

## St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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#### **Parish Priest:**

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

#### **Parish Secretary:**

Stacey Lampe

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Phone #: 705 949 0435

#### Oct 6, 2019 Year - C

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

## CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION

#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. &
11:00 a.m.
(Children's Liturgy)

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday **4:00 pm** to **4:30 pm** or by appointment

#### Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays: in Nursing Homes
at 10:30 a.m.

1st Thursday: Maple View

2nd Thursday: Dayley Home

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Maple view 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Davey Home 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Great Northern Retirement Home Friday: **9:30 a.m.** 

Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass & Anointing
The first Tuesday of each month



#### **Parish Mission Statement**

St. Gerard Majella Parish strives to be a warm, welcoming Catholic community where the faithful gather to celebrate liturgy, to foster faith-sharing and to spread the Good News by word and action. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the community of St. Gerard's supports the spiritual growth, fellowship and charity of its parishioners.



We are so happy you came to celebrate with us. If you are new to the Parish and haven't registered, we encourage you to join our family.

Visit - www.stgerardssm.ca

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

"The most beautiful creed is the one we pronounce in our hour of darkness." – St. Padre Pio

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## Parish Ministry Chairs/Co-ordinators

Finance Committee: Steve Drinkwater
Parish Pastoral Council: Ron Zagordo
Catholic Women's League [C.W.L]:

Shirley Leonard

**Knights of Columbus**[Grand Knight]:

Steve Summers

Liturgy Committee: Susan Cushner

Sacristans:

**Sacrament Preparation:** 

**Baptism:** Sandra Rollin **Reconciliation** &

First Holy Communion: Lisa Tomas

**Confirmation:** Sarah Stickels **Lectors:** Patricia Michaud

Children's Liturgy: Grace Mitchell

Music:

Susan Cushner Steve Patterson

Teresa Zuppa

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Renee Wysynski & Judie Kearns

**Ushers:** Frank Gallo

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** 

[RCIA]: Steve Summers
Hospitality: Mary Davies

**Prayer Line:** 

Mary VanBoerdonk : 705 256 7019 Rhea Emond : 705 949 6159

The Lord's Cupboard: Jane McNally Decor Committee: Sheila Beishlag Funeral Luncheon: Sabina Remondi

Funeral Team – Servers: Ed Martin & Doreen Simard

Bereavement Cards: Mary Coventry Communion Service in Nursing

Homes:

Anna Griswold Steve Drinkwater Bill DeGroot

**Assist at Masses in Nursing Homes:** 

Rhea Emond

**Coffee Hour:** 

Anna Griswold & Gina Drinkwater

Parish Social Group: Doreen Simard Social Justice: Nicole Chouinard Parish Website: Isabelle Wheten Soup Kitchen: Donna Ross





## Mass Intentions Oct 8 to Oct 13, 2019

Tuesday Oct 8 7:00pm

22AM DN

Wednesday Oct 9 9:30 am

Eugenio & Pasqua Da Prat + by the Da Prat Family

Thursday Oct 10 10:30am

NO MASS

Friday Oct 11 9:30 am

**22AM DN** 

Saturday Oct 12 5:00 pm

Clorinda Berlingieri + by Rose & Nick & Families

Sunday Oct 13

9:00 am: Intention of All Parishioners

11:00 am: Carmine Dilabio + by Maria Dilabio & Family

Ida Bruno + by Frank Bruno & Family

#### **Finance Report**

Sunday Sept 29: 2019 \$2,750.65

Sunday , Sept 29 : Electronic Giving \$1,488.25

Other \$305.00

Raise the Roof \$560.00

Raise the Roof Campaign - To Date \$41,640.71

**Total Income** 

\$5,103.90

### Thank you for your generosity!



#### Parish Information – Phone: 705 949 0435

#### WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Are you visiting or interested in joining St. Gerard? Welcome!!! If this is your spiritual home we invite you to register with the parish. If you live outside the parish boundaries the only way we are able to assist you is if you are registered with St. Gerard and this is the parish you attend on Sundays. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to our pastor.

#### PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Please call the Parish Office at 705 949 0435 for an appointment. A Baptism Preparation Course is required for all parents and Godparents. A Godparent must be 16 years of age, baptized Catholic and be Confirmed. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance by contacting the Parish office.

In grade 2, children may receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

#### RECONCILIATION

At our parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in the first week in March or before the March break.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins after March break, First Holy Communion is celebrated in May.

#### CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation is available to those who have been baptized, received Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Candidates must be in grade 7 or higher. Confirmation is generally celebrated in November. For more details please call the parish office.

#### CARE OF THE SICK & HOME BOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Eucharist for the home-bound, please contact the parish office. Visits to the hospital are made regularly; please call and let us know you would like a visit.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please make marriage arrangements six (6) months in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is so heart-warming and a special joy to see young families taking part in the Holy Mass and engaged in the life of the parish. We welcome crying babies! It is a sign that the church is young and alive. We have a committed, caring and energetic team organizing the Children's Liturgy Program every Sunday. We encourage parents to bring your children to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with children during our Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass.

#### Let us Listen to God's Word

Week of Oct 7 to Oct 13, 2019

Monday	Jonah 1.1 – 2.1, 10
Tuesday	Jonah 3.1-10
Wednesday	Jonah 4.1-11
Thursday	Malachi 3.13-4.2
Friday	Joel 1.13-15; 2.1-2

## The Twenty-Eight Saturday & Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13 Gospel: Luke 17.11-19



#### WEDNESDAY PARISH SOCIAL GATHERINGS

(not just for seniors anymore)

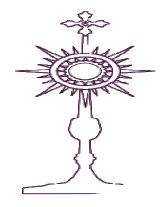
Social Gathering takes place every Wednesday, in St. Gerard Majella parish hall after 9:30 am Mass.

There is a shared coffee time, treats and fellowship, followed by card games and/or board games.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Eucharistic Adoration and Breaking of Bread

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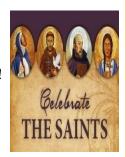
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Date: October 15 & 21, November 11 & 18 2019

Facilitator: **Sr. Mary Jo Radey, CSJ**Suggested Offering: **Free will offering** 

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705-254-4690



#### **FUNERAL CELEBRATIONS**

If you need any help when preparing for a funeral, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. As Catholics, the best model we can choose is to give sufficient time for grieving by having a visitation and then having a celebration of one's life with the celebration of Holy Mass.

#### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

We invite all parishioners to consider "St. Gerard Majella Church" when choosing a charitable institution for Memorial Donations in the death announcement in the local media to honor a loved one who has passed. This form of financial support and heartfelt gesture would truly bless and enrich the life of St. Gerard Majella Church. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

#### **MASS REQUESTS**

To request a Mass intention, either call the office or come into the office. Place your offering of \$15.00 per Mass in the envelope and bring it to the parish office or put in the weekend collection. Cheques can be made payable to "St. Gerard Majella Church".

## FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

We are always ready to begin the process by which an adult or older child becomes a Catholic, either by full initiation in Baptism, or by reception into full communion. We are also happy to prepare you for adult Confirmation. For children aged 7-16, parents may call the Parish Office.

#### **HOME - SCHOOL - PARISH**

Our parish cherishes an amazing working relationship with three Catholic Schools in the neighbourhood:

St. Paul's School

St. Basil's School

St. Mary's College

Please let the office know who has donation envelop #40 and #8 as without knowing who you are, we cannot issue you a tax receipt at the end of the year.

Please let the office know (by phone 705-949-0435 or email: <a href="mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca">gmajella@shaw.ca</a>) if you have a key to the Church so that we can add you to our list. Thanks so much.

#### **Confirmation for 2019**

Application forms for the sacrament of Confirmation for 2019 are available at the entrance of the Church. Applicants must be in grade 7 or higher as of September 2019. Please submit applications by Wednesday October  $23^{\rm rd}$  2019. You can also submit the application through the website. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, November  $20^{\rm th}$  2019 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Reconciliation & First Communion**

AT OUR PARISH THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS CELEBRATED IN THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH OR BEFORE THE MARCH BREAK.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS AFTER MARCH BREAK, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED IN MAY.

#### **CWL General Meeting**

#### Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 7:00pm In the parish hall

Welcoming all our sisters in the league and all those interested in learning about the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Become informed on what our Parish CWL council is doing in our parish, locally, provincially and nationally.

We look forward to seeing you.

#### WITH OUR APPRECIATION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who assisted with the reception for Celtic Gospel Family Concert held in July.



The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. It is a set of bible-based prayer. Praying of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of **Mary**. When an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Therefore, we invite everyone to consider praying a decade of rosary everyday. You are also welcome to join us in praying the rosary before our weekend masses.

#### Parish News!

Dear Parents,

It is with great joy and anticipation I take this opportunity to welcome you back to our spiritual home after a time of vacation and summer endeavors.

It is that time of the year when we are planning and preparing for the reception of various sacraments in our parish. If you do not currently belong to a church community, we welcome you to consider sharing with us at St. Gerard Majella Parish, Welcome!!! In case you may not know, if you live within the physical boundaries of this parish, you are already an unregistered member of it. If you would like to learn more about our parish community please check out our website at <a href="https://www.stgerardssm.ca">www.stgerardssm.ca</a> or contact the parish office: 705 949 0435.

The celebration of any sacrament in one's life is a special moment of grace and blessings. It is then that one receives special gifts and graces from God, which are vital in our faith journey and formation.

I am happy to inform you that this year, at our parish, the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm. I invite you to seriously consider this opportunity and encourage your child/adult to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, an added blessing in their lives. (For those who may not know, the church teaches that to be able to one day stand in the role of Godparent or Sponsor, one must first be fully initiated into the church, which means they must have been Baptized; received Eucharist; and be Confirmed).

If you wish to have your child receive the Sacrament with us, at St. Gerard Majella Parish, please submit the completed application forms to the school/parish office on or before October 23, 2019.

Please read carefully:

- •This sacrament is available to those who have been baptized, received Reconciliation, First Communion and Eucharist.
- Candidates should be in grade 7 (As of September 2019).
- Candidates must choose a sponsor. (A sponsor should be at least 16 years of age or older who have received the Sacraments of Initiation, which includes Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
- •If the applicant was not baptized at St. Gerard Majella Parish, a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required with the application form or by the First Meeting.
- If you are not a registered member of St. Gerard Majella Parish, please have a letter of permission signed by the priest of the parish you attend in order to celebrate the sacrament with us.

I thank you in advance for taking the initiative in your child's faith formation and I wish you the very best in this academic year as you continue to help, guide and accompany your child in their journey to knowledge and wisdom. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 705 949 0435.

May God bless you and your family!

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Alex Saurianthadathil

### Liturgy Meeting Tuesday, Oct 22, 2019 starting with mass at 7:00 p.m

JOB POSTING - ST. JEROME PARISH SECRETARY We are seeking a parish secretary to work Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (7 hours) and Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm (3.5 hours). Main responsibilities include bulletin production, bookkeeping, Mass Intention management and other clerical duties. Training will be provided. Computer skills a must. Employment is based on a one year renewable contract. For further details, please contact the parish office. Three references and a police check are required. Deadline for resumes is November 8, 2019. Resumes can be submitted by email to stjerome@diocesessm.org.

Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>
at 12 Noon
at Our Lady of
Good Counsel Parish
at the Grotto of
Our Lady of Fatima

12<sup>th</sup>
Our Lady
Sh
Faiima

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. Our Blessed Mother's message is always the same, to pray for the conversion of the hearts of the world. Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 12 at 12 noon.



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