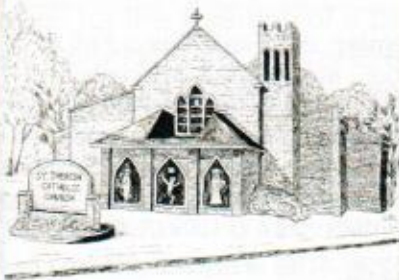


February 21, 2016



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Honoring Our Past - Building Our Future

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday thru Friday — 9:00 am

Saturday — Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm
(Confessions at 4:30 pm)

Sunday — 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish),
and 6:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am— Mass

9:30 am-12:00 pm— Exposition and
adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

12:00 pm— Anointing of the Sick and
Benediction (Luncheon will follow)

FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Rosary and Confessions from
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Guided Meditation and Mass from
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

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
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Mr. Derek Kluz.....587-2306

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

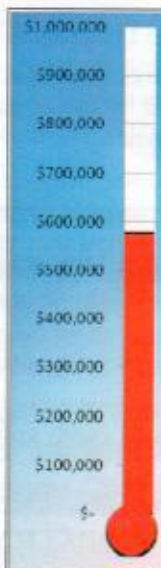


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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus - Parish Life Center

Pledges Received: \$578,273



44% of our Parish Families and 45 Non-Parishioners have joined together to reach the **58%** mark of our goal to keep St. Theresa a **debt-free** parish!

Pledges have increased **every week** as some who could not pledge at the start of the campaign have since added what they could to the collection basket. **Congratulations and Thank You to all who have donated!**

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

BIRTHDAYS:

February

- 20...Rebecca Bland, Davis Holley, Lynn Martin
21...Julie O'Connor
23...Helen Fuchs, Elizabeth Starcke, Aaron Wells
24...Mary Michol Lunsford, Cyrus Sabri
25...Lance Cockerham, Diane Johnson
26...Mary Clare Powell



Pray for
the sick:

Janet Bean, Josephine Graven, Jones Karen, 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, 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, Dee Watkins, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Yolanda Chasteen, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Rebecca Liechty, 7th grade PSR Prayer Box



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

- **Our saint of the week is: St. Peter Damian** His Feast Day is Feb.21st. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1035, and entered a Benedictine monastery. He reorganized the rules of the order to return to the original spirit and purpose of the order. In 1057, he was made cardinal and bishop. Soon he was called upon by the Church to settle disputes, attend synods, and fight abuses. With his many writings, he encouraged others to restore discipline to their lives. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.
- **Our Scripture of the week is: Luke 9:35b** "This is my Son, whom I have chosen - listen to Him."
- **Confirmation Retreat:** Saturday, March 5th at Casa Maria Retreat House

Her Choice Baby Bottle Boomerang

At the end of the Masses this upcoming weekend, Feb.20th and 21st, as you exit the sanctuary, the Confirmation students (as part of their service project) will be distributing baby bottles from Her Choice. We encourage that each household takes one bottle. We are asking that you take the bottles home, fill them with checks, currency or coins, and return them to the church no later than Sunday, March 13th. The baby bottle campaign is used to fund the center's programs that help women in crisis pregnancies.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Gathering!!!!

When: Wednesday, February 24

Where: St. Theresa Parish Hall

Time: 6:00-7:30

Coming to St. Theresa

TotusTuus

July 23-30, 2016

Grades 1- 6 Morning Sessions

7-12 Evening Sessions



YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

All Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of "The Importance of Religious Freedom": Discuss the challenges we face in this area, the importance of religious freedom, and the idea of the Catholic in the public square. 1st place winners for each grade will receive a check for \$100 and have their essay forwarded to compete on the national level. **The published deadline is Feb 29.** Each student may compete in only one council competition.

For entry forms and rules go to olsyouth.com/koc-essay-contest or contact Ferris Stephens, (205) 822-1080.

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.

From Father Bean: My mother, Janet Bean, will be going into the hospital (Riverview, Gadsden) this week for the insertion of a pacemaker. She should only be in the hospital for two days. I will be taking her and attending her during this time. I will be out of town on Tuesday and Wednesday. Deacon Sal will celebrate a Communion Service on those days. Please keep my mother in your prayers.



A heartfelt thank you from the KC Ladies Auxiliary to all parishioners who donated and/or purchased homemade baked goods at our annual Valentine's Bake Sale. Proceeds will benefit victims of domestic violence.

Lenten Soup Meals — Beginning on Friday, February 12th, we will be having a Simple meatless soup meal in the parish hall after the stations of the cross at 6:00 pm. The meal will immediately follow stations.



If you would like to help with one of the meals there will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. For more information, please call Susan Bertani at 427-6425.

We are starting a new schedule for the Liturgical Linens. The plan is to schedule people for a month at a time or share with someone and do every other week for a month. This is a very rewarding service. If anyone is interested or curious about cleaning the linens, please feel free to call Holli Mock @ 215-9972 cell or 699-0499 @ home. Please give this some prayerful thought! We would like to get enough people involved so we can have a consistent schedule.

RCIA SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2016

CATECHUMANTE

Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 PM

Made in the Image of God/Dignity of the Human Person with Fr. Bean

Holy Land Gifts- Olive Wood Carvings for sale after Masses

Saida & George Rashmawi, who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish the weekend of **March 5/6**. They will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. They will also have some beautiful Olive Wood carvings which are all handmade by the Christian people in Bethlehem, for sale after all the Masses this weekend.

The purpose of this visit is to help maintain the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land. Catholic Christians were once the majority in that land but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.5%. Please take time to look at the carvings, make a purchase and help this church maintain a presence in the very land where our Lord was born, where he preached the Good News and where his Kingdom was first established. These carvings make great sacramental gifts that have an added special significance given where and why they were made.

We are pleased to announce that the Portrait Café will be returning to St. Theresa Church for another photo session. The dates for picture taking are Sunday, March 6th and Monday, March 7th. Please make sure to make your appointment as soon as possible. To register please go to the Church website at—

www.sttheresaleeds.org
or for further assistance
call Yolanda Chasteen at 205-338-3096

A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF "THE LAST SUPPER" WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 19, 2016, 7:30 PM AT ST. THERESA CHURCH. WE HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND.



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.

February 27/28

LECTOR: 5:30pm— J. Mitchell
8:00am—
10:30am—R. Turner
6:00pm— C. Whaley

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:30pm— B. Cole
8:00am— J. Cusick
10:30am— D. Birchfield
6:00pm— Deacon

USHERS/GREETERS:

5:30pm— J. Smith, D. Eason, S. Scherer
8:00am— J. Baumbach, T. Taylor
10:30am— D. Turner, N. Barrett, Y. Chasteen
6:00pm— A. Whaley, J. Reilly, N. Bertani

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30pm— C. Gosdin, Z. Archer
8:00am— W. Baumbach, W. Maddux
10:30am— Alex and Anthony Sabri
6:00pm— M. Waites, C. Ziegenbein

QUICK GRASP OF CATHOLIC FAITH: CANON LAW

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: After the Liturgy of the Word, in which we hear God's word and learn about him, comes the Liturgy of the Eucharist, in which we receive Communion and meet God bodily. We are all sitting and wondering "What is the Lord asking of me?" We all have a mind and a body, and this part of the Mass makes God real to us in a way that the mind alone could ignore or dismiss. The Eucharist goes beyond hearing and understanding the word and completes it in a way that the whole person (body as well as mind) is engaged and drawn to God. We now have the "Preparation of the Gifts". The altar is prepared with a corporal, purificator, chalice and missal. At the same time, a collection is taken among the congregation, and the gifts of bread and wine are prepared to be brought forth by families in the congregation. It is an honor to take the gifts up to the Priest. **COME TO MASS AND ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF HEARING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST.**

(Year - C) Today's readings:	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36
3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY

- Sat. 20 (5:30pm): Louise Meadows...R.I.P.
- Sun. 21 (8:00am): Janet Bean...special intention
- Sun. 21 (10:30am): For all parishioners of St. Theresa Church
- Sun. 21 (6:00pm): Don Abbott...R.I.P.
- Tue. 23: Pat Spell...R.I.P.
Don Abbott...R.I.P.
- Wed.24: Larry Champagne...R.I.P.
- Thu. 25: David Undeutsch...special intention
- Fri. 26: Robert Bessette...R.I.P.



EDUCATIONAL CORNER

FIRST READING: Our first reading is found in Genesis and God's first covenant with Abram. God promised Abram that many descendants would come from him. He would become the father of the Chosen People and eventually of the Christian family. Abram's prayer reflects his struggle in faith amid a trust in God's faithful providence. He pleads not in despair but petitions, not only for himself but for future generations. Abram's faith, even in the face of being childless, was unwavering. In the New Testament, Paul would teach that all believers are children of Abraham. (CCC 59-61,146, 762)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This triumphant song of confidence was written by King David. He describes his turmoil and trials of his life but states that these troubles are counteracted by God's strength and protection expressed as light. God is our light that overcomes all obstacles and at the same time bestows salvation. Our late Pope John Paul II wrote "Communion with God is a source of serenity, joy and tranquility: it is like reaching an oasis of light and love". (CCC 2730)

SECOND READING: This book was written to the Philippians during St. Paul's imprisonment in Rome about AD 61-62. It was written to the predominantly Gentile located in Macedonia in northern Greece. His letter was one of thanksgiving and encouragement to a thriving Christian community. Paul stresses to the Gentiles that growing in holiness always involves our cooperation with grace and a correspondence to grace through an ongoing struggle. Our eyes must be fixed on the prize, which is eternal life. (CCC 824,827, 1030,1054)

GOSPEL: The Transfiguration allowed his closest disciples to see his glorified countenance. This spectacular manifestation of Christ's divinity strengthened their faith. As at his baptism, this episode occasioned a manifestation of the blessed trinity. It also affirmed Christ's fulfillment of the Law and prophets by showing him with Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. (CCC516, 554, 1151, 2583, 2600)