

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Fourth Sunday In Advent

December 24th, 2017



**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

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY**

**PASTOR:** Father Bill Williams

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Temporary/Volunteer

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**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Steve Tonya

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**Christmas Holiday Happenings**

Christmas Vigil Masses: December 24th at 6:00 PM

Midnight Mass at 10:30 PM

Proper Christmas Day Mass Monday

December 25th at 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses will be Tuesday-Friday  
December 26, 27, 28 and 29th at 7:00 PM

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

## Weekly Offerings

12/10717 Offertory Received

\$3,595.60

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Kitchen Fund

\$237.15

## 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](mailto: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.

## A Year With Mary : December

### What is the Message of Guadalupe?

In December 1531, five Marian apparitions appeared to St. Juan Diego throughout four days during a time of violence and turmoil conveying an urgency to transform society, fostering love and Christian conversion. St. Juan Diego spent the remainder of his life recounting Our Lady Guadalupe's message to inspire morality and promote human dignity and integrity. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, built at the site of the first apparition, is one of the most visited and sacred locations in the world.

**December 8-** *Immaculate Conception*

**December 12-** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

The traveling Mary will be with Julie and Meredith Perry the Week of Dec. 10— Dec. 17.

**Next Week:** John and Kathie Pitner

## 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](mailto:lswope374@comcast.net).

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/23	5:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners
Sunday, 12/24	6:00 PM Walter & Henrietta Flowers+
	10:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners
Monday, 12/25	10:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
Tuesday, 12/26	7:00 PM Barbara Tripp-
Saturday, 12/30	5:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners
Sunday, 12/31	11:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

## Ministry Meetings & Events

### 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.

### 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.



Sunday, 12/24:

No *Religious Ed Classes*

*Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM*

Wednesday, 12/27: 6:30 PM Knights Meeting

Thursday, 12/28 Prison Ministry

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

### 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.

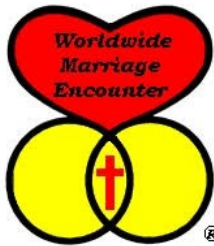
### 2018 Calendars

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 December 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](http://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 Christmas Holidays along with the cold weather bring us many more requests for help with food, power bills and Christmas gifts for children. 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.