

# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

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JULY 17, 2022 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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 | 8:30 am | English  
Sat | 8:00am | Vietnamese

### Weekends

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

## Reconciliation

Sat | 4:00pm, or by appointment

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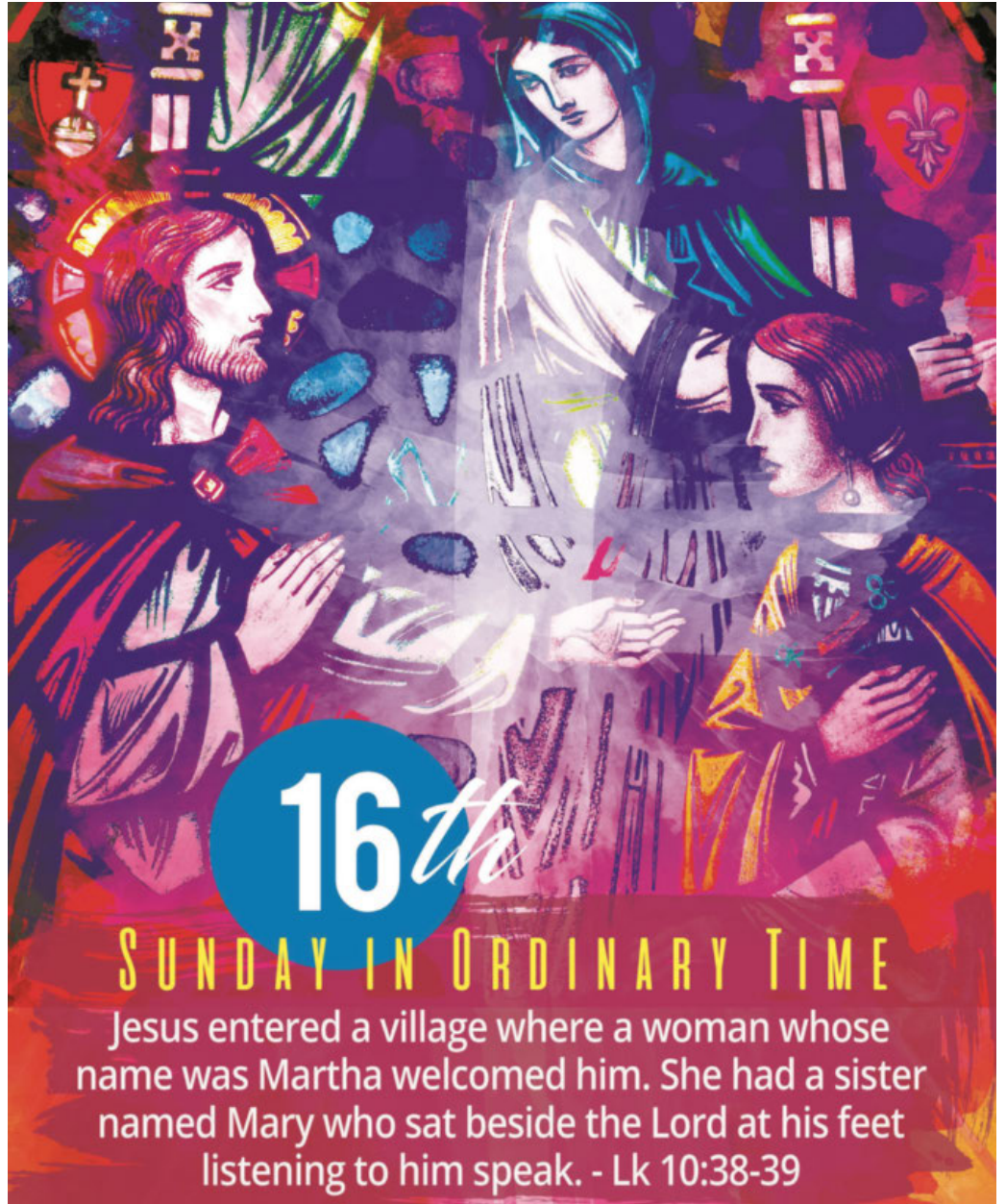
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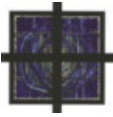
## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39



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### Church Space Project Completions - Part Two

When I first saw the artistic rendition of the proposed Living Wall, I must admit that my first spoken words were, “But they’re not living plants?” After further research into the quality of the artificial plants (impressively designed, eco friendly and almost maintenance free) identified funding and further discussion on purpose and location, the project is ready to be completed. The size of the Living Wall on the displayed poster-board was huge. It was a covering of the wall just inside the main entrance. It had no purpose but decoration. The project was downsized to provide a much needed area for funeral visitations and for other pastoral needs in the narthex. Just behind the moveable ushers desk and the video display screen, there is a much smaller wall convenient to the entrance into the church.

The Living Wall will still have as it’s defining feature the Cross of the Resurrection, currently located behind the altar. As the center of the Living Wall, the entire visual is the promise of the gift of eternal life in Christ - the central faith of all who gather to worship. With candle and flower stands to honor the casket or urn, kneeler and easels for photo boards, the Living Wall is a beautiful area for visitations before funerals. It is can also be arranged to be a wonderful backdrop for family photos or individual photos following First Communions, baptisms and weddings. I am greatly looking forward to the completion of this project this summer.

Meanwhile in St. Francis Hall there is a large crucifix in an even larger stand that has a history for some of our long-serving parishioners. Because of its size and weight, it will be temporarily placed in the reredos area as part of the sanctuary.

As I wrote in Part One, the Living Wall completes the projects I approved from among the 2019 recommendations. The two side altars, the other beautification projects in the narthex area, and a permanent crucifix for the sanctuary are put on hold while we focus on the AC and roof. In the fall, with a new pastoral and finance councils (my next two articles on Rebuilding With Grace) we can start the discussions for these future projects. Give it some thought and prayer, if you’d like. We’ll welcome any ideas.

I send blessings and prayers from somewhere between Duluth and Seattle.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Charlie Lachowitz

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, July 17

9:30am | Bea & Burt Klietz +

11:00am | People of the Parish

### Monday, July 18

8:30am | Lois Graham

### Tuesday, July 19

8:30am | Sarah Klein

### Wednesday, July 20

8:30am | Dee Sokolowski +

### Thursday, July 21

8:30 am | People of the Parish

### Friday, July 22

8:30am | People of the Parish

### Saturday, July 23

5:00pm | People of the Parish

## THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU...YES, YOU!

Our Faith Formation program at St. Gerard's needs volunteers. It has been a long tradition at St. Gerard's that our parish family has offered their time and talents. It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our Faith Formation program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the present and future church, our parish children and youth. We encourage all parishioners, as well as the parents of children/youth in our program to be part of the Faith Formation process. The Mission of a Catechist is such an important one. It is a mission that has been given to the whole Church through their baptism: that every individual Christian shares in the works of Jesus Christ.

The Role of a Catechist is to bring our young people closer to Jesus and grow in their faith as Catholics. Through their service the catechist nurtures and mentors the faith and spiritual growth of the children/youth they teach so that they may form a firm commitment to follow Christ. Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a catechist, room monitor, hall-monitor, office helper or prayer warrior. Our children and youth need YOU to share your faith as you, too, grow in your faith as you minister to the present and future of our church.

Our Faith Formation classes are held on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm and go from September – May. We are in need of catechists for Kinder through 5th grade, Sacramental (First Reconciliation/First Communion) as well as for our Confirmation 6th-8th grade program.

## PLANS FOR 2022-2023 SEASON

We have changed the grade for preparing and receiving

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the sacrament of Confirmation from High School to the 8th grade with preparation beginning in 6th grade, Confirmation 1 in the 7th grade and Confirmation 2 in the 8th grade and the sacrament being received in the Spring of their 8th grade year. This is a transitional year where we will still have youth in high school who will still need to prepare and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This decision has come to light with much prayer and discernment as well as calling upon the Holy Spirit for guidance. Our young people today are in much need of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation enriches candidates with the strength of the Holy Spirit to renew and deepen their baptismal promises.

Confirmation preparation allows our young people to take an important step in their faith journey. It completes the initiation of our young Catholics and allows them to step forward in faith to witness to the truth and love of God in their lives. Confirmation is not a graduation, it is the doorway of becoming a fully initiated Catholic and gives the newly Confirmed the prompting to be a disciple and evangelist of the faith with the help and guidance of the holy spirit and the church. Our youth receive catechesis, provided with opportunities to share and discuss faith, and challenged to deepen their relationship with God. In addition to regular catechesis, young people are invited to expand their participation in the Church with intentional activities done as an individual and small groups.

Confirmation is an important step along one's faith journey, but it is by no means the end. It is our prayer that all those who receive Confirmation continue to foster their faith throughout their life.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Meredith Toweh, our Interim Faith Formation Director.

Training for all volunteers will be provided in-person as well as on-line.

Please contact Meredith Toweh, Interim Faith Formation Director [formation@st-gerard.org](mailto:formation@st-gerard.org)

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Tuesday, July 17

7:30 pm | Regents AA, Garden Room

### Wednesday, July 18

3:00 pm | Adoration, Chapel

6:00 pm | Music rehearsal, Church

### Saturday, July 23

4:00 pm | Confessions, Church

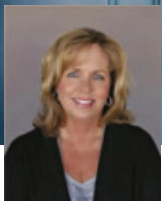
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