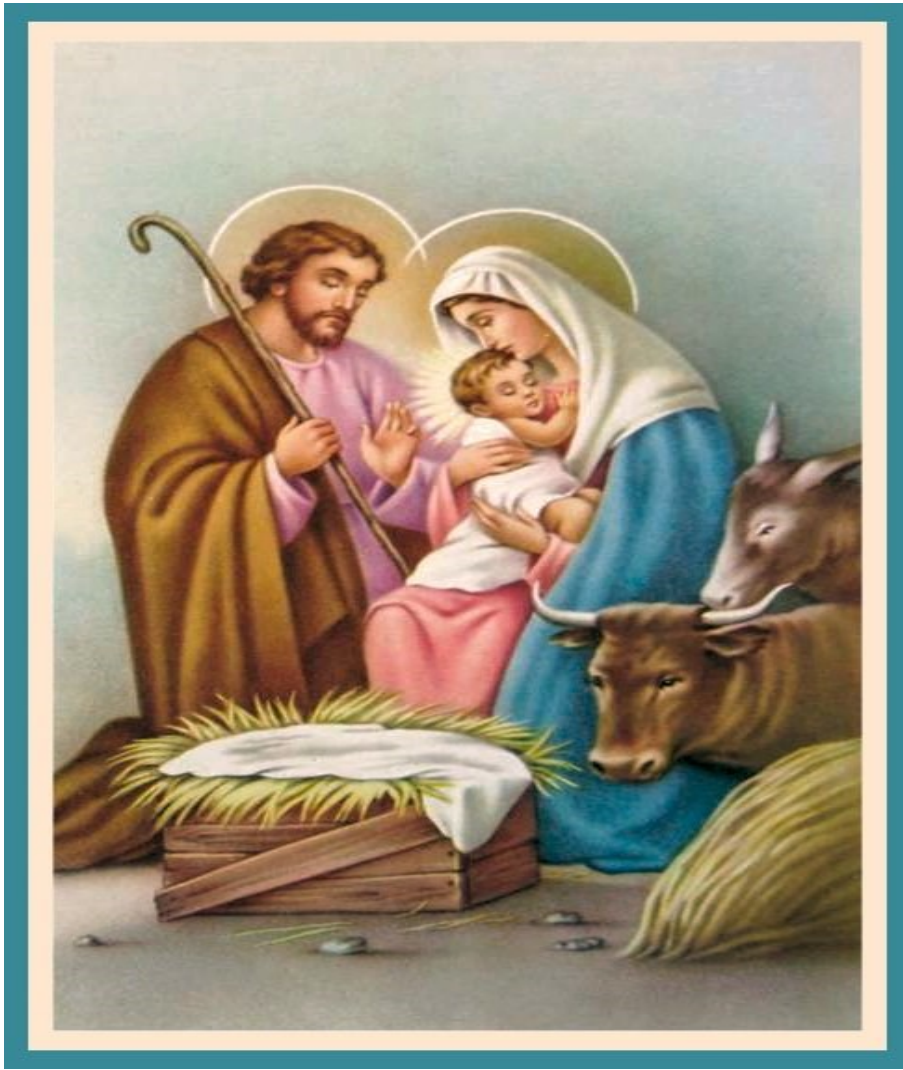


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2017



Wishing all of you a **New Year** filled with every blessing of faith, health, happiness and success.

Solemn Blessing and Adoration for 30 minutes after the **11:00 AM Mass** on **Sunday 12/31** for the last day of the year

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

sgmpastor@gmail.com

SECRETARY:

Temporary/Volunteer

sgmsecretary3049@gmail.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Steve Tonya

WEBSITE: www.saintgerardmajella.net

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Weekly Offerings

12/24–25/17 Offertory Received

\$6,003.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Kitchen Fund

\$319.00

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, sgmsecretary3049@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.

Mary Mother of God Focus

Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, 2018 falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holyday of Obligation.

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

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".

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/30	5:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners
Sunday, 12/31	9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners 11:00 AM Prayer for Landon Ryan
Monday, 1/1	9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
Tuesday, 1/2	9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
Wednesday, 1/3	6:00 PM Prayer for Parishioners
Thursday, 1/4	9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
Friday, 1/5	9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
Saturday, 1/6	5:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners
Sunday, 1/7	11:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

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

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 needing to be filled. Two people are needed for each time slot.



Ministry Meetings & Events

Saturday, 12/30 **5:00 PM Rosary**
Knights of Columbus

Sunday, 12/31: **No Religious Ed Classes**
Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM

Monday, 1/8: **RCIA Classes resume**

Senior Ministry

Meeting on 1/3/18 12:00 PM
Please bring a Sack Lunch. There will be no speaker this time but we will be playing Bingo.

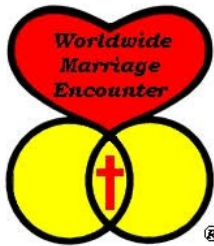
2018 Calendars

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.

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!

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.