16:19-31

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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