

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

The Epiphany of The Lord

January 7, 2018



THE VISIT OF THE WISE-MEN

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

Amen

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil	7:00 PM
Friday Holy Day	9:00 AM
	7:00 PM
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

BAPTISMS

Parents should be registered parishioners or active for six months prior to baptism. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am—3:30pm

PASTOR: Father Bill Williams

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Weekly Offerings

12/30-12/31/17 Offertory Received

\$6,152.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Reserve Acct.

\$303.00

The Epiphany of the Lord Focus

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man. Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the [Baptism of the Lord](#); Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the [Nativity of Christ](#); and the visitation of the [Wise Men](#) Magi.

Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of [God the Father](#) is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Woman In Prayer

If you have any prayer requests, please contact **Linda Swope** at [706-861-9762](tel:706-861-9762) (home) or lswope374@comcast.net.

Attention All Lectors

Notice to all new and previously trained Lectors. The 2018 Lector Books are in and available. They are located in the Server's Sacristy and can be picked up after or before any Mass. Please review the Ministry List and secure one before your next scheduled opportunity to "Proclaim the Word".

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/6	5:30 PM	Prayer for Sue McGoff +
Sunday, 1/7	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
Monday, 1/8	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
Tuesday, 1/9	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
Wed., 1/10	6:00 PM	Prayer for Parishioners
Thursday, 1/11	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
Friday, 1/12	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners

St. Joseph Missals

The 2018 St. Joseph's Missals have arrived. Again, this year the cost is \$3.00 per book. If you are interested in one please contact the office. 706-861-9410, sgmsecretay3049@gmail.com or place the money in an envelope marked missals and I will put them aside with your name. There were 75 ordered and they are first come first serve.

Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing, Virginia Black, Carol Bonitto, Martha Bourne, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Nancy Klingler, Sara Mason, Nora McKensie, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Jill Mitchell, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Hazel Watson, Jeremiah Word, Paul Worland.

Adoration

Adoration is a time to receive God's grace while we are giving Him our praise and worship. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." During this time, all the stress related to our daily activities is released. Further, by His grace, we leave better prepared to cope with these daily activities. We have received His peace.

Please be sure to sign up for extended adoration on the 1st **and** 3rd Friday of **each month**. There are many slots still need- ing to be filled. Two people are needed for each time slot.



Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 1/7:

Religious Ed Classes resume

Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM

Monday, 1/8: RCIA Classes resume
7:00 PM

Wednesday, 1/10: Knights Council Meeting
7:00 PM

Tuesday, 1/16: Ladies Guild Meeting
7:00 PM

Senior Ministry

Monday on 1/22 /18 at 12:00 PM

Senior Social Potluck, Speaker Fr. John Pham

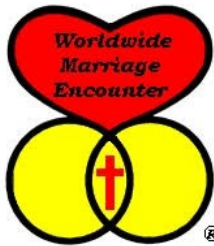
Wednesday on 2/7/18 12:00 PM

Please bring a Sack Lunch. There will be no speaker at this time but we will be playing Bingo.

2018 Calendars

The 2018 St Gerard Church Calendars are available. They are located in a box in the entry of the church. Please be sure to take ONE. A big thank you to Lane Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.

Marriage Encounter



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend may be a little bit down the road, Feb 23-23, however, we are not resting in our pursuit of better marriages! WWME is searching for the Longest Married Couple in the nation! If you know a couple married over 70 years, take a moment to go to <http://wwme.org> and fill out the nomination form linked at the top of the page. The project runs until Jan. 10, 2018, with the national winners named in February 2018. There will also be 50 state winners that will be announced in the same time period. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. For the upcoming 2018 WWME Weekend dates, or to apply online go to GATN-wwme.org or call 678-242-WWME.

St. Vincent DePaul

The SVDP Society of St. Gerard is coming into its busiest time of the year. The Holidays along with the cold weather bring us many more requests for help with food, power bills etc. Please be generous. Remember: "*...what you do for the least of these, you do unto me*" Thank you for your past generosity. We can't function without you.

If you are interested please call Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951 and leave a message.



If anyone is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please contact Grand Knight, Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.

Pianist/Organist Needed

We are in need of someone to play the organ/piano at the masses. We are also looking for someone who may be interested in becoming our music director. If you are or know someone that is interested please contact the office.

Word Among Us Books

The January Word Among Us books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church in a box please take your copy and leave a dollar in the jar to cover the cost of the magazine. They are available on a first come first serve basis so don't delay!