

# Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2017

**ATTENTION:** Fr. Bean will be on vacation from Monday, July 10-Friday, July 14. There will be no daily Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Father will say the Masses on the calendar privately). Deacon Sal will be here Tuesday-Thursday to celebrate the Word and Communion Service. There will be a Mass at 9:00AM on Friday, July 14. The office will be closed this week for end of fiscal-year audit and close-out procedures for the Diocese.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for July:** For lapsed Christians...that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord Jesus and the beauty of the Christian life.

## *The Marian Year of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama...upcoming events in our Parish:*

Wednesday, August 9: "Mary and the Bible" We welcome Diocesan Office of Evangelization Director John Martignoni for a reflection on this important topic. Sandwiches will be served at 6:00PM followed by a Rosary with Fr. Bean. John will give his talk and have a Q&A at 7:00PM

## TOTUS TUUS-A CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Days:** Drop your *grade-school age children* off at 9AM and pickup at 2:30PM on Monday, July 24-Friday, July 29. There is no cost and kid friendly lunches and snacks will be served each day. Includes Bible lessons, skits, music, games, prayers and Mass. Friday is "water fun day".

**Evenings:** Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 28 is for *Middle and High School teens*: a great time of fellowship, deepening of their faith and learning the prayers and traditions of the Church (we also need teen volunteers to help with the day program).

Contact Samantha Wadsworth by email at [samanthawads@gmail.com](mailto:samanthawads@gmail.com) if you can help. The Totus Tuus program is given by Catholic college students from our Diocese (who have been thoroughly vetted and trained). Parish staff will be present during the entire program. Register online at <https://goo.gl/ky58DL>

**FAMILY FUN DAY AT SUNSHINE FARM:** The St. Theresa Hispanic Ministry is hosting 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Family Fun Day" on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00AM-4:00PM at the beautiful Sunshine Farm in Sterrett, Alabama. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Events will include horse rides, pinatas, water slide, paddle boats, fishing, soccer and volleyball. Everyone is invited!

Mark your **calendar** for our all-day trip to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the St. John Paul II Eucharistic Center in Hanceville, Alabama, on Saturday, August 19. We will be chartering a bus for this trip. Cost will be \$10.00 per person to offset the cost of the bus. Lunch will be provided at the Shrine. Don't miss out on seeing this amazing Catholic destination!

**The K of C 7th ANNUAL YARD SALE will be held on September 15-16 from 7:30 am-2:00 pm. Please save your donations this year for drop off on September 11-14. Clothing donations denim only please.**

**Attention High School Age Men:** QUO VADIS DAY is an opportunity to meet other young Catholic men in high school, as well as priests and seminarians from the Diocese and have a chance to listen to the Lord. There will also be sports and outdoor fun. Mass and Confessions, too! This special day will be held at Camp Tekakwitha on Saturday, July 15 from 9AM-6PM. Registration is required. Call the Vocations Office at 205-838-2184 or email [vocations@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@bhmdiocese.org).

GORETTI GROUP FOR GIRLS: All high school and middle school young ladies are welcome and encouraged to join the Goretti Group. Why? It is good to be Catholic! This week, we will hear beautiful Christian Catholic Music with inspiring lyrics you can all relate too. Isaac and John-Caleb Vacheresse are back in Leeds and will be sharing their experience serving the elderly and the children of Somalian refugees. And of course, we will have the taco night dinner, pray the Rosary, and have the homemade chocolate chip cookies! (we will also discuss the St. Francis Can Drive), Monday Night - July 10, 201, 6:30-8:30 pm, Vacheresse House - 1040 Montevallo Rd. Leeds...Remember our "Saint Francis Canned Food Drive" is coming up on Friday, July 21. We will go door to door "begging" for Canned goods for the Leeds Welfare Cooperative. Call Eileen with any questions. - 205.335.9531. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

### **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS FOR JULY:**

July 12- Cullman Aquatic Center meet at 5:00-\$5 we will eat plus food money

July 15- Sack Lunches for the homeless meet at 9:00-\$5 for supplies

July 19- meeting at the church- wear play clothes--@ 6:00

July 22- Girl Youth day- meet at 11:00-- sips n strokes in Trussville-\$15.00- only have 10 spots.

July 29- Family Hispanic picnic

July 30- Knockerball at Grand River-time and cost TBA,

Please contact Andrea Mitchell- 914-7884-- If your child will be going to any of these events or with questions.

### **THE LEGION OF MARY - "Terror of Demons Praesidium"**

is happy to announce that we are an official Praesidium (permanent members) at St. Theresa's.

The Legionaries meet every Tuesday following the 9AM Mass. With Father Bean as our Spiritual Leader, the meetings are an opportunity to delve deeper into your faith. We joyfully explore numerous topics, recite the rosary and beautiful Legion prayers, and honor Our Lady during the meetings.

As Legionaries, we are called to serve our fellow Parishioners. Our shut-ins, sick, lonely, depressed, and physically or mentally impaired Parishioners must know they are valued and not forgotten. If you feel you are being called to serve, then the Legion of Mary is the perfect group for you. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

The friendship one develops by taking Holy Communion to someone who loves the Eucharist, visiting with parents with a sick child, holding the hand of someone who has dementia yet can recite the Our Father, brings more joy to the Legion member than even the one being served.

Please take a moment to consider attending a Legion meeting and find out what this is all about. Can you devote a minimal few hours each week to help and serve a fellow St. Theresa Parishioner? Are you being called to try something new where you can make a difference? Become a "local missionary". You won't need a passport or special shots! When you are ready to answer this call and see what this is all about, you can attend the meeting or call the Parish office at 205.352.3741 for more information. For those who cannot get out and transportation is difficult, you can become an "Auxiliary Member". You are asked to recite the Holy Rosary and specific Legion of Mary prayers daily. You are asked to sign a card expressing your commitment. If interested, please call the Parish number at 205.352.3741. Thank you and we pray that Our Lady sends you our way.

**RCIA:** September is just around the corner. Is it time for football? Is it time for crisp apples and cooler weather? It is time for RCIA! We know there is someone in your family who may be curious about Catholics! You may sit next to a co-worker who is feeling "incomplete", " unfulfilled" "Searching" and "afraid" to take the next step. Soon, we will be providing more information on the 2017-2018 RCIA classes and kick off meeting.

Meanwhile, let your family and friends know that if they need someone to talk to about this, they can call David and Eileen Vacheresse and always, Fr. Bean. David's number is 205.516.6241 Eileen's number is 205.335.9531  
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