

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

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Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm
Friday: 9 am-1 pm
Saturday: CLOSED

EUCCHARIST

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am

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Welcome to the parish community of St. Gerard Majella!

If you are a parishioner, the listing in this insert is representative of some of the events that we will be celebrating and hosting in 2019. I am sure they are familiar to you. Consider this to be an advance invitation to "Save the Date" on your favorite calendar. If you are a visitor to our community, this event listing may help you imagine something about the life and the shared energy of this parish community. We are a vibrant community of faith but we are also a wonderful community that knows how to celebrate. All are welcome!

If the listing of events catches your attention don't forget to make note of the most important listing. We are a Roman Catholic Eucharistic community and our celebration of the weekly liturgy is important to us. We have great music, meaningful preaching, a special liturgy of the Word for children, and a representative ministerial team that serves the community at each liturgy. You will see yourself in our ministers and perhaps even see something of your own hopes and expectations. Consider making St. Gerard Majella Parish community your faith home. You would be welcomed!

Rev. Thomas M. Santa, C.Ss.R.
The Church of St. Gerard Majella

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 (search for "St Gerard Majella" in the app store)! Also check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/churchofsaintgerard/>)! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

LENT 2019

Ash Wednesday: Masses will be 8:30am and 12 noon on Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019). There will also be Ash Services at 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Join us as we gather for our parish Lenten soup supper on Ash Wednesday following the Ash Service at 5:00pm, serving until 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Passion Musical: Mark your calendars for the first annual St. Gerard's Passion Musical entitled "Present to the Passion." Invite your friends and family! The musical performances will take place on:

Friday, April 12, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 13, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 14, 2:00pm

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Save the Date! St. Gerard's Volunteer Appreciation Night is **March 2, 2019** at 6:00pm. Thank you volunteers!!

ST. GERARD'S APP - DOWNLOAD TODAY!

Search for "St Gerard Majella" in the app store or scan the QR Code below to download our free mobile app. The app features online registration and giving, parish calendar, bulletins, homilies, and access to our social media sites. Also receive important "push" notifications from St. Gerard's.

EASY GIVING FOR ST. GERARD'S!

- **Website:** www.st-gerard.org GIVE page
- **App:** GIVE page
- **QR Code:** scan the QR Code below to donate
- **Text Giving:** 763-225-1078



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CRAWFISH AND SHRIMP BOIL

St. Gerard's 2nd Annual Crawfish and Shrimp Boil will be **May 3 and 4, 2019!** Come enjoy crawfish, shrimp, corn, and potatoes served authentically "Shrimp Boil" style. The event will also include line dancing performances, music, and beer! Fun for all ages! Watch for more info on our facebook page, and on our app and website. Check out pictures from last year on our website **PHOTO GALLERY!**



CORN FEST 2019



Corn Fest 2019 will be **August 9 and 10.** St. Gerard's Corn Fest is a celebration of faith, family and community! Fun for the whole family! Carnival games and inflatables for the kids! Bring your appetites: burgers, walking tacos, international foods, mini donuts, ice cream, beer, and of course, fresh sweet corn! Entertainment for everyone: kids games, bingo, grand raffle, basket auction, pull tabs, wall of wine, and free live music! Don't forget our outdoor mass on Saturday! Watch for more info on our facebook page, and on our app and website.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

Women and Wine: Join us for an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and faith-filled conversation. Our next Women and Wine will be February 15, 7-9pm. Guest speaker is Suzanne Belongia Bernet.

Buds and Suds: Yes, by request, a men's opportunity, the counterpart of Women and Wine, with some awesome guest speakers! Offered at least 2 times a year, dates to be announced. More information to come.

Women's Lenten Retreat: March 2019. More info to come.

Lenten Scripture Study: Lent 2019. Offered morning and evening dates.

Watch for more info on our facebook page, and on our app and website. All are welcome!

ST. GERARD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our community garden opened Spring 2018 and consists of 32 individual 20' x 20' garden plots. Both parishioners and the public are able to rent an individual plot for growing fresh and healthy food. Two of the thirty-two garden plots are reserved for parishioners to grow fresh vegetables to donate to the Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP). Visit our website or app for more information on the 2019 growing season and to see photos from last year!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

At St. Gerard's, we love kids! All kids are invited to attend VBS 2019 entitled "ROAR: Life is Wild. God is Good." It is an awesome week of fun, friends, and faith... safari-style. **Join us June 10-13!**

