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## St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church

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### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter this season of rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation, I want to wish each of you a wonderful summer! I hope you find time for vacation, enjoyment, and precious moments with family and friends.

While you embark on your summer adventures, I kindly encourage you to remain mindful of the church's needs. Our community requires your continued support through tithing, which helps us maintain our facilities, fulfill ministry obligations, and serve our community effectively. Your contributions enable us to keep our lights on and ensure that we can make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Summertime is the perfect moment to take advantage of online giving, which offers an easy and reliable way to support your spiritual home even while you're away. Setting up recurring or one-time gifts ensures that our parish remains strong and cared for throughout the summer months. You can sign up quickly and securely through our parish website at [saintgerardmajella.net](http://saintgerardmajella.net)

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our church. I look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready to continue our mission together.

Blessings,

Fr. Young

Read and reflect on Father's homily on our website.

# Mass Intentions



**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Repose of the Soul of Richard Wise Req. by Danuta Kowalski

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 9 am** Sherry Geyer (healing from surgery)

In the children's book, "The Weight of the Mass" it is taught that having a Mass said for a loved one is worth more than any weight of gold. The suggested donation is \$20, but a Mass can be said for any amount. The stipend goes to the Priest. However, Fr. Young donates all money back to the church.

## Prayer Requests



Trudy Arrington, Ella Rayne Avila, Mary Ellen Avila, Leigh-Ann Blaylock, Nancy Brabner, Kaylee Breedlove, Candace Carne, Julianna Cooke, Mary Ann Cooper, Al and Carol Corkum, Rick Davidson, Jimmy Dyer, Nancy Jane Edwards, Matthew Gaudet, Annette Guiberson, Daniel Hamby, Daisy Hamilton, Megan Hoette, Anne Janejii, Phyllis Lampert, Linda Meeks, Dale and Jane Osterling, David Owenby, John Pitner, Bill, Jeff and Rose Pugliano, Nicholas Richardson, Kathy Samilo, Mary Ann Shanahan, Jim Staub, and Lilia Thompson

### Women in Prayer

If you have a prayer request, contact Irene Staub at [istaub1014@aol.com](mailto:istaub1014@aol.com) or Linda Swope at [rlswope374@comcast.net](mailto:rlswope374@comcast.net). Your prayer request will be sent to our 60 + PRAYER WARRIORS. If you prefer that we do not include your name in the prayer request, we will honor your wishes. The Women in Prayer Ministry also provides prayer shawls for those in need.

## *Giving Thanks Week of 5-17-2026 (Goal: \$6,000)*

Weekly Offertory: \$2,593

Online Offertory Giving: \$715

Building and Maintenance: \$4,082

Total Amount Given: \$7,390

**Don't forget to earmark loose collection checks for which fund you want your contribution. Our building and maintenance fund needs to be replenished.**

## The Catholic Corner

### Why do we pray for the Holy Spirit?

Pentecost is connected to the Jewish feast of Pentecost and to Sinai: just as Sinai marked the giving of Israel's law, Christian Pentecost is seen as the "new Sinai," where the Holy Spirit becomes the New Covenant.

For Catholics, Pentecost is also the public manifestation of what Christ had already given in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday: the Spirit is sent to sanctify the Church forever and to enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. This feast is central to the Church's life because it fulfills Jesus' promise and makes the "fire" of the Holy Spirit real in the world. Benedict XVI described Pentecost as the beginning of the Church's mission: the Spirit descends "with power upon the Apostles," after Jesus prepared them to wait for the Father's promise.

We pray for the Holy Spirit so we can be one with Jesus. Through our union, the Holy Spirit pours out onto our lives gifts of understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—forming our soul to be docile and virtuous to build up the Church.

## Upcoming Events

### Parish Council Meeting 6 pm Tuesday in the Rectory

Parish is always welcome.



### Knights of Columbus 7 pm Wednesday in the PLC

Anyone interested in joining, call Kieron Gleeson 423-240-1798.

### OCIA 6:30 pm Thursday in the PLC

An in-depth study of the Our Father. All are welcome to come learn.



### Knights of Columbus Rosary next Sunday

Come to church early. The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before each Mass.



Attention junior detectives (upcoming K-5<sup>th</sup> graders). Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School Wednesday July 15 through Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – Noon. Sign-ups begin May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Volunteer and Support Spotlight

Weather permitting, you should be driving on a beautiful, smooth parking lot in the next week. We appreciate your patience. We are grateful to Gary Whiteford, Bob Hucke, John Fava and Jim Tahler for all the hard work they did on the project. These men saved our church thousands of dollars by donating equipment, expertise and time.

### Gabriel's Hope Food Pantry Update

On May 16, Gabriel's Hope Food Pantry served 22 families with food and fresh produce. We so appreciate and dearly thank the donation of fresh eggs from the anonymous donor!

The appropriate value of food given was  
\$1, 595.00.

Our next pantry day will be Saturday, June 20th at 10am.

We hope the beginning of this Spring finds you at peace, your cupboards filled with what you need and your heart desirous of God's will.

"I will always welcome joyfully, any opportunity that comes my way to be of service to You."

-St. Vincent de Paul



### Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 9 am

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

### Confession Times

Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 pm

*also by appointment or walkup*

### Rosary Recitation

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

### Adoration

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 - 9 am

Friday: 7:30 - 9 am;

after 9 am Mass until noon

### Church Website

[www.saintgerardmajella.net](http://www.saintgerardmajella.net)



# ST. GERARD MAJELLA

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**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED  
ON MEMORIAL DAY.  
FATHER WILL STILL HAVE  
MASS AT 9 AM.**

The Wifi at our church has been reorganized. You can use **stgerard-guest** anywhere on campus with the **password catholic** (all lowercase). The audio fetch system is now on **sgmlisten** with the **password catholic**. If you have issues, please contact Jim Tahler 423-505-1648