

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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November 19, 2017

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY: 9:00AM: Take some time to come and pray.

Mass Intentions: November 18 (5:00PM): Julie Copeland (SI), November 19 (8:00AM): Winifred Fager (RIP), (10:30): the people of the parish, November 21 (9:00AM): Holli and Pep Mock (SI), November 22 (9:00AM): Mary Ann Vines (RIP), November 23 (9:00AM): Angie Giardina (SI), November 24 (9:00AM) Ronnie Tombrello (RIP)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. THERESA

- *There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration this Friday, November 24, following the 9:00AM Mass.*
- *Beginning on Wednesday, November 29 there will be a weekly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday at 6:00PM.*

The Marian Year of Grace of the Diocese of Birmingham...upcoming events in our Parish:

NEW EVENT! SPECIAL ADVENT RETREAT: Saturday, December 16: "The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart" A day of intense prayer, worship, teaching and healing with Fr. Daniel Gagnon, OMI. Sign-in at 9:30AM and the day begins at 10:00AM. All sessions will be held in the church in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a *Bake Sale THIS WEEKEND* after all the Masses. Help us raise money for our "St. Theresa" seminarians, Daniel Sessions (Catholic University of America, Washington DC) and Luis Reyes (Pontifical Josephinum College, Columbus, OH). Please pray for and actively promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life!

ANGEL TREE 2017: We are taking Angel Tree applications NOW!!! Saint Theresa Church has a beautiful tradition of helping those in need at Christmas through our Angel Tree program. If you or someone you know is in need of Christmas assistance, please contact the church office as soon as possible. *On the weekends of November 18th/19th and November 25th/26th, our Angel Tree will be available in the church foyer before and after all the masses. Please help us to help the families in our community. Take an angel card from the tree. Purchase a gift card to be used for a child or family in need. ***Attach the angel to the gift card/cards and return to St. Theresa Church on or before December 3rd. Due to limited space, we will be collecting gift cards that will be used to sponsor children in need in our community. You may drop the gift card with attached angel in the collection on or before Dec. 3rd or you may bring it to the church office during office hours by Friday, December 1st. ***Please return your gift on time. Thank you for your support and generosity!!!*

YOUTH GROUP: Wednesday, December 6. We will meet at Chick-Fil-A in Leeds at 6:00PM to do the shopping for the parish Angel Tree Project.

- ***The Parish Financials for 2017 are on the bulletin board in the Main Foyer. Please feel free to look them over if you wish. Thank you for your financial generosity this year!***
- ***The 2018 Church Calendars are available in the Side Foyer outside the restrooms.***
- ***We need volunteers to help clean the Church for December. There is a sign-up sheet in the Main Foyer. This month we had to pay someone because no one volunteered.***
- ***THERE IS A SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for Beacons of Hope: The Bishop's fund that helps support Catholic Schools in our Diocese.***

From Father Bean: "The Purpose of a Parish" Part One in a Series

There is much talk today in our culture and our Church about crises. There is the family crisis, the vocations crisis, the marriage crisis, the financial crisis, the abuse crisis, the leadership crisis...and on and on it goes. Now, I am not implying that these crises are not important. Instead I would suggest that they are merely symptoms of a deeper problem: an **IDENTITY CRISIS**.

Simply put, we have forgotten who we are and what we are about as a Church. When this happens, the parish becomes a social hall, a clubhouse, or worse, a museum for so-called "saints" who feel that they have arrived and have no need for further spiritual, cultural, or intellectual growth. This type of "church" (which is more common than we like to admit) is not about anything but maintenance. It most assuredly is *not* about MISSION!

The truth of the matter is that it's not so much that the Church of Christ has a mission, as that the mission of Jesus Christ has a Church. The Church is to be the protraction, or continuation, of the MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST. Sadly, we have so forgotten our MISSIONARY CALLING that we have contented ourselves with mere maintenance and serving ourselves and our "little group."

We exist for MISSION. This is the objective truth undergirding the very existence of the Church, and by extension, the local parish. What then, you may ask, is the mission of the Church? How is it carried out and how does it relate to me? Tune in next week for more.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- ***Faith Formation for Children, Sundays @ 9:00AM in the PLC***
- ***ADULT EDUCATION/RCIA: Every Sunday at 9:00 AM in the PLC Library. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend or neighbor. Questions? Please call Marcie at 699-9858.***
- ***BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday, 5:30-8:00PM, in the PLC. Help us pay off our debt!***
- ***LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday following the 9AM Mass. PLC Library***