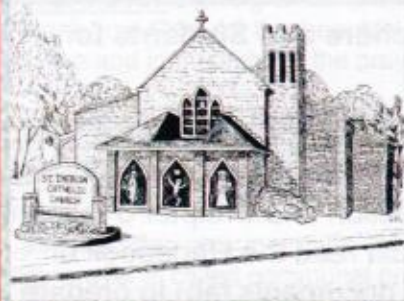


March 1, 2015



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Honoring Our Past - Building Our Future

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Welcome to St. Theresa

We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God bless you all.

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WE RECYCLE... bring your aluminum cans ONLY. All proceeds will go to our Youth Group. Thanks for your support!



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday thru Friday — 8:00 a.m.

Saturday — Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
(Confessions at 4:30 p.m.)

Sunday — 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. (Spanish),
and 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.: Mass

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Exposition and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

12:00 p.m.: Anointing of the Sick and Benediction (Luncheon will follow)

FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Rosary and Confessions from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Guided Meditation and Mass from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Lecture Series: The Seven Sacraments

Speaker: Fr. Bean

Location: Martin Hall

Each Wednesday from 10:30-12:00

- March 4: Reconciliation
- March 11: Eucharist
- March 18: Confirmation
- March 25: Matrimony
- April 1: Holy Orders
- April 8: Anointing of the Sick

REMINDER FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK:

- Wednesday, March 4, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.— Confessions with Fr. Alex Steinmiller
- First Friday, March 6, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Mass and Eucharistic Adoration following Benediction and Anointing of the Sick at 12:00 p.m.
- Friday at 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross and Soup Meal
- First Saturday, March 7, Confessions, Rosary, and Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Lenten Lecture with Mr. John Martignoni

Topic: Does God Want Everyone to be Catholic?

Date: Wednesday, March 18

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Martin Hall

BIRTHDAYS:

February

28...Matt Padgett, Madeleine Katona
March

1...Cecelia Betbeze, Frank Lacey,
Deborah Godfrey, Jocelyn Martinez,
Gracie Nabors

2...Anne Morrison, Anneliese Fach

3...Tamar Branch, Patricia Mejia

4...Margaret Masters, Christen Oswald,
Gabriella Bandura

5...Shirley Winslett, David Chasteen,
Stephen Wortham

6...Gaspere Chwalek, Brenda Cole,
Lisa Kyle, Cori Roussell, Miriam
Navarrete-Ramirez



Pray for
the sick:

Carolyn Lindsay Jones, Karen Sthlagerter,
Eloise Mitchell, Mary Barrett Byrd, Martha
Slatsky, Lindsay Carol, Janis Welch, Paul
Lipham, William Loris, Elizabeth Michlis,
Catherine Owen, Marie LaRussa, John
Joyner, Jennifer Morris, Kenna Parramore,
Vivian Fuqua, Kathy Schramer, Virginia
Hitechew, Grace Bryan Butler, Bill Fager,
Joy Martin, Chuck Jones, Paul Wright,
Kim Lilly, Shirley Winslett, Clara LaRussa,
Mary Toro, Clarence Small, Don & Pat
Standifer, Mildred Fayard, Terry & Eileen
Taylor, Chris Goodwin and family, France
Ragsdale, Patricia Kennedy, Caleb Williams,
Paul Yeager, Richard Coyne, Maisy
Schumann, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua
Hayes, Blake Alexander, and Barbara
Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis
Sprueill



Pray for the
homebound:

Audrey McGowan, Dean & Tom Atkinson,
Lena Tudisco, Robert Godwin, Cathy
Padgett, Anthony Oddo, and James Coates.

PSR NEWS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**Thank You, to the 4th-grade Teachers and Students for
cleaning the Church!**

Our next Theology of the Body/Confirmation class will be March 11 @ 6 PM. This is a change as John Martignoni will be here on March 18. The parent/student reflection and Chapter 6 quiz will be due on this date. Students should read the Handbook of Indulgences (in the binder, behind documents tab) to prepare for our class discussion.

As a gift to our Confirmation students, two very special speakers will be here next month. Johnnette Benkovic, Author and Television Host of "Women of Grace" will be here on March 20, 2015. Thomas Sullivan, Author and Television Producer of "Women of Grace" will be here on March 24, 2015. Both talks are open to all, but especially encouraged for all students 7th-12th grade. You don't want to miss this! Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Benkovic will have books and materials available for purchase; both talks will begin at 7 PM.



Looking Ahead:

March 6-Stations of the Cross 6 PM

March 11-Theology of the Body/Confirmation Class 6PM

March 13-Stations of the Cross 6 PM

March 18-John Martignoni 6:30 PM

March 20-Stations of the Cross-Johnnette Benkovic 6/7PM

March 22-NO PSR/Spring Break

March 24-Thomas Sullivan 7 PM

March 27-Stations of the Cross 6 PM

March 29-NO PSR/Spring Break

YOUTH GROUP

Jam Christian Concert!!!

It will have total of 9 well known bands for only \$10. Few are: Skillet, Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, and many more!!! Saturday, March 21 at the BJCC starts at 6:00pm. Put it on your calendar. This is going to be a great show!!

GETTING MARRIED BAPTISM PREPARATION MINISTRY FOR THE SICK FUNERALS

Please contact the Parish Office at least **six months** prior to desired date.

Please make arrangements in Parish Office to attend pre-baptismal class prior to birth of child.

If you would like to become part of this ministry or in need of its service, please call the Parish Office at 352-3741

Please contact the Parish Office before making Funeral Home arrangements.

A FEW WORDS ON PRAYER FOR LENT

Vocal prayer is giving voice to what is stirring in our hearts and in our souls. Vocal prayer can be as simple and uplifting as "Thank you, God, for this beautiful morning." It can be as formal as a Mass celebrating a very special occasion. It can be as intense and immediate as the prayer Jesus uttered in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but yours be done."

Most Catholics learn traditional prayers from the time they were young. These normally include the Sign of the Cross, the Hail Mary, the Lord's Prayer, and a mealtime blessing. They might also include prayers at waking and at bedtime. Over time many people learn other prayers, such as the Memorare, a prayer asking Mary, the mother of God, to pray for us in our time of need.

Catholics often pray in groups. When two or more people gather together to raise their minds and hearts to God in prayer, their prayer is called communal prayer. Examples of communal prayer are the Rosary, devotional prayers including novenas and litanies, classroom prayers, and, most importantly, the Mass. Standing together at Mass reciting the Creed ("I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth . . .") is a powerful experience that both expresses and shapes our faith. Though we might say the same prayers over the course of our lives, their meaning grows and changes with our life experiences. Surely, the Lord's Prayer means something vastly different to a person who has just buried his or her father than it does to a child who still has only vague notions about God. Our vocal prayers are not just "going through the motions," they are the expression of a living faith.

At Mass the priest invites each one of us to "Lift up your hearts." When we honestly say "We lift them up to the Lord," we know we are truly praying, for that is what prayer is—lifting our hearts to God.

To **meditate** is to reflect on or think about God. When we meditate, we keep our attention and focus on God so that we can recognize his presence in our daily lives and respond to what God is asking of us. When we meditate, a variety of things can help us to concentrate and to spark our imaginations. We may use Scripture, particularly the Gospels; traditional prayers; writings of the spiritual fathers; religious images; or history—the page on which the "today" of God is written. Meditation, also known as reflective prayer, leads us to conversation with God. Remembering that we are in God's presence, we can listen to him speak to us. We enter into God's sacred time and space and know that he is with us at all times and in all places.

When we rest quietly in God's presence, we engage in **contemplation**. In contemplation we spend time with God in wordless silence, aware that he is with us. To understand how contemplation occurs, we can compare it with thinking on—or contemplating—a beautiful sunset. We are conscious of its impact, but our reaction is wordless. When we experience God personally, we feel his love and wait for him to speak to us in his own way. The key is to make time to relax and listen in God's presence, to seek union with the God who loves us.

Reconciliation Opportunity for Lent 2015

"Bless me Father it has been years since my last confession."

Come and take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation without time constraints. Our church doors will be open from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Wednesday, March 4th.

Fr. Alex Steinmiller will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church from 5:00 - 9:00 PM.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY — ST. JOSEPH ALTAR-SUNDAY- MARCH 15

We cordially invite you to share in the Sicilian tradition of the St. Joseph Altar. St Joseph is the patron saint of Sicily and during a terrible famine, the people of Sicily pleaded to St. Joseph for relief. He answered their prayers and the famine ended. In gratitude, they prepared a table with foods they had harvested and after paying homage to him, the food was distributed to the less fortunate. Please join us as we celebrate St. Joseph. If you so desire, you may bring a dessert or meatless dish to offer upon the altar. Blessing of the altar will be at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday March 15th, 2015 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church located at 5514 Double Oak Lane Birmingham, Al. 35242. For more information, please contact Al Lamoureux 205-447-3454 or Jeanette Alexander 205-223-8025.

The Last Supper: A Dramatic Presentation

There are only 150 adult tickets available for the Saturday, March 28th presentation of "The Last Supper" It will take place at St. Theresa Church at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are free — first-come, first served. Entrance by ticket only.

WHERE TO GET TICKETS [only 2 per family]:

20 tickets at Church Office

20 tickets from Ladies Auxiliary

20 tickets from Knights of Columbus

— This is an adult only presentation —

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN — Single men ages 18-35

WHEN:
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

WHERE:
SAINT BERNARD ABBEY
Cullman, AL

CONTACT THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
205-838-2184 OR
VOCATIONS@BHMDIOCESE.ORG

Any one who wishes to put materials in the foyer of the church must first get the permission from Fr. Bean.

Materials that do get placed in the foyer without Fr. Bean's approval will be discarded.



COUNCIL 5597 Knights of Columbus meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. For more information call Terry Taylor at 205-352-3118.

The KC Ladies Auxiliary invites ALL ladies age 18 and over to join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our purpose is to support the Knights of Columbus' charitable causes in the Church and Community...and have fun too! For more information call Boots Barnard at 640-3350.

4th Degree meets every 1st Thursday at the Knights' House at 7:00 p.m. Call Dr. Bill Watkins at 640-7788.

March 7/8:

LECTOR: 5:30pm— M. Goforth
8:00am— W. Undeutsch
10:30am— B. Stanley
6:00pm— T. Price

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:
5:30pm— Deacon
8:00am— M. Undeutsch, C. Lindsay, B. Abts-Clanton
10:30am— D. Johnson, D. Birchfield, Y. Chasteen
6:00pm— M. Barfield

USHERS/GREETERS:

5:30pm— F. Bernklau, Need volunteer
8:00am— S. Sabri, Need volunteer
10:30am— J. Rielly, D. Turner, Y. Chasteen
6:00pm— B. Watkins, N. Bertani

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30pm— R. Mitchell, S. Shivers
8:00am— J. Porterfield, An. Sabri
10:30am— An. Pantoja, An. Pantoja
6:00pm— M. Waites, Z. Archer

QUICK GRASP OF CATHOLIC FAITH: CANON LAW

LOSS OF THE CLERICAL STATE: (Canons 290-293)
Loss of the clerical state means that an ordained minister is deprived of all ecclesiastical offices and functions, no longer has the obligations (except that of celibacy) and rights of sacred ministers, and reverts to the juridical status of a layperson in the church. A dispensation from the obligation of celibacy is a separate matter, but it too can be granted by the pope. An ordained person loses the status of cleric in one of three ways! THE WAYS WILL BE EXPLAINED NEXT WEEK.....

(Year - B) Today's readings:	Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10
3 rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,39a,40-42

Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY/ MARCH

Sat. 28 (5:30pm): Alexandra Molina...R.I.P.
Joseph...special intention

Sun. 1 (8:00am): Kim Lilley...R.I.P.
The Lilley Family...special intentions

Sun. 1 (10:30am): For all parishioners of St. Theresa Church

Sun. 1 (6:00pm): Patricia Gatz...special intention

Tue. 3: Patricia Gatz...special intention

Wed. 4: Patricia Gatz...special intention
Robert Bessette...R.I.P.

Thu. 5: Viola Jaudon...R.I.P.

Fri. 6: Richard Kurant...R.I.P.



EDUCATIONAL CORNER

FIRST READING: This famous story from the Book of Genesis is about Abraham who put his complete trust, faith and obedience in God. Through out the Bible, God has tested the faithful...Starting with Abraham who is a TYPE of "GOD THE FATHER": he offered his only son in obedience to God, and the latter offered his ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON to redeem humanity. A young son, Isaac, who obeyed his Father and carried the wood of his own sacrifice, is a TYPE OF "CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD", who carried the wood of the Cross. This story is not about sacrifice or the sons that are born to you, but...this story is about COMPLETE TRUST, FAITH AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Psalmist who wrote this was a desperate man who was sick and dying. God heard his prayer and His response was compassionate, gracious, and just. As he healed, the man walked with the Lord "in the land of the living" The man responded to the Lord with continuous sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise (cup of salvation) which includes the Eucharist,

SECOND READING: Paul is writing to the Roman Christians. We all know that all things work for good for those who love God. Thus the saying "What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? The all-conquering power of God's love has overcome every obstacle to Christians' salvation and every threat to separate us from God. That power manifested itself fully when God's only begotten Son was delivered up to death for our salvation. **PRAISE GOD**

GOSPEL: In the Gospel of Mark, we hear the story of "The Transfiguration of Jesus". The transfiguration of Jesus took place on a high mountain just as did Moses received the Law on Mt. Sinai. Jesus chose Peter, James and John to go with him. Imagine how they felt when a cloud descended upon them! Imagine how they felt as they watched Jesus' clothes become dazzling white. Think how they felt when Elijah and Moses appeared and just started talking to Jesus!...THEN, THE VOICE OUT OF THE CLOUD..THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM". When this was over, and they were coming down the mountain, Jesus told them not to speak of what they saw and heard until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Peter, James and John were not too sure of what that really meant. Could this had meant: At death, the physical body and spiritual soul are separated and in the resurrection, the glorified body, now incorrupt, will be reunited with the soul for all eternity? **PRAISE GOD!**