



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

March 3, 2024 | 3rd Sunday of Lent

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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STAY CONNECTED

We send weekly updates to parishioners who have signed up with Flocknote. Stay up to date with us! To sign up for Flocknote please contact the Parish Office.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:30pm | Grief Share

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 6

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

6:00pm | Faith Formation

Thursday, March 7

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | OCIA/Catholicism 101

Friday, March 8

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

11:30am | Stations of the Cross & Soup Lunch

Saturday, March 9

8:00am | Daily Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Forgiveness Retreat

4:00pm | Confessions (English)

5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, March 10

KC Pancake Breakfast After All Masses

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

12:00pm | Youth Ministry

COMMUNITY GARDEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in harvesting your own vegetables? If you do not have a place to grow fresh vegetables, consider getting a spot in the St. Gerard Community Garden. The garden is located at the north end of the Church Parking Lot. **We now have a couple of spaces available for the Summer of 2024.** The Church supplies the water and you just need to plant a harvest your vegetables. **If you are interested, please contact us at 763-424-8770. To obtain a spot you need to sign a contract and pay \$50 for the year for your spot.** Hope to see you in the garden soon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4

8:30am | Rasmussen Family Deceased Members +

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am | Brian Dupay +

Wednesday, March 6

8:30am | Richard Potvin +

Thursday, March 7

8:30am | Nicholas Alvin Zirbes +

Friday, March 8

8:30am | David Nervig +

Saturday, March 9

5:00pm | Marv Jacobs +

Sunday, March 10

9:30am | People of the Parish

11:00am | Roseann Sakse +

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

Do not miss out! If you have not made an appointment for our photo directory, please call the Parish Office or go online as soon as possible. We want to accommodate as many parishioners as we can. If open spots are not filled, we will need to consolidate the hours. **Our directory won't be the same without YOU!**

Photos will be taken **March 5th – April 20th**

Sessions are 12 minutes long for a family of 5 or under (additional time added for larger families)

Tuesday – Friday: 2pm - 8:30pm, Saturday: 10am – 4pm (appointments are every 12 minute)

Sign up online at: www.ucdir.com (Church Code: mn432 , Password: photos) or call the church office at 763-424-8770.

Thank you for being a part of our church community!

Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help check families in for these sessions. Instruction will be provided.

If you are able to help, please contact Sue Dupay (763-913-8466, e-mail: sdupay16@gmail.com) for times needed.

Thank you!

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP LUNCH

Join us on **Friday, March 8 from 11:30am-2pm** for Stations of the Cross and a soup lunch. Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church with a soup lunch to follow in the St. Francis Hall. Please **RSVP** by calling the Parish Office, 763-424-8770 by Wednesday, March 6 so we have a count for the lunch.

FORGIVENESS RETREAT

Join us on **Saturday, March 9 from 9:30am-12:30pm** for a retreat led by our seminarian Zac Ochsenbauer. Jump start your Lenten journey by experiencing a deeper way of forgiveness that God offers to each one of us and experience the joy of extending forgiveness to others. Our time spent together will include fellowship, prayer, reflection, discussion, and lunch. This retreat is open to anyone! Please **RSVP** by March 5 by calling the Parish Office, 763-424-8770. *This retreat is being sponsored by St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus.*

YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to be offering a youth Group here at St. Gerard's! Come for games, fellowship, prayer, small groups, and lunch. The youth group is for students in grades 7-12 and will meet in the St. Francis Hall **March 10th and May 19th from 12-1:45**. Permission slips can be filled out at the door when you arrive. Please send an email to Meredith at Formation@st-gerard.org so we can plan for food.

CHURCH CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

Join us to beautify our Church campus on **Saturday, April 20th from 9am-1pm**. Lunch will be provided. More information to come.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20th from 1-3pm**. Join us for an afternoon of appetizers and fun!

RSVP to Joni Sandlin in the Parish Office by Monday, March 18th.

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY ELECT

Please pray for our Newly Elect who will be received into full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th.

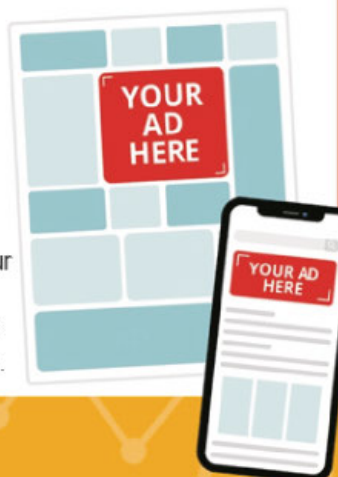
Idaliah "Dolly" Cruz / Bob Wilson / Elizabeth Simon / Calvin Li / Nicholas Hentges

You are invited to write them a note/card of encouragement and support. We will have a box for our OCIA Newly Elect out in the Gathering Space. Please put the Newly Elects First and Last name on the envelope and place in the designated box. They will receive these notes/cards on Holy Saturday morning during their retreat.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Kristee Flynn from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Why Do We Give Alms? The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462) This LENT St. Gerard has chosen two outreach ministries to support with ALMSGIVING.

CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program) & "Friends of the Poor Ministry"

Donations can be placed in the designated plastic boxes located in the gathering space during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday.

Checks can be made out to St. Gerard. Please put the name of the charity in the memo of the check.

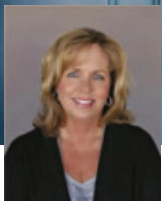
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