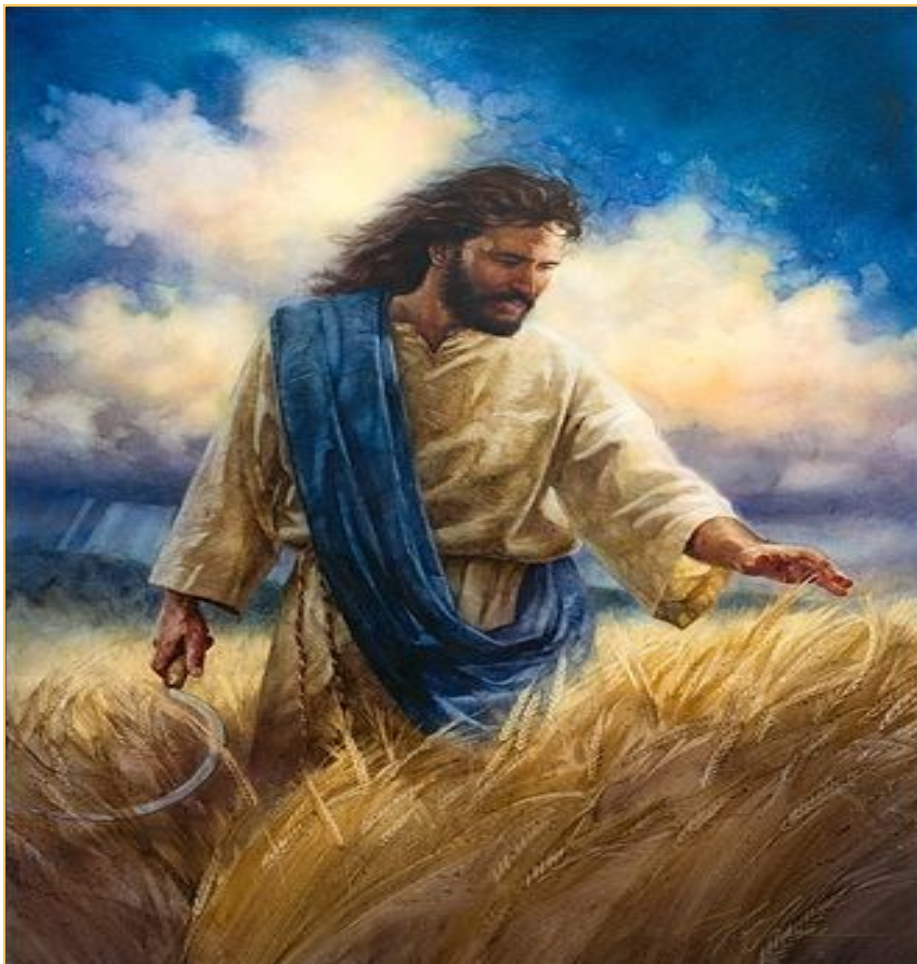


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 23, 2018**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>(First Friday 9:00 am Mass)</b>	
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>9:00 am—1:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>

**CONFESSIONS:**

<b>Saturday PM</b>	<b>4:30-5:15</b>
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday AM</b>	<b>8:30-8:50</b>
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>5:30-5:50</b>
<b>Also by Appointment</b>	

**BAPTISMS:** Parents should be registered parishioners or active for 6 months prior to baptism. Please call the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
following Masses every 3rd Sunday  
Anytime by Appointment

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
Thursday by noon

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Thursday, 9:30am—4:30pm

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LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN  
DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER  
TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF  
WE DO NOT GIVE UP.  
GALATIANS 6:9



## Month of the Harvest

Since man is both a spiritual and physical being, the Church provides for the needs of man in his everyday life. The Church's liturgy and feasts in many areas reflect the four seasons of the year (spring, summer, fall and winter). The months of August, September, October and November are part of the harvest season, and as Christians we recall God's constant protection over his people and give thanksgiving for the year's harvest.

The **September Ember Days** were particularly focused on the end of the harvest season and thanksgiving to God for the season. Ember Days were three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving at the beginning of each of the four seasons of the year. The ember days fell after December 13, the feast of St. Lucy (winter), after the First Sunday of Lent (spring), after Pentecost Sunday (summer), and after September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (fall). These weeks were known as the *quattor tempora*, the "four seasons."

Since the late 5th century, the Ember Days were also the preferred dates for ordination of priests. So during these times the Church had a threefold focus: (1) sanctifying each new season by turning to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving; (2) giving thanks to God for the various harvests of each season; and (3) praying for the newly ordained and for future vocations to the priesthood and religious life..

Another harvest feast is September 29, the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Before the revision of the calendar, this used to be only the feast of St. Michael. In many countries this day was referred to as "Michaelmas" and is celebrated with traditional foods and customs.

### The revitalization of our Parish

**Council has taken place.** The first item to be addressed is the placement of the St. Gerard Statue in the Church. Secondly, the expansion of our musical repertoire. Third, the relationship with the Parish Finance Council. Fourth, and most importantly, how to expand youth ministry in the parish.



**Family Life is planning to have the Weekend to Remember Marriage Get-a-Way** again this year in Chattanooga. The dates are Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and will be held at the Chattanooga Hotel.

Past events have produced amazing results. Many marriages were strengthened. Some on the verge of divorce were saved. The normal registration is \$299 per couple. If you establish a group name, the cost is \$199 per couple. I will set a group name for you, it costs you nothing and does not obligate you to anything. It just allows your members to save \$100 on the registration costs. If a couple registers before September 24th the registration is \$149. The site to register is [www.weekendtoremember.com](http://www.weekendtoremember.com).

A generous donor has agreed to pay the registration for you and your spouse to attend. Go to [www.familylife.com/pastor to register](http://www.familylife.com/pastor to register).

Included are the **Top Ten Comments** from a Weekend to Remember last year. Please contact **Ben Brychta** at 423-280-1919 or [benbrychta@gmail.com](mailto:benbrychta@gmail.com) if you need assistance.

The final series of classes "**Jewish Roots of Our Catholic Faith**" will resume when Fr. Wise gets back from vacation on Tuesday, October 2nd at 11:00 am and Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm.



## Ministry Meetings & Events

Sundays: *Prison Ministry* 6:30-8:30PM

### Knights of Columbus

Wed., 9/26-Officers Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Sat., 9/29-Rosary at 5:00pm

Sun., 9/30-Rosary at before 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

All who are interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact **Grand Knight, Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.**

The next **Ladies Guild Meeting** is **Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00pm.** We will be having a "Wine Tasting" to pick out a new Altar Wine. Please join us!

### Senior Ministry

Will meet at the PLC on Wednesday, Oct. 3 @ 12:00 noon. Please bring a sack lunch. We will be discussing Christmas items needed and items we already have for our Annual Christmas Basket Raffle. We would also appreciate any ideas you may wish to contribute to our ministry, such as out town trips, restaurants, guest speakers, etc.

### Ladies Guild

Sept. 23 Betsy	Oct. 14 Celeste
Sept. 30 Regina	Oct. 21 Irene
Oct. 7 Shana	Oct. 28 Jane

## Weekly Offerings

9/15-9/16 Offertory Received **\$2345**

Weekly Offertory **Goal \$4000**

**Building & Maintenance \$425**

### Mass Intentions:

Sat., 9/22 5:30 am

Sun., 9/23 9:00 am

11:00am

### Please Pray For:

**Virginia Koch+**

**Henry Gaudet**

**John Facey**

**The Ladies of Charity** sends their thanks to St. Gerard Parish for its continued support. The following is the August 2018 Report that itemizes where your donations, purchases and volunteer time is helping the needy of Chattanooga and surrounding areas. This past month the following monies helped our clients by paying the following bills:

Electric—\$5040.91; Water—\$361.59, Rent—\$1471.20; Meds—\$300.40; Lifeline—\$750.00; Food Vouchers—\$110.00; Fuel, Auto, Repairs—\$708.76; Gifts Given—\$35.00; Friday Lunches—\$134.20. Your continued support is needed. We are in particular need of volunteers; men, women and teens. Please contact **Mary Ann Schenk at 423-624-3222 to volunteer...**for a day, an hour...whatever you can spare. We are open Monday through Saturday 10 to 4. It is a great place for teens to earn their volunteer hours in a safe environment.

Thank you and may God bless all of our supporters and clients.

**The Greater Good Thrift Store**

**2821 Rossville Blvd., Chattanooga**

## Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Jude Bendzel, Linda Black, Virginia Black, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Martha Bourne, Betty Cabeen, Candace Carne, Lisa DePrima, Cynthia Devine, John Facey, Janice Fortune, Henry Gaudet, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Richard Klingler, Sara Mason, Georgina Matich, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Bill Medford, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Angelena Quaranto, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word.

## St. Vincent DePaul

The **SVdP Society** of St. Gerard's is growing in our prayer life, numbers of members, and the folks who come to us for help. We thank you for your prayers and wonderful generosity that has made this possible.

We desperately need some food for our pantry. (see the list below). Be watching for an upcoming Food Drive!

Recently, we were able to help a mother and her two daughters leave an abusive home situation and get settled into alternate housing. Also an elderly gentleman in getting the oral surgery he so badly needs. Your donations literally give people a reason to smile!

**“ I sing of mercy and justice to you, Lord, I sing praise” Psalm 101**

**Most needed items:** peanut butter, soup, tuna or canned meat, rice, beans or other canned vegetables and pasta.

Any questions about becoming a member please call **Donna Shipley** at **423-718-6951** and leave a message.

**Our helpline number is: 678-892-6163**

## Women In Prayer

**If you have any prayer requests**, please contact **Irene Staub** at 706-375-4934 (Home), 423-902-6630(Cell), or [istaub1014@aol.com](mailto:istaub1014@aol.com) or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or [rlswope374@comcast.net](mailto:rlswope374@comcast.net).

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one. **Please contact Irene or Linda.**

## 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.

**Ladies of Charity** needs your favorite recipes for a cookbook! In order to be available for holiday gift giving, the **deadline is Friday, October 5**. Please send recipes and any family stories connected to them to [alyceownby@bellsouth.net](mailto:alyceownby@bellsouth.net).

We are preparing for our **inquiry program** for those who are curious about who we are as Catholics. Some people are more interested now than ever before. **Our program begins Monday, October 1st at 7:00 pm**. Please invite a friend or relative to come with you.