

January 17, 2016



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Honoring Our Past - Building Our Future

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday thru Friday — 9:00 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), 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.: Mass

9:30 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Christian Cockerham (Chair).....	337-2990
Mr. John Barnard	382-6042
Mrs. Susan Bertani.....	699-7264
Mr. Tom Jones.....	563-0063
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Deacon Rev. Mr. Silverio Rubio-Roman.....	640-2872
Reverend Gray Bean, Ph.D.	352-3741

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Mrs. Mady Hartsfield (Chair).....	699-5616
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Reverend Gray Bean, Ph.D.	352-3741

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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!

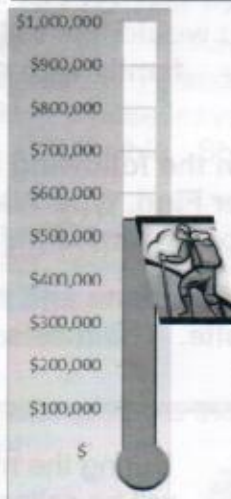


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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus - Parish Life Center

Pledges Received: \$548,123



42% of our Parish Families and about **40 Non-Parishioner Friends** of St. Theresa have joined together to reach the **55%** mark of our \$1,000,000 goal. **THANK YOU** for your generous support!

A Special Thank You to those who were unable to pledge at the start of our campaign, but have been adding a few dollars each month in their yellow Development envelopes! Every dollar is greatly appreciated as we still have a long way to go to keeping our Parish Debt-Free.

We are still accepting pledges and contributions toward our new Parish Life Center – additional pledge cards are in the vestibule, if needed.

"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" – (2 Corinthians 9:7)

BIRTHDAYS:

JANUARY

- 16...Lisa Mock, Mary Agnes Calamuso
17...Katy Holley
18...Anna Branch
19...Colin Fach, Jayden Watson
20...Serafina Collart, Elena Rodriguez
21...Marianne Paffumi, Jonathan Avalos,
George Hipp
22...Barbara MacFarlane, Shaylee Perada



**Pray for
the sick:**

Josephine Graven, Jones, Karen, Louis Birchfield, Sthlagerter, Eloise Mitchell, Mary Barrett Byrd, Martha Slatky, Janis Welch, Paul Lipham, Elizabeth Michlis, Catherine Owen, Marie LaRussa, Kenna Parramore, Kathy Schramer, Joyce Lacey, Jean Mock, 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, Maisy Schumann, Joshua Hayes, Blake Alexander, and Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Joanna Hale, Robert, Rose Butera, Mary Behan, Sheila Blackston, Benny Garza, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Jack Coppola, Patricia Maddux, Cayden Cox, Yolanda Chasteen, Dee Watkins, Marcie Goforth, Curtis White, Jeff Bearden, Katelyn Mock



**Pray for the
homebound:**

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

PSR News **Parish School of Religion**

- There is no PSR this Sunday, January 17th. We will see you next Sunday, Jan. 24th.
- **Our saint of the week is: St. Gertrude the Great of Helfta**
She was a very intelligent woman, a Benedictine and mystic writer. She is the only female saint to be called "the Great". She was born on January 6th, 1256 and died on November 17, 1302. In her book "Revelations of St. Gertrude", one of the classics of Catholic writing, she records many of her intimate conversations with Our Lord, wherein He reveals His great desire to grant mercy to souls and to reward the least good act. She also composed many beautiful prayers.
- **Our Scripture of the week is: Luke 3:22**
And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
- The Confirmation Class and The Theology of the Body Class will be meeting on Wed. January 20th.



Welcome Charlie-Kai!

*Daughter of Brian and
Samantha Wadsworth.
Born December 28, 2015*

*Please continue to keep
Charlie-Kai and her family
in your prayers.*

**If you would like to bless Samantha Wadsworth and her family with a meal, please go to the website
TakeThemAMeal.com**

Put in the following information:

**Under Find, type Wadsworth for the recipient's name.
The password is jmj2016**

The directions and meal calendar are provided on the website. The meals will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



During the month of January, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting used Christmas cards. Please place donated cards in the drop box located in the vestibule.

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.

**YOUTH GROUP'S
NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 27 AT 6:00PM
IN PARISH HALL**

RCIA SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2016

Catechumante

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Orders with Fr. Bean

January 27, *Confirmation with Dave Vacheresse*

February 3, *Anointing of the Sick with Fr. Bean*

Child Care: We are in need of volunteers to care for our toddlers during RCIA class on Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. If you would like to help with the little ones please contact Eileen Vacheresse at 205-335-9531



We are pleased to announce that our church is in the process of putting together a beautiful, full color, cutting-edge Parish Directory.

This directory will be professionally produced and will include full color family portraits with names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail address of everyone who participates. It is very important that EVERY Parish Family be included to assure a complete up-to-date directory!

Everyone who participates will receive the following at NO CHARGE:

- One 8 x 10 professional family portrait
- One printed Parish Directory
- One ONLINE Parish Directory
- A Smart Phone App to access the online directory on your mobile devices

Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE AT sttheresaleeds.org.

If you are unable to access the internet and need assistance with making your appointment, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Yolanda Chasteen at (205) 338-3096. She will be more than happy to help you. If unavailable, please leave a detailed message of what you need help with and she will return your call as soon as possible. She can also be reached on her cell phone at (205) 821-8454.

Once your registration has been completed, you will receive a confirmation number. Be sure to write it down along with the date and time that you have requested. This is for further reference in case you need to make any changes for your appointment.

We need ALL PARISHIONERS to participate to make the directory as complete as possible... Thank you for your cooperation and participation!

Quick Tips for your photos:

- Be on-time for your appointment
- Wear solid bright colors to keep your portraits look fresh and crisp
- SMILE!



COUNCIL 5597 Knights of Columbus meets the 3rd 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 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 3rd Thursday (quarterly) in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Call Dr. Bill Watkins at 640-7788.

OFFERING ENVELOPES 2016

We thank all for their faithful and generous contributions in 2015. Only God can reward such generosity.

As we are now using **Envelopes for Year 2016**, we ask you to please destroy all leftover envelopes of year 2015 to avoid confusion. Note that the yellow envelopes enclosed are marked **DEVELOPMENT**, and the proceeds from those envelopes go directly to the Building Fund; they may also be used to make your Building Pledge Payments.

We ask St. Theresa, our patroness, to intercede for us as we imitate her "Little Way" each day.

JANUARY 30/31:

LECTOR:

5:30pm—J. Mitchell
8:00am—T. Jones
10:30am—R. Turner
6:00pm—I. Vacheresse

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:30pm—Deacon
8:00am—J. Jones
10:30am—J. MacFarlane
6:00pm—D. Vacheresse

USHERS/GREETERS:

5:30pm—J. Barnard, A. Whaley, S. Scherer
8:00am—J. Baumbach, T. Taylor
10:30am—D. Turner, L. Cockerham, Y. Chasteen
6:00pm—J.C. Vacheresse, N. Bertani

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30pm—A. Lindsay, R. Mitchell
8:00am—W. Baumbach, W. Maddux
10:30am—A. Sabri, F. Shivers
6:00pm—Z. Archer, M. Waites

QUICK GRASP OF CATHOLIC FAITH: CANON LAW

Continuation of Liturgy: We have previously discussed the First Reading from the Old Testament, the Responsorial Psalms from the Old Testament and today we will be thinking about the **SECOND READING** from the New Testament including all letters and writings EXCEPT FOR THE FOUR GOSPELS. The people will be sitting during this reading and will respond "Thanks be to God". Then ALL STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION. This shows our respect for the Gospels. The people repeat the alleluia after the cantor's alleluia and then after each verse. The Gospels contain the actual story of the life of Christ and the reading of the Gospel is especially solemn. The reading itself is done only by a Bishop, Priest, or Deacon. A special gesture is done by all— signing our forehead, lips, and heart with the sign of the cross. We trace the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and heart as we say inaudibly, "May the Lord purify my understanding, my speech, and my heart, so that I may receive the words of the Gospel". This outward sign is meant to help us focus on the WORDS OF OUR SAVIOR that we hear in the Gospel. COME AND ENJOY MASS AND REMEMBER THE SPECIAL GESTURES BEFORE THE GOSPEL.

(Year - C)
Today's readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1Corinthians 12:4-11;
John 2: 1-11

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10; 1Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27;
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intentions

JANUARY

Sat. 16 (5:30pm): Ernie Duke... R.I.P.

Sun. 17 (8:00am): Robert Bessette...R.I.P.

Sun. 17 (10:30am): For all parishioners of St. Theresa Church

Sun. 17 (6:00pm): John and Lynne Pepe and family...special intentions

Tue. 19: Maureen T. Shaffer...R.I.P.

Wed. 20: Louise Meadows...R.I.P.

Thu. 21: Margie Quinn...special intention

Fri. 22: Kay Gray...special intention



EDUCATIONAL CORNER



FIRST READING: Isaiah Chapter 62 tells of the vindication and salvation of Zion. Speaking to Jerusalem directly, this prophecy compares again God's love to parental and spousal love. God's love, in many instances, is compared to the love of a bridegroom for his bride. God, through his prophet, urged his people to be vigilant in preparation for the last day. (CCC 219 ,1611)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This Psalm shows adoration and praise which is the proper response to the infinite goodness of God. The tenets of the Faith should lead us to praise and give thanks. This Psalm addresses the mighty works of God with the evil of idolatry. Church Tradition states that our prayer forms our beliefs and this is why the liturgy remains the key means by which the Church catechizes the faithful. This Psalm shows great joy that the Lord has come among his people. (CCC 1021, 1697-1698)

SECOND READING: St. Paul is telling the Corinthians that ecstatic and charismatic activity was common in early Christian experience. He also told them that there is an experience of the Spirit and an understanding of ecstatic phenomena that is specifically Christian and that is different from those of the pagans. Every good thing we have comes from God. To use our gifts and talents for the good of others is to allow God to work through us. (CCC 249,308)

GOSPEL: At the request of His mother, Mary, Christ worked his first miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana. The wedding feast prefigures the eternal wedding banquet of the Lamb in Heaven in which there will be a perfect and blissful union between Christ and every member of his Mystical Body, the Church. (CCC967-975, 1613,2618)