



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

December 3, 2023 | 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu | 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday | 9:00am-1:00pm
Sat-Sun | Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Mon-Fri | 8:30am | English
Sat | 8:00am | Vietnamese

Weekends

Sat | 5:00pm | English
Sun | 8:00am | Vietnamese
Sun | 9:30am | English
Sun | 11:00am | English

Reconciliation

Sat | 4:00pm or by appointment

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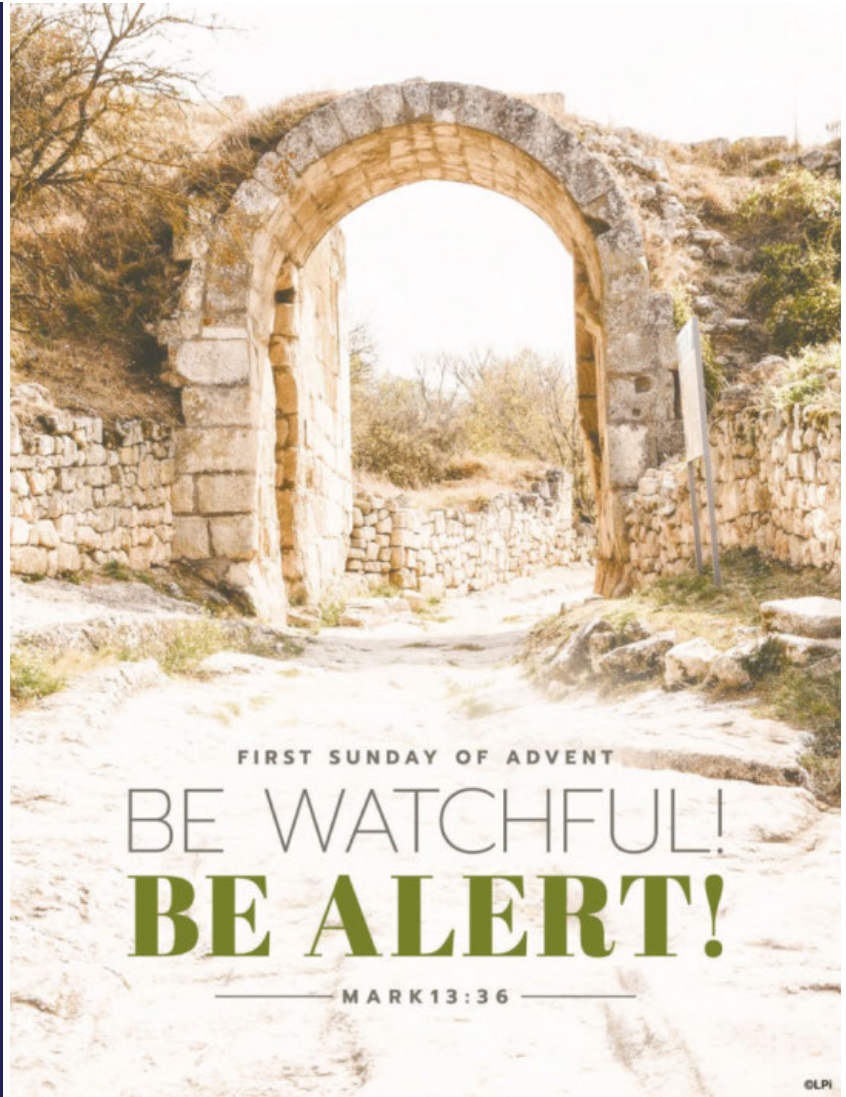
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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 4

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
6:30pm | GriefShare

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
7:30pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 6

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration
6:00pm | Faith Formation

Thursday, December 7

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
6:00pm | Catholicism 101/OCIA

Friday, December 8

Parish Office Closed

8:30am | Immaculate Conception Mass (English)
7:00pm | Immaculate Conception Mass (English)
8:00pm | Immaculate Conception Mass (Vietnamese)

Saturday, December 9

8:00am | Daily Mass & Confessions (Vietnamese)
4:00pm | Confessions (English)
5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, December 10

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)
9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)
9:30am | Mass (English)
11:00am | Mass (English)
1:30pm | Advent Penace Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4

8:30am | Ben Franke +

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am | Peter Tran Anh Khanh +

Wednesday, December 6

8:30am | Nicholas Alvin Zirbes +

Thursday, December 7

8:30am | Frank Witscoski +

Friday, December 8

8:30am | Clara Ba Chau +

Saturday, December 9

5:00pm | People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10

9:30am | Rita Baron +
11:00am | David Johnson +

Contributions—Week 11/20/23-11/26/23

Fund	Contribution Amount	# Donors
Sunday/General	\$9,553	106
Thanksgiving	\$1,524	23
Plate Cash	\$1,822	-
Electronic Contributions	\$5,848	88
Other *	\$3,080	48
Total Weekly Offering Actual	\$21,827	265
Total Weekly Offering Budgeted	\$24,044	-
Weekly Overage (Shortfall)	(\$2,217)	-
YTD Offering Actual	\$399,164	-
YTD Other Revenue	\$103,758	
YTD Total Revenue	\$502,922	
YTD Total Budgeted Revenue	\$560,875	-
Overage (Shortfall)	(\$57,953)	-
Total Year Budget	\$1,234,100	-

*Other includes Faith Formation, Mass Intentions, Votive Candle, Debt Reduction, Facilities, Feed the Hungry, Hospitality Income, etc.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? If so, please contact the Parish Office so we can update your contact information in our records!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Did you know that you can donate to St. Gerard's online? Check out our website, www.st-gerard.org under the "Engage" tab or scan the QR code below with your mobile device to sign up and donate:



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OCIA/CATHOLICISM 101

Come join your fellow parishioners at the Church of St. Gerard for the viewing of the faith formation video series “Symbolon” produced by Ascension Press. Meetings are on **Thursdays from 6-7:30pm**. This program provides explanations for the “what” and “why” of the Catholic faith. There will also be opportunities for discussion and questions. All are welcome! Invite your family and friends! The next topics are:

December 7-The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God’s Divine Life Within Us

December 14-Why do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church

NOTE REGARDING THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OBLIGATIONS

This year Christmas falls on a Monday, which shortens the 4th week of Advent to about one day. Please note our Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas below. As Catholics we are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, like Christmas. Though these two dates with obligations occur close together, both obligations need to be met by going to one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. Please also note that due to the two different obligations there will be two separate collections taken. Thank you for your constant support of St. Gerard’s!

4th Sunday in Advent Mass Times

Saturday, December 23-5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24-10am Mass
(There will NOT be a 9:30am or 11am Mass)

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday, December 24-4pm Mass & 10pm Mass

Monday, December 25-10am Mass

WINTER SOCK DRIVE

We will be accepting donations of **new socks** in any size to donate to those in need. Drop off donations in the **marked wagon in the Gathering Space**.

ADVENT 2023

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3, which is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for all of the events happening at St. Gerard’s this Advent.

Advent Giving-December 3-December 24:

Throughout the Advent season we will be collecting **NEW coats** (child and adult sizes), **gloves/mittens** (child and adult sizes), **winter hats** (child and adult sizes), **toiletries** (toothpaste, bar soap, etc.), **toilet paper, paper towels and laundry soap** (liquid or powder) to be **donated to Brooklyn Park Schools**.

Immaculate Conception-December 8:

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on **Friday, December 8**. This is a **holy day of obligation**. Our Mass times on **Friday, December 8** are at **8:30am and 7pm both in the Church**.

Advent Penance Service-December 10:

Join us on **Sunday, December 10 from 1:30-3pm in the Church** for an additional opportunity to go to receive the Lord’s mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. There will be individual confessions with additional priests present.

“Land of Christmas” -An Advent Evening of Reflection with Fr. Charlie-December 21

Join us **Thursday, December 21 from 6:30-8:30pm** for an Advent evening of reflection with Fr. Charlie. There will be a **happy hour with appetizers from 6:30-6:45pm** and a **dinner will be served from 6:45-7:15pm**. The **reflection will begin at 7:30pm**. If you are planning on joining us for dinner, please **RSVP** via email to churchadmin@st-gerard.org or by calling the Parish Office at 763-424-8770 **by Monday, December 18**.



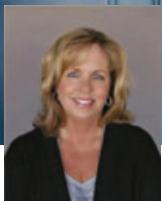
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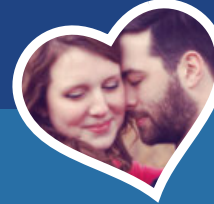
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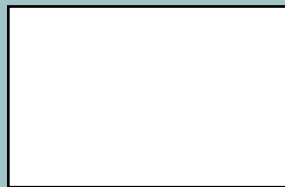


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