

# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

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JULY 24, 2022 | SEVENTEENTH 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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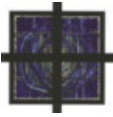
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9



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Dear Parishioners of St. Gerard's,

Time has really flown and I now find myself perched at my desk FINALLY penning this long-overdue letter to the fine people of St. Gerard's. First, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the hospitality you have shown to me and my growing family over the last several years. I work locally as a branch manager in a family business and thus am fully vested in this community and its growth and future success. We are relatively new to Brooklyn Park and our proximity to the Parish has really given us an "eagle-eye" view of all the happenings of late. With the parking lots getting fuller and fuller by the week, my husband and I have been so impressed with the life and vitality we have seen here, so much so, that we have decided to nestle down and call this our permanent home. The vast abundance of food located in your Community Garden really sealed the deal for us! Yum!!! We were so thankful to be allowed to skip the waiting list for a garden plot. Special thanks to Nancy Knoth the current Garden Coordinator! Raising our little ones in an urban setting that has so much green space is truly a blessing. What an amazing campus to have here in the heart of a rapidly expanding Brooklyn Park. Since building our house here we have been watching all the recent activity with amazement. We have really gotten to know ALL the workers and staff that have been spending so much time right outside our home. I apologize that my husband has been pretty upset with the construction noises at times, please just understand that he gets a little "owly" when all these workers are disturbing the little ones. A couple times he has regrettably yelled at everyone to BE QUIET!!! It's nice to see him stepping up as a parent! He is SO protective of them and the staff and workers keep saying "it's OK". They seem to understand being a protective father.

We have been impressed with the amount of activity we have been seeing and all the new people we are meeting. It is mesmerizing and sometimes we find ourselves sitting as a couple and just watching all the activity. I can tell everyone is working together as a team, because universally we are hearing EVERYONE say almost the exact same things: "We are building this to last", "no more temporary patches", "we must not be penny-wise and pound foolish", "we need to hear from multiple experts", "best practice, best practice, best practice..." we hear that last one a LOT! They are taking some of these experts and are having them climbing and crawling around taking pictures and writing copious notes. We are also hearing things like: "modern building code", "thicker insulation", "backup in permitting process" and "global supply chain issues". That last one made one of the staff people say a naughty word, but it was quickly followed by a declaration of "it is what is is, and what's important is that we DO IT RIGHT, not do it fast". Everyone seemed to nod in agreement at that one. My husband and I sometimes feel like we're eavesdropping, but I hear everyone keep saying that "Fr. Charlie" (who sounds like the flock-leader) welcomes ANY and EVERY question people may have and there will "always be transparency with anything we do as a Parish". That sounds pretty comforting to us as stakeholders in the future of St. Gerard's. Although just babies, we have a sneaking suspicion that our family may be here for generations! It's good to know that everything seems to be so future focused in all decisions.

So let us just say that we greatly appreciate being a part of the community and we hope you all say hi when you see us.

Your neighbors and friends,

Geri and Gerard Cooper & family





## FAITH FORMATION

We are not alone!

Did you know that the Catholic Church is Universal? The word Catholic itself means a person who belongs to the “universal” church. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest Christian Church in the world with approximately 1.3 billion baptized Catholics as of 2019! Pretty cool!

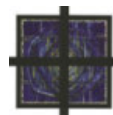
Although, you may not experience being in a large room or arena filled with our 1.5 billion Catholics physically, we are however connect spiritually. It is so amazing how the Holy Spirit works? Just imagine how God wanted us to love Him and worship Him as a Church family and community. We blessed to be in Archdioceses of St. Paul/Minneapolis that is made up of many diverse cultures, languages and beautiful people. Even here in our very own parish, we are blessed with the same.

Our parish is very blessed to have neighboring Catholic Churches around us who also have many gifts and talents to share. Our children had a fabulous opportunity to join one of our neighboring parishes, St. Stephen’s, for Vacation Bible School. The reason for this was to collaborate and share gifts, talents and resources.

This was an amazing way for some of our young people to experience the “universal” church right in our own back yard, or as some like to say, right across the river! We look forward to future collaboration and experiencing the Holy Spirit among us.

- Meredith Toweh,  
Interim Director of Faith Formation

## PARISH UPDATES | 3



July 24, 2022 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Tuesday, July 26

7:30 pm | Regents AA, Garden Room

#### Wednesday, July 27

3:00 pm | Adoration, Chapel

6:00 pm | Music rehearsal, Church

#### Saturday, July 30

4:00 pm | Confessions, Church

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, July 24

9:30am | Tom Goodin+

11:00am | Mael Kolor

#### Monday, July 25

8:30am | Megan Hietala

#### Tuesday, July 26

8:30am | People of the Parish

#### Wednesday, July 27

8:30am | Dee Sokolowski +

#### Thursday, July 28

8:30 am | People of the Parish

#### Friday, July 29

8:30am | People of the Parish

#### Saturday, July 30

5:00pm | People of the Parish



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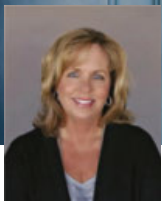
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