

February 12, 2017



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 5:00 pm
(Confessions at 4:00 pm)

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

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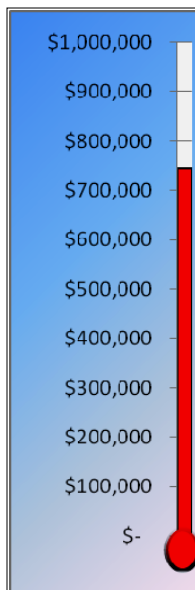
WE RECYCLE... bring your aluminum cans
ONLY. All proceeds will go to our
Youth Group.
Thanks for your support!



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Pledges Received: \$743,742



The formal Pledge Campaign has come to a close and we are preparing the engraved plaque which will be posted in the new Parish Life Center. We are pleased to inform you that we have received donations from **49% of our Parish Families** and **over 100 Friends and other Organizations.**

Within the next few weeks, we will pay our final construction costs and will inform you of the total **Diocesan Loan** amount. Thereafter we will provide updates as the loan is paid off with your continued pledge payments and other donations to the building fund.

...God Bless You All for your Generosity!

BIRTHDAYS

February

- 11...Maria Archer, Barbara Fuller, Daniel Slatsky
12...Timothy Piazza, Callen Jaimes
13...Jennifer Birchfield, Jeani Grathoff,
David Rubio, Katherine Stanley
14...Kathryn Clanton, Gregory Gullung, Maria
Acevedo, Franchesca Davey
15...Hannah Robertson
16...Christian Cockerham, Mary Hess, Robert Ross,
Cayden Cox, Samuel Scherer
17...Antherio D'Souza, Antonia Fonseca



Pray for
the sick:

Janet Bean, Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, Anna Smith, John Joyner, Bill Fager, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, France Ragsdale, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Sprueill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Rebecca Liechty, 7th grade PSR Prayer- Box, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Rex Ziegenbein, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston



Pray for the
homebound:

Audrey McGowan, Dean and Tom Atkinson, Lena Tudisco, Robert Godwin, Cathy Padgett, Anthony Oddo, James Coates, Virginia Hitechew, Catherine Owens, * Euel and Billie Musgrove

* if you would like to send a card or visit Euel and Billie Musgrove their address is— St. Martin's in the Pines, Reed House Cottage A 4953 Montevallo Rd., Birmingham, Al. 35210

RCIA

RCIA CLASS: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Topic: Seven Deadly Sins with Fr. Bean

For more information contact
Eileen Vacheresse at 205-335-9531
E-mail: davev@grnonline.com

*The Legion of Mary is coming
to St. Therese Church, Leeds !*

WHEN: Saturday, February 18th and
Sunday February 19th after each mass.

WHERE: Sign up at Entrance Foyer of Church

WHAT: An apostolic organization of Lay People
With over 3 million members

DETAILS:

CONVERSION

Would you like to promote the new evangelization?

CONSOLATION:

Would you like to visit hospitals, nursing homes,
Homebound? Perform works of mercy?

CONSERVATION:

Would you like to foster Catholic ideals, and
devotions?

Come and See!

More information? Laura 256-239-1390

or Mari 205-525-0071

Lenten Soup Meals

Beginning on Friday, March 3rd, 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.

GETTING MARRIED BAPTISM PREPARATION

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.

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK FUNERALS

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.

WELCOME BISHOP BAKER! BLESSING OF THE NEW PARISH LIFE CENTER

Saturday, March 5, Mass at 5:00 PM in the church followed by the solemn blessing and reception in the new building.

After consulting with Bishop Baker regarding the weekend Mass schedule, the Sunday evening Mass (6:00 PM) will be canceled effective immediately.

**The new Mass schedule will be: Saturday at 5:00 PM and
Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM.
Confession at 4:00 PM**

—From Father Bean:

What a blessing it was to hear the preaching of Fr. William Casey this past week at our Parish Mission! Father challenged us to prayer, virtue and trust. I was truly led closer to the Lord Jesus by this event. If you didn't attend you missed out on some serious inspiration and grace! Don't fret...Lent is coming and, God willing, there will be more opportunities!

The new Parish Life Center is scheduled to be solemnly blessed by Bishop Baker on the first Saturday of March. Hopefully we will be moving in this coming week. The building is truly beautiful and is a sign of the love, faithfulness and generosity of the people of this parish. Thank you!

The Diocese of Birmingham invites men discerning Priesthood to a Come and See Weekend

- Are you a single male between the ages of 16 and 45?
- Are you open to God's Call for your life?
- Do you have questions about your vocation?
- Do you think God might be calling you to be a Priest?

Come and See Weekend at Casa Maria Retreat Center, Irondale, AL
February 17-19, 2017 -led by Father Paul Check, Rector of St. John Fisher Seminary
Diocese of Bridgeport

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED!

To register, contact the Office of Vocations (205)838-2184 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org
There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.



COUNCIL 5597 Knights of Columbus meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. For more information call Alan Whaley at 205-335-2426. 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 quarterly at church hall at 7:00 pm. Call Jerry Smith at 586-9731.

(Year - A)
Today's readings:

Sirach 15:15-20; 1Corinthians 2:6-10;
Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Corinthians 3:16-23;
Matthew 5:38-48



EDUCATIONAL CORNER

FIRST READING: The Prophets of the Old Testament frequently condemned injustice, fraud and exploitation particularly when it victimized the poor and vulnerable. Deeds of mercy and selfless service are a perfection of the virtue of justice. There can be no charity without the foundation of justice. Christ revealed that he is especially present in the poor and downtrodden. The Church identifies seven Corporal Works of Mercy (feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead) and seven Spiritual Works of Mercy (admonish the sinner, instructing the ignorant, bearing wrongs patiently, counseling the doubtful, forgiving injuries, comforting the sorrowful, and praying for the living and the dead). (CCC 1397 & 2447)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This song is a blessing to the Righteous. The wisdom literature of the Old Testament teaches that wisdom, peace, and happiness come through observance of moral law. This peace and joy remains for the duration of life since these sentiments are strongly inspired by the hope for a heavenly reward. This psalm connects happiness and interior serenity with a solid mortal life.

SECOND READING" Paul is portraying himself as having a dispute with an imaginary Jew, in which he chided the Jewish people for the hypocrisy of judging the Gentiles for not being bound to the Law which he Jews themselves often transgressed. There was a belief among many Jews that they would be spared judgment for their transgressions because they were descendants of Abraham and heirs to God's covenant. Paul stated that it was not just in approving or accepting the Law itself that one was saved; rather, **GOD IS JUST AND JUDGES US BY OUR WORKS, WHETHER JEW OR GENTILE.** (CCC 682)

GOSPEL: "SALT OF THE EARTH.....LIGHT OF THE WORLD".....These elements describe the divine mission,. Salt give savor to food and preserves it from corruption. The role of a Christian in the world is to bring out the best in others by leading them to Christ. Through their personal witness, the faithful become the light of the world, enabling others to see the way from the darkness of sin to the splendor of Heaven. The candle lit at baptism reminds he new Christian, having been enlightened by Christ, to be the light of the world. (CCC 1243, 2044, 2821)

Mass Intentions



FEBRUARY

Sat. 11(5:30pm): Maria Archer...special intention

Sun. 12(8:00am): Jesus Ramirez Tadeo...R.I.P.

Sun. 12(10:30am): For our parishioners

Sun. 12(6:00pm): Goff Family

Tue. 14: Fr. Lambert...special intention

Wed. 15: George Huffman...R.I.P.

Thu. 16: Morris Felder...R.I.P.

Fri. 17: Carla Nabors and family

Sat. 18(5:00pm): Robert Bessette...R.I.P.

Sun. 19(8:00am): Maddux Family

Sun. 19(10:30am): For our parishioners

FEBRUARY 18/19:

LECTOR: 5:30pm—C. Whaley
8:00am—B. Cole
10:30am—Y. Chasteen

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:30pm—M. Goforth
8:00am—J. Jones
10:30am—Deacon

USHERS/GREETERS:

5:30pm—D. Eason, A. Whaley, S. Scherer
8:00am—T. Taylor, M. Lovelady
10:30am—L. Cockerham, D. Turner, T.C. Shipman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30pm—E. and G. Bandura
8:00am—O. Lovelady, B. Paz
10:30am—K. Hess, S. Cantavespre

LITURGICAL LINENS:

2/12—G. Thomason
2/19—N. Bandura

QUICK GRASP OF CATHOLIC FAITH: CANON LAW

What is a Chaplain? A Chaplain is a priest to whom the pastoral care of some community or special group of the faithful is entrusted (c564). The name derives from "chapel", one who is in charge of or conducts service in a chapel. Chaplains are appointed for hospitals, prisons, military bases, sailing ships, large religious houses, migrant and refuge groups (cc. 567-569). Although chaplains are not pastors, the chaplain's role is analogous to that of a pastor only more restricted in scope. Chaplains are given the authority they need to fulfill their pastoral duties, example "to preach the word of God, celebrate the liturgy, and hear the confessions of the people for whom they care for (cc. 566-567). Chaplains are appointed and can be removed by the diocesan bishop or other appropriate authority. (cc 565,569,572)

encounter

Lent

Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Our faith calls us to build a culture of encounter. We hear this call clearly throughout the Gospel and we see it reflected in Pope Francis' daily example. As we prepare for Lent, we are invited to reflect on how we—as people of faith—might contribute to this culture of encounter. To serve as a guide for your community's reflection, I invite you to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our (arch)diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Please be sure to order a CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar for each family in your community. These materials are available in both English and Spanish and are free of charge. You may also visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org to find additional resources, including:

- Lenten devotions and prayers
- Reflections for faith-sharing communities and youth ministry groups
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators
- Ideas for community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events
- A Lenten app that delivers prayers and resources directly to your mobile device

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we will do our part to responding to Christ's call to build a culture of encounter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Baker".

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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