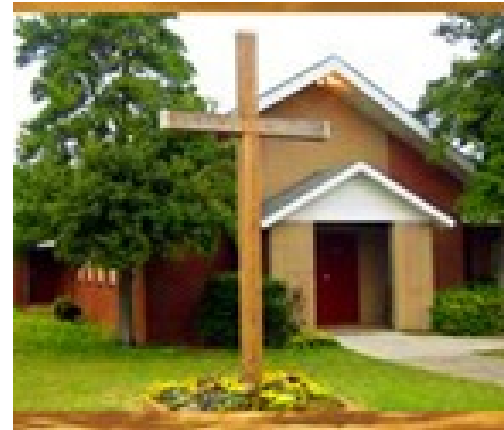


*IN MEMORY OF*

*Kay & Fran Schaeffer and Dawn, Glenn & Tim Myers: From The Schaeffers*  
*The Lacombe and McCoola Families: From The Lacombes*  
*Margaret & Howard Hadlock, Viola & Bill Beckert, Jeanne Cooper, Mae & John Cassidy and Jack Norton: From The Beckerts*  
*Edward & Josephine Winski and Walter & Barbara Chmiel: From The Chmiels*  
*Shirley Acosta: From Frank Acosta*  
*Ken Riehl: From Laura Riehl*  
*Paul M. Conner: From Pauline Conner*  
*Mr. & Mrs Charles Brunner and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Erikson: From The Eriksons*  
*Charles Coleman: From Jeanette Coleman*  
*Gary Gilbault: From Marge Glauser*  
*The Dixon and Zelder Families: From The Dixons*  
*The entire Miller family: From Carole Miller*  
*The William Hyslop Family: From The Hyslops*  
*The Kalstep and Riley Families: From The Rileys*  
*James White & Susan Hendricks and John & Mary Solenberger: From The Solenbergers*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Kendrick Borst and Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kemmerlin and Ms. Patti Kemmerlin: From The Borsts*  
*The Gonzalez and DiStefano Families: From The DiStefanos*  
*Cherieann Herndon: From The Monahon Family*  
*The McHale, Moores, Mintel and Gernhouser Families: From The McHale Family*  
*Kathleen & Stephen McNamer and Virginia & Gerard L'Esperance; From The L'Esperances*  
*The Gelinas and Lambert Families: From The Gelinas Family*  
*Richard, Sharon & Robin Smoot*  
*Ken Ziomek & Tony Bellanca: From The Ziomeks*  
*Anthony*  
*For Brian: From ?*  
*For Special Intentions: From Ted Tronosky*



# St. Gerard Catholic Church



640 Edrie St. NE  
 Aiken, SC 29801  
 803 649-3203

## Christmas December 25, 2016

**Mission Statement**  
*Called to be a People for Others*

**Vision Statement**  
*Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ, we strive to be active disciples, serving each other and all God's people by welcoming and embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.*

**Father Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator**



*but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'*  
 Luke 2:10-12

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading:**  
 Isaiah 52:7-10  
**Responsorial:**  
 Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6  
**Second Reading:**  
 Hebrews 1:1-6  
**Gospel:**  
 John 1:1-18  
**Today's Missal**

Lectionary Readings for the week of December 25, 2016

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;  
 Matthew 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 John 1:1-4;  
 John 20:1a,2-8  
Wednesday: 1 John 1:5-2:2;  
 Matthew 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 John 2:3-11;  
 Luke 2:22-35  
Friday: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14;  
 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23  
Saturday: 1 John 2:18-21;  
 John 1:1-18

**Mass Times:** Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM,  
 First Friday Benediction after Mass  
 Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM  
**Confessions:** after weekday Masses and by Appointment  
**Office Hours:** 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday  
**Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 AM , **CCD:** Sundays 10:00 AM,  
**RCIA:** 9 AM Thursdays  
**Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals:** By Appointment, Contact the office.  
**Contact Us:** Phone 803 649-3203, E-Mail stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net  
**Facebook** @stgerardaiken, **Emergency number for Father** 803 341-5933



**Pray for our sick:**

Judy Riley  
Marge Glauser  
Leonard Saunders  
Shirley Paige  
William and Jackie Cobbs  
Woody Alexander  
Lena Mickens  
Rosa Johnson  
Brenda and Ike  
Ligons  
Joe Fulmer  
Chuck Simkin

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Ph.1:9-10A)*

*Stewardship a way of life*



**Pastoral Council:**

Wayman Johnson,  
Chairman  
Payson Borst  
Jacqueline Brown  
Fredrick Cadek  
Marge Glauser  
Joan Hesik  
Janet Menefee  
Gregory Wright  
Vacant

**Finance Council:**

Robert Erikson,  
Chairman  
Leon Gagnon and  
Anna Marie Key,  
Auditors  
Lisa Solenberger,  
Secretary  
Art Wagner

**Mass Intentions**

7:00 PM Mass and 9:00 AM Mass are said for the intentions on the back of the bulletin

**Weekend Offering**

**December 17-18, 2016**

Collection \$4,048.00  
Needed \$2,612.00  
Over \$1,436.00  
Attendance 158

Entrance Hymn 65 M  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Offertory Hymn 70 M  
Silent Night  
Communion Hymn CHOIR  
Hallelujah Chorus 61 M  
Joy to the World  
Our Song of Praise 63 M  
Angels We Have Heard on High



**Lay Ministers**

**Saturday December 31**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lector: Diane Begic  
E E Ministers Pam Ziomek/Joe Dennis

**Sunday January 1**

7:00 AM Mass

Mary Kay L'Esperance  
Gerard L'Esperance

**Sunday January 1**

11:00 AM Mass

Patricia Hayes  
Marge Glauser/Joe Dennis

**Saturday January 7**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lector: Tami Schaeffer  
E E Ministers: Jerry Schaeffer/Joe Dennis

**Sunday January 8**

7:00 AM Mass

Denise Gelinis  
Roger Gelinis

**Sunday January 8**

11:00 AM Mass

Richardean Paige  
Jeanette Coleman

**Refreshments December 25**

N/A

**Refreshment January 1**

Jean Schodowski/Richardean Paige

**Refreshment January 8**

Jackie Brown/Rosa DiStefano

**Carols Before Mass (Starting 6:30 – Mass at 7 p.m.)**

Away in a Manger 60 M  
Angels We Have Heard on High 63 M  
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear 72 M  
O Come, Little Children 74 M  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing 75 M  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly 79 M  
O Little Town of Bethlehem 82 M  
O Thou Joyful Day CHOIR  
Do You Hear What I Hear CHOIR  
Mary's Boy Child CHOIR

**No bible study on December 30th but will resume on January 6, 2017**

**No morning Masses January 10 or 12 Masses resume on January 13**

**Merry Christmas to all St. Gerard parishioners and to all our visitors!**

**Volunteer Corner:**

**Thanks to Payson & Rich Borst, Jackie Brown and Nancy Durden for preparing the hall and food for the Aiken Deanery meeting here at St. Gerard on Tuesday the 20th.**

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our **Stewardship** values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.



**Finance Council Meeting January 10 at 4:00 PM**

**Parish Council Meeting January 10 at 6:00 PM**

**Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass**

**We need a chair person for our (St. Gerard) Bishop Stewardship Appeal. Call the office for information on duties.**

**The Legion of Mary is meeting at 1:30 on Fridays. Call the office with questions. Please Pray the Rosary.**

If you attend St. Gerard on a regular basis and feel welcome, Why not consider becoming a member. We would love to have you. Feel free to talk to a member or call the office 649-3203.

Registration forms are in the the church hall lobby.

**2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal Update**

As of October 31, 2016, our parish has raised \$ 8,620.00 towards our goal of \$ 7,904.00. That is 105.64% with 120 parish families 40 % participating. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds critical ministries in our diocese doing very important work. It is vital that every parish participate to support the mission of the diocese. Through charitable works, outreach, and education, we are making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. If you have not yet made a gift, please help us reach our parish's financial and participation goals. 50% of all funds raised in excess of our parish goal will be returned to St. Gerard in January so that we may continue the work of our parish. Visit [www.sccatholic.org/giving](http://www.sccatholic.org/giving) or mail a check payable to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to: The Diocese of Charleston, Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement, 901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407.

ACTS is partnering with the Augusta/Aiken Warrior Project (AWP) to provide available assistance to local Warriors of all service branches, regardless of era of service or wounded status. Please ask any veterans (especially post-9/11 veterans) to contact ACTS at ph#803.642.5919 They served us now let's help ACTS serve them.

Show your thanks for all your blessings by giving back. ACTS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve in our Resale Store and Client Room assisting clients with their clothing vouchers. Shifts are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Commit to as few or as many hours and/or days as fit your schedule. It's not only rewarding but fun, as well! Just e-mail [usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org](mailto:usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org), or call 803.649.3800 for more information.

**In Harms' Way:** Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners currently serving in harms' way: James Ligon, Robert McHugh and James Rossini. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Hospital Visits:** If you or a loved one is in Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC) please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church ( name & room number), call-St.Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: [stgerardscatholi@atlanticbnn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@atlanticbnn.net).