

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 6, 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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Open Position - Dir. of Faith Formation

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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!



“INCREASE OUR FAITH!”

LUKE 17:5

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,

At the beginning of the last bulletin, our pastor said, “there are many moving parts that make up a vibrant parish,” and he listed them. I agree. I see that many of us are engaging in current programs and some we are about to start. We are blessed with volunteers who are standing up and willing to lead, to learn, to listen, with loving hearts for St. Gerard. Thanks so much for your commitment as we strive to see God in one another. So, let me share with you what is happening in this coming month of October.

October is the month of the Rosary. During this month, many families are praying this devotion together. Of particular importance, is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. This day remembers a glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto in the year 1571. That battle was a most convincing military victory guarding Christian Europe and proved, without a doubt, the great power of the Rosary through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary.

On a personal note, October is also a special month for me because 30 years ago my siblings and I, along with others, 58 in total, were confined to the bottom of a river boat to escape Vietnam over the south Pacific Ocean. We finally reached Galang Refugee Camp in Indonesia on October 17, 1989. In my pocket at the time, was my rosary. I used it during that horrible journey to pray and place my trust in our Blessed Virgin Mother as we looked to the Northern Star for navigation. The rosary is no longer with me since it was rotted due to the sea water. Praying the rosary has since been a priority for me because of what I had gone through. I firmly believe our Blessed Mother had helped.

Also, October 16 is the Feast Day of Saint Gerard. The Redemptorists helped us build this parish and St. Gerard is named as our patron saint. A patron saint is a saint whose protection and intercession to whom a person, a society, a church, or a place is dedicated. St. Gerard has been blessed and next year is our 50th anniversary - a celebration of half a century! While St. Gerard's feast day is on Wednesday this year, Father John, staff members and myself agreed to move the Feast day to Sunday October 20, where we will join this celebration with other activities already planned for that weekend. Please join us for the celebration. At Mass, we will have a special blessing for women who are pregnant, desiring to become pregnant, also blessing those having difficulties in their pregnancy, and others who have experienced the loss of a child. Please come for a blessing through the intercession of Saint Gerard. And, after the Mass please join the KC pancake breakfast.

Finally, a couple of weeks ago, in our bulletin, I had mentioned an **Anointing of the Sick during the celebration of the 10:30am Holy Mass on the actual Feast day of St. Gerard, October 16, 2019. Lunch will be**

served following the Mass of Anointing. Staff members and council members will serve lunch to all participating parishioners and visitors. Please let us know if you are coming so we have a proper head count so that we may secure additional priest(s) and have enough food for all.

Remember that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for those “who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger of death due to sickness or old age.” It gives comfort, peace and courage to the faithful. **The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:**

- the uniting of the faithful to the passion of Christ, for their 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 faithful are not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his/her soul;
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Father John and I desire to respond to any call when one of the faithful in our community needs to be anointed. Please give us a chance to serve you wherever you are to meet God's Mercy.

Rev. Joseph-Quoc Vuong

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

Antonio James Zepeda, Coen James Cloutier, Theodore Charles Karasek, Elizabeth Van Pham, Kira Belle Richter, Mila Mae Driessen and Aria Baovy Vang 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.

A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome! We are so happy to have you with us!

- Tamicka & Jason Burgess; Bella
- Andrew & Leah Driessen; Mila
- Leo & Marilynn Duffy
- John & April Richter; Kayla & Kira
- Tim & Rons Moroney
- Van Nguyen; Violet & Lyna
- Samuel Pham & Hanh Dinh; Vanessa, Alexander, Elizabeth
- Richard Laundreaux & Jessica Jurva; Braden, Kinsley
- Mimi Nguyen & Huy-Hung Le; Jaylen, Zander, Anton
- Jason & Summer Miller; Judah, Meriella, Josiah, Evangeline
- Craig & Lotie Baumann; Peter, Mary, Joseph
- Tony & Christie Dylong; Owen, Paul
- Sydney Renzaglia & Christopher Kartes
- Laurie & Eric Zappa; Madison
- Omar & Danielle Fernandez; Isabelle & Oliver
- Joan Wagner



SEPTEMBER CEAP DONATIONS

Did you know St. Gerards collects donations for CEAP throughout the whole year? During the month of September, the Church of St. Gerard collected/donated 113lbs of clothing, 153lbs of food, 11lbs of hygiene products, and 12lbs of school supplies to CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Programs). 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. Thank you St. Gerard's for your beautiful generosity!



COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If you are a parishioner, or know of a parishioner, who is homebound and would like to receive Communion regularly at home, please contact Amy Wittak at 763-424-8770 or email amyw@st-gerard.org.

GET INVOLVED IN OUTREACH AT ST. GERARD'S

Looking to make a difference? St. Gerard's has many wonderful ways to get involved, stay connected, and make a difference. Here are a few suggestions on ways you can help!

Loaves & Fishes: Help prepare/serve food to people in need at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis on the 4th Friday of the month.

Sharing & Caring Hands: Help prepare/serve lunch at Sharing & Caring Hands on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Justice/Outreach Commission: Help develop and implement a social justice strategy for St. Gerard's. The commission meets on the first Monday of the month and we are always looking for new members!

San Rafael Sister Parish: Participate in building a relationship between our parishes and learn about the people of San Rafael. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Youth Homelessness Project: Help educate parishioners about youth homelessness in our community and work to eliminate the problem in the northwest suburbs. The group meets on the second Monday of the month.

Funeral Hospitality: The Funeral Hospitality Ministry is a meaningful way to give back and help families during a difficult time. Help serve or cleanup at funeral luncheons. Teens and up are welcome to get involved.

For more information, contact the parish office at 763-424-8770 or visit www.st-gerard.org (GET INVOLVED).

SMALL GROUP LEADERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!

We still need small group leaders for Faith Formation classes. Sign up to volunteer on the website or call the parish office at 763-424-8770. 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 (EDGE) and Confirmation

FAITH FORMATION - NEW START DATES

Attention Faith Formation families! Faith Formation classes begin this week.

Sunday, October 6: EDGE and Confirmation first class and parent orientation, 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday, October 9: Grades 1-5 kick-off night, 6:00-7:15pm

Sunday, October 13: St. G's Kids first class during 10:30am Mass

Please call the parish office (763-424-8770) or visit the Youth Faith Formation page of the parish website (www.st-gerard.org) for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this weekend! It takes place in the Chapel during the 8:30 and 10:30am masses. It's an opportunity for kids to read and reflect on the readings at their own level. There's no registration and you don't need to be a parishioner of St. Gerard's to attend. ALL KIDS 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) or 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!

ANointING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Wednesday, **October 16** (The Feast of St. Gerard). There will be Mass at 10:30am, followed by lunch at 12:00pm. Please RSVP to the parish office (763-424-8770) or online (www.st-gerard.org) so we can adequately plan for food and the number of Priests. All are welcome!



PRAY THE ROSARY

Please join members of the Knights of Columbus each Saturday in October at 4:30pm, in the Church. 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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign begins October 12/13. The campaign makes it easy for you to participate in the ministry of the Robbinsdale Womens Center, a pregnancy resource center in Robbinsdale. Just pick up a baby bottle from a member of the Knights of Columbus and fill it with coins, cash or checks payable to the Robbinsdale Women's Center, then bring it back to church the weekend of October 26,27.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on **October 19 and 20**. Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit kofc.org or mnknights.org/join or contact Bob Bazinet at 763-315-4364.

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

If you have questions on any of the giving options, call the parish office at 763-424-8770 or visit our GIVE page at www.st-gerard.org. 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, OCTOBER 7

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:25 am - Lillian Lacrosse †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:25 am - Parish Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:25 am -

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:25 am - Betty Condon †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:00 pm - Marvin Jacobs †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am - Grace Onuoha †

10:30 am - Gerald & Robert Steffens †

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 pm - Just Faith - Migration Module

7:30 pm - Scout Troup #575 Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

6:30 pm - Finance Council Meeting

7:30 pm - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm - FF: Grades 1-5 Kick Off

7:00 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00 am - Cornerstone Scripture Study

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

7:00 pm - Hospitality 360

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 am - Chapel Group Breakfast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

4:30 pm - Rosary in the Church

5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am - Eucharist

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10:30 am - FF: St. G's Kids

6:00 pm - FF: EDGE & Confirmation



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

Tim Moroney
Joyce Laher

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

Ginger Allen

OCTOBER 13, 2019

28th Sunday OT

2 KGS 5:14-17

2 TM 2:8-13

LK 17:11-19

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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