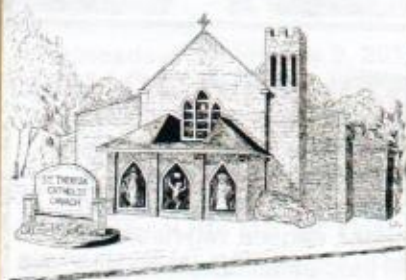


September 6, 2015



# St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

## Honoring Our Past - Building Our Future

1390 Ashville Court (P.O. Box 525) Leeds, AL 35094  
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### 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.

Pastor: Reverend Gray Bean, Ph.D. 352-3741

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Silverio Rubio-Roman 640-2872 or  
577- 0366

Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Christian Cockerham (Chair).....337-2990  
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Reverend Gray Bean, Ph.D. ....352-3741

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### PARISH SECRETARY

Ms. Bernadette Archer.....352-3741

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Samantha Wadsworth.....863-9920

### YOUTH GROUP DIRECTOR

Ms. Andrea Booker.....914-7884

### MUSICIANS

Mrs. June Clark.....823-1333  
Mrs. Adrienne Price.....542-9313  
Mr. Derek Kluz.....587-2306

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



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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**WOW!!!**

Only a week and a half since the Capital Campaign was lunched for our Parish Life Center, and your generous response has been overwhelming. Truly God, with the help of St. Theresa of Lisieux, has touched the heart of those that have already contributed.

To date we have:

Pledges of \$197,300 and more are coming in daily.

This only represents a response of **10%** of parishioners – our goal is **100%** participation.

Your help is needed: "several mail-out packets could not be delivered because of **address changes**, if you did not receive one, please contact the Church Office with your new address."

**We encourage and remind all to return their Pledge Card as soon as possible.**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is having a Bake Sale after the Masses the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> (5:30 pm) and 13<sup>th</sup> (morning Masses only) on the covered walkway between the church and the rectory. All proceeds will be donated to various charities throughout the year including support of Daniel Sessions, our own seminarian! We welcome baked goods, jar mixes and any other edible goods you care to donate! Please leave them in the Church Hall kitchen before the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and please label for ingredients such as nuts and gluten free, etc. For information, please call Dee Watkins at 640-7788. Thank you for your participation and support!!

## BIRTHDAYS:

### SEPTEMBER

- 5...Tara Davis, Patricia Kurant, Lorin Martin
- 6...Jamie Giangrosso, Quinnten Wortham
- 7...James Freeman, Dennis Katan, Michael Lunsford, Joseph Mock, Matthew Newman
- 8...Madelynn Crowe
- 9...Reis Franks, Chloe Gosdin, Hunter Jackson, Doreen Masters, Dorcia Paulino, Terry Pereda
- 10..Ann Lengyel, Randy Smith, Daniel Xavier, Cesar Moreno-Vargas, Ximena Gonzalez-Corona
- 11..Euel Musgrove, Stanley Ellington, Bonnie O'Neal



**Pray for the sick:**

Josephine Graven, Maria Reynolds, Jones, Karen Sthlagerter, Eloise Mitchell, Mary Barrett Byrd, Martha Slatsky, Janis Welch, Paul Lipham, William Loris, Elizabeth Michlis, Catherine Owen, Marie LaRussa, Kenna Parramore, Kathy Schramer, Virginia Hitechew, Grace Bryan Butler, Chuck Jones, Paul Wright, Shirley Winslett, Clara LaRussa, Mary Toro, Don & Pat Standifer, Mildred Fayard, Terry & Eileen Taylor, Chris Goodwin and family, France Ragsdale, Patricia Kennedy, Caleb Williams, Paul Yeager, Richard Coyne, MaisySchumann, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Blake Alexander, and Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Joanna Hale, Robert, Rose Butera, Mary Behan, Sid Ortis, Marie Pilato, Charlotte Pilato, Rand Wonio, Sheila Blackston



**Pray for the homebound:**

Audrey McGowan, Dean & Tom Atkinson, Lena Tudisco, Robert Godwin, Cathy Padgett, Anthony Oddo, and James Coates Marcia P'Pool



## YOUTH GROUP

### Youth Group food Drive for Leeds Outreach

The youth will gather the non-perishable food items at ALL Masses on September 6 and 13. For example: Flour, sugar, canned vegetables and meat, cake mix, muffin mix, and etc. We will then gather the items and take them to Leeds Outreach. Please be supportive of our community. Thank you!!

**Youth Gathering September 9th @6:00 in the parish hall.** Food will be provided and don't forget to come with an Awesome Attitude!! Contact Andrea Booker 914-7884. God is Good all the Time.

Don't forget NCYC 9-12 graders!!! It's November 19-22 in Indianapolis. Monday, September 7- forms and deposit is due. Log on to [ncyc.nfcym.org](http://ncyc.nfcym.org) more information.

### Youth Fundraiser!!

*Pick an Envelope any Envelope...*

We are raising money to help fund NCYC, March for Life, and other awesome activities for the year. In the back of the sanctuary there will be a poster with envelopes ranging in numbers from 1-100. For example: Say your birthday is August 28th, pick that envelope with the same number as your birthday and inside you will find a prayer request from a member of our youth group. You will then put your donation inside your chosen envelope and place it inside the box located on the poster. You may also drop it in the donation basket during Mass. Thank you for supporting St. Theresa Youth Group! Please pray for us as we continue to walk in our Catholic Faith.

The annual Catholic Scout Retreat will be held September 25-27 at beautiful Camp Tekakwitha near Springville, Alabama. The retreat is open to all Catholic boys and girls ages 9 through 15 who are members of a Scouting organization. And of course, adult Scout leaders are included too. A full weekend of worship, prayer, camping and fun is planned. The cost is \$15 per person and all information is available on the Camp Tekakwitha website: [www.CampTekakwitha.net](http://www.CampTekakwitha.net)  
The retreat is sponsored by diocesan Office for Youth at the Diocese of Birmingham, 205-838-8301 or [youthministry@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:youthministry@bhmdiocese.org)

**Dr. Alveda King to Address**

**Her Choice Women's Center Fundraising Banquet**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:00 PM,**

**The Club · 1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209**

The daughter of the late civil rights activist, Rev. A.D. King, Alveda grew up in the Civil Rights Movement led by her uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Alveda King states, "The Pro-life Movement is a continuation of the Civil Rights Movement; Abortion is one of the greatest Civil Rights Movements of our time." Make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services. To confirm your participation, please call 205.447.8796 or email [hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org).

## 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.

## RCIA SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

Precatechumate

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall...The Most Holy Trinity with Fr. Bean

September 16.....Doctrine of Creation with Dave Vacheresse

September 23.....Original Sin/ the Mystery of Evil with Fr. Bean

September 30.....*Mission with the Fathers of Mercy (September 26 thru October 1)*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL AT 4:00 PM SUNDAY, 09/13/15 FOR ANOTHER EXCITING EPISODE IN STEPHEN RAY'S FOOTPRINTS OF GOD SERIES**

### **PAUL: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

Zealous for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus pursued murderous threats against the disciples of Jesus. But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was knocked from his "high horse" and humbled by the hand of God. Stephen Ray, best-selling author and popular Bible teacher, takes you on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert and dangle over the Damascus Wall in a basket. Cling to driftwood in the sea and stride along ancient Roman roads. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle.

### **MILD TAMALE SALE!!!!**

Sunday September 13 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Chicken or beef \$2.00 each or \$15.00 for a dozen

For order call the Hispanic Ministry: 205-577-0366 or 205-577-0367

**ST. THERESA PARISH MISSION With Fr. George McInnis, C.P.M.**

**September 28 - October 1st at 7:00 p.m.**

### *Christ our God Truth Incarnate*

Parish Mission Series:

1. Truth--The reality of objective truth and how God is its source.
2. The Commandments 1-3—the Love of God.
3. The Commandments 4-10—the love of neighbor.
4. The Mass and the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. The Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God.—our model and our Mother.



Fr. George was born in 1978 and is a native of Middleburg, Kentucky. His family converted to the Catholic faith in 1987. In 1998, Fr. George joined the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy and was ordained to the priesthood in 2007. He is a 1998 Graduate of St. Catherine College in Springfield, KY. In 2007 he graduated from Holy Apostles College & Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut where he earned a B.A. in philosophy and a Master of Divinity degree. For two years after ordination to the priesthood, Fr. George served as parochial vicar of St. Luke Catholic Church in Nicholasville, KY. Currently Fr. George is assigned to preach parish missions and retreats. He enjoys reading, coffee, and sacred music, but not necessarily in that order.

The Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy was founded in 1808, originally under the title of "the Missionaries of France." The community was founded for the purpose of re-evangelizing the French people after the Catholic Faith had been subjected to years of attacks and persecution during the French Revolution. It is now exclusively an American community. The generalate is located in South Union, Kentucky. The primary apostolate of the Fathers of Mercy is to conduct parish missions and retreats throughout the country.

Any one who wishes to put materials in the vestibule will have to get permission from Fr. Bean. Materials that have not been approved will get thrown away.

(Year - B)  
Today's readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5;  
Mark 7:31-37

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18;  
Mark 8:27-35



**COUNCIL** 5597 Knights of Columbus meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm. For more information call Alan Whaley at 205-699-7798.

The KC Ladies Auxiliary invites ALL ladies age 18 and over to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (quarterly) in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Call Dr. Bill Watkins at 640-7788.

### Mass Intentions

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat. 5 (5:30 pm): Joe Lindsay...R.I.P.

Sun. 6 (8:00am): Deborah Bosworth...special intention

Sun. 6 (10:30am): For all parishioners of St. Theresa Church

Sun. 6 (6:00pm): Jerry Parker...special intention

Tue. 8: Doc and Ruby Jakopich...R.I.P.

Wed. 9: Amy Trosper...R.I.P.

Thu. 10: Robert Bessette...R.I.P.

Fri. 11: Kristen Mitchell...R.I.P.



#### SEPTEMBER 12/13:

##### LECTOR:

5:30pm—J. Mitchell  
8:00am—B. Ashmore  
10:30am—P. Ragsdale  
6:00pm—T. Price

##### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:30pm—R. Bessette  
8:00am—J. Jones, M. Wells, J. Cusick  
10:30am—Deacon, C. Cockerham, J. MacFarlane  
6:00pm—L. Newman

##### USHERS/GREETERS:

5:30pm—J. Smith, J. Barnard  
8:00am—T. Taylor, M. Lovelady  
10:30am—T.C. Shipman, L. Cockerham  
6:00pm—I. Vacheresse, J. Reilly

##### ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30pm—A. Lindsay, R. Mitchell  
8:00am—O. Lovelady  
10:30am—Patrick and Francis Shivers  
6:00pm—Z. Archer, C. Ziegenbein

### EDUCATIONAL CORNER



**FIRST READING:** Chapter 35 in Isaiah is a continuation of God's Glory in Israel's liberation and deliverance. This hymn celebrates the restored

Jerusalem, the return of the exiles is compared to the Exodus from Egypt into the Promised Land. Happy times, physical healings and prosperity will mark the renewal of the land of the Chosen People. This restoration of Jerusalem and the surrounding area is a type of the Church founded by Jesus Christ. Through faith, we can see the Kingdom of God present through the miracles of Christ and his Church. (CCC 548-549)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** This song of praise was written by King David which calls to mind God's work of salvation. As in other psalms, this one encourages every individual to put his or her trust in God over earthly power. An essential part of counting on God's help and protection is to love him by keeping his Commandments. We should always be faithful to His will and a special concern for the poor and downtrodden in the world.

**SECOND READING:** St. James the Just was the first Bishop of Jerusalem and was martyred about AD 62. James taught that favoritism for people of higher social classes is hypocritical for a Christian. He felt that we must love all persons unconditionally and equally. If we truly love God and neighbor, we are fulfilling God's will. The true practice of faith must include love and care for the poor and needy. (CCC 1934-1935)

**GOSPEL:** Mark tells the story of Jesus coming to an area close to the Sea of Galilee near the city of Decapolis. The people brought him a man who was deaf and could not speak very well. They begged Jesus to heal him. Jesus took the man away from the crowd and when they were alone together, Jesus put his fingers in both of his ears, then spat and then touched his tongue. Jesus said this "Eph'phatha" (meaning be opened.) The man was instantly healed and could speak clearly and hear what was said. Christ often used physical signs and gestures to accompany his healing: a touch, the laying of hands, water, washing, mud, or his own spittle. These signs laid the foundation for the institution of the Seven Sacraments. In our first reading from Isaiah, we heard this prophecy, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped." (CCC 1151 & 1504)

### QUICK GRASP OF CATHOLIC FAITH: CANON LAW

Diocesan Bishops Continued: In addition to all "jobs" that the Bishop has, he has many responsibilities: Monitor the diocesan properties, foster activities such as schools, hospitals, agencies of charities, evangelization and to encourage and assist the faithful to take part in these works. He also has 3 more traditional duties: 1. He must reside within the diocese for at least eleven months of the year. 2. He must visit the parishes and other institutions of the diocese at least once every five years and conduct a pastoral visitation. 3. Report to the Pope on the state of the diocese every five years. This "overloaded" leader has one final responsibility; he may lay his burden down when he reaches the age of 75 or when he can no longer fulfill his duties. **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL BISHOPS, PRIESTS, CARDINALS AND OUR WONDERFUL POPE.**