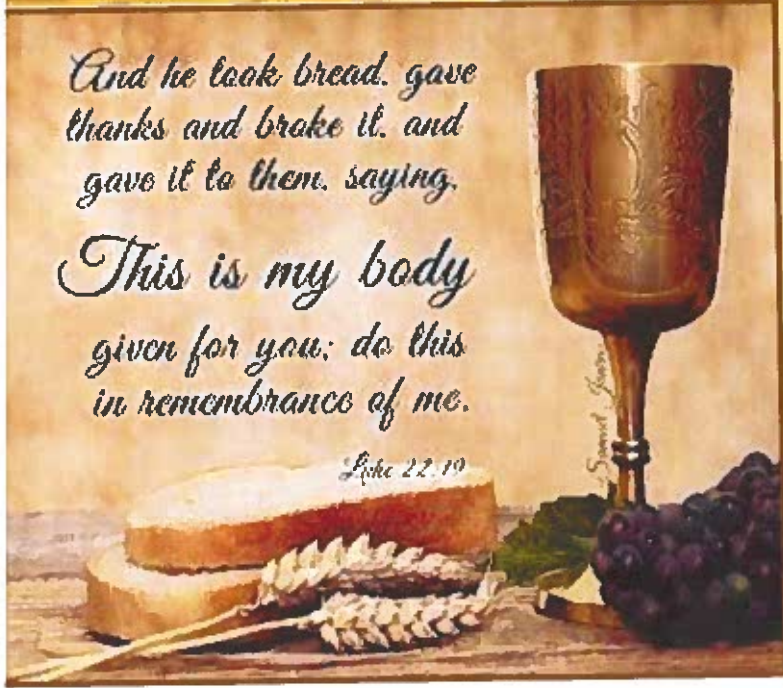
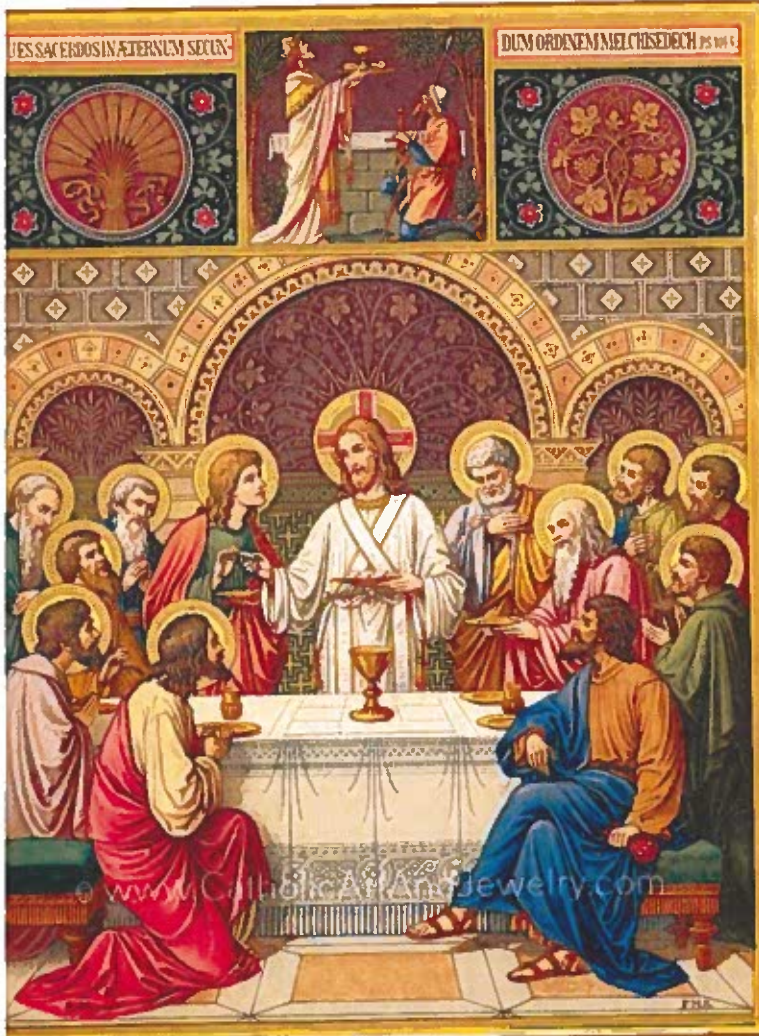


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Adoration
Friday 9:00 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 4:30 pm-5:15 pm
Also by Appointment

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Lost Son are Jesus' way of explaining His attitude and behavior towards the tax collectors and sinners. The shepherd searches for his lost sheep, the woman searches for her lost coin, and the father searches for his lost son.

There are times when we feel spiritually lost. Perhaps we fell into sin and now feel estranged from God. As a result, we can be tempted to think that God is finished with us, but the truth is that He is not. God always searches for us as the parables illustrate.

When we come to our senses and return to God, as the Lost Son did, we see how eager God is to embrace us and welcome us home.

This week I will be at a convocation with all the priests of the Archdiocese. Mass on Tuesday and Thursday are cancelled. Adoration will still take place on Friday.

Peace,

Fr. Brian

CONGRATULATIONS TO

JOHN HUTTERER

AND KAY METOYER

**ON THEIR
SEPTEMBER 11th**

WEDDING!!

**WISHING YOU MANY YEARS OF
HAPPINESS!!**



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

5:30pm

YVONNE STEPHENS

(Healing)

(Linda Homans)

SERVERS:

Leo & Troy Velk

LECTORS:

Stephanie Kowalewski

Joseph Kowalewski

USHERS:

Don Hays

Kieron Gleeson

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, 9am

SERVERS:

Ramon Esteban

Dale Osterling

LECTOR TBD

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, 11 am

SERVERS & LECTORS TBD

USHER: Scott Fisher

**NO TUESDAY OR THURSDAY
MASSES**

It is our tradition to offer Mass Intentions for the sick, or our deceased members. Please stop by or call the parish office to sign up for a Mass Intention.

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners
Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Asher Barhite, Janet Bean, Jude Bendzel, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Candace Carne, Mason Cobble, Tracy Congdon, Cindy Divine, Cynthia Fulton, Matthew Gaudet, Joyce Gianato, Daniel Hamby, Jean Hawkins, Anne Janecjii, Pamela Kanter, Laura McClung, Linda Meeks, Jeanne Meyers, Sandy Murphy, Ruth Newsome, Jane Osterling, Lillian Pierce, John Pitner, Bill, Jeff & Rose Pugliano, Kathy Samilo, Mary Ann Shanahan, Carol Sotelo+, Helen Telford, Ross Vecchio Sr. & Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, September 13, Ladies Guild at 6 pm.**
- Tuesday, Knights of Columbus, Golf Committee Meeting at 7 pm.**
- Wednesday, Knights of Columbus Business Meeting at 7 pm.**
- Thursday, September 15, RCIA Classes at 6:30 in the PLC.**
- Sunday, September 18, 9 am-1 pm Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.**
- Monday, September 19, SVdP at 7 pm.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

We need people who are willing to serve as Eucharistic Guardians for an hour on a weekly basis and who would be willing to serve as a substitute when needed. Adoration is every Friday from 9am to Noon. We would love to extend those hours with your help. If interested please contact **Dale Osterling** at 423-664-3038.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for September

Abolition of the Death Penalty
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Weekly Offerings

**9/4 Offertory Received \$4055
(Online Giving \$556)**

Weekly Offertory Goal \$4000

Saint Vincent de Paul

It's hard to believe that 2022 is two thirds done and summer is coming to an end. Sometimes we ask " where has the time gone?". Even so, it's never too late to turn our thoughts from ourselves and our needs and wants and to focus on our brothers who are living on the edge of financial and emotional disaster. You have a convenient channel to help these people; it is us, your parish SVdP society. We will see that ALL your donations are accounted for, used with care and compassion and appreciated. We not only open the envelopes; we put the contents to good use. Please help. God bless you and those you love

If you are interested in joining St. Vincent de Paul, please call Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951.

If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please call the HELP LINE at 678-892-6163.

Women in Prayer

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one. Please contact Irene or Linda, and also if you have any prayer requests. **Irene Staub at istaub1014@aol.com** or **Linda Swope at rlswope374@comcast.net.**



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

Readings for Sunday 24th Sunday

Ex: 32:7-11, 13-14

Ps: 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

1 Tim:1:12-17

Lk: 15:1-32

Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Returning to Church and need a refresher? Want to grow deeper with Mother Church? Tired of having people telling you what you believe as a Catholic?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes have begun and will continue until Pentecost 2023. Come join us in the PLC on Thursdays at 6:30pm.

Religious Education

Classes for grades K-12 began on Sunday, September 11. It's not too late to join! We meet 10:00-10:45 A.M. in the PLC. Parents/Guardians, please be prepared to stay a few minutes the first day to complete registration paperwork. **Contact Teri Hughes at 423-322-9042 with any questions for grades K-5 and Tim Schlueter at 502-807-3230 with any questions about grades 6-12.**



Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored.

Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, September 30-October 2, 2022, contact: Andy & Lilly @ 770.912.4743 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org