

# ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Week of October 7, 2018

The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekly Schedule: Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM, Sunday Masses: 8:00AM, Saturday, 3:30PM and Sunday, 7:30AM, Silent Holy Hour of Adoration: Wednesday, 6:00PM

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 30 minutes prior to every Mass

Fr. Bean will be on the Diocesan Retreat this week, October 8-12. The following week he will be on vacation, October 15-22. The Wednesday Book-club will not meet during this time. The weekend schedule for Masses and Confessions will not be affected. There WILL be a silent Holy Hour of Adoration on October 10 and 17 at 6:00PM. Deacon Sal will hold Communion Services Tuesday-Friday, 9:00AM, during both weeks.

**THE GORRETTI GROUP FOR GIRLS WILL MEET TONIGHT AT 5pm IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER.**

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WINTER IS COMING! OUR ANNUAL WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE WILL KICK OFF THIS WEEKEND! NEEDED: NEW OR GENTLY USED WINTER COATS, SCARVES/MUFFLERS, TABOGGAN CAPS AND GLOVES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. THANKS!

*"Sweet treats sale" after Masses next weekend October 13-14, benefitting Charlie-Kai Wadsworth Medical Travel Fund. Baby Charlie is headed back to Omaha, Nebraska October 23-26 for her Annual Checkup and to see how her legs are doing after surgery that took place in May. Please pray for her!*

*A powerful prayer for the Church: "St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."*

REACHING OUT: The KC's are looking for volunteers to help with one day of a Habitat for Humanity build. The date for the build is November 10th. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Tony Hill at [tony@hoovershoerepair.com](mailto:tony@hoovershoerepair.com) for sign up details.

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! THIS SATURDAY, October 13: The "Annual Outdoor Rosary" for the America Needs Fatima Campaign. !2:00 Noon in the yard behind the Rectory. Join us as we pray the Rosary with approximately 24,000 other groups around the nation! Bring a lawn chair. Everyone invited.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

– Blessed Pope Pius IX

**WE ARE BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE...ONE LIFE AT A TIME! Please join in this effort by purchasing a raffle ticket for a quilt made by Fr. Bean's mother, Janet Bean. The proceeds from this raffle will benefit HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER. This PRO-LIFE Catholic clinic is literally saving lives in the greater Birmingham area every single day! The tickets go on sale this weekend. Ticket sales will end on October 28. The drawing will be that day. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.**

### **October is the Marian month of the Rosary. So, FYI: A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

As with many of the words we use today, "rosary" has its roots in a Latin word, "rosarium," meaning "garland of roses" or "rose garden." The history of a repetitive prayer-counting device is thought by scholars to predate the rosary by almost 2,000 years. Ancient desert dwellers used rocks, sticks, or knotted cords to count the proper number of prayers.

Parts of the rosary predate Jesus himself. We find the sign of the cross rooted in the Old Testament writings of the prophet Ezekiel, "Pass through the city (through Jerusalem) and mark an X (form of the cross) on the foreheads of those who moan and groan over all the abominations that are practiced within it (the innocent.) — (Ezekiel 9:4)

Legend has it that the Apostles Creed dates back to the early days of Christianity, to the Apostles themselves on Pentecost. It began in its present form in the seventh century, but was not added to the rosary until the late 16th or early 17th century.

Priests and monks of the early Church prayed an early form of the rosary based on the 150 Psalms or Psalter. Since most of the laity of the time could not read, they prayed and chanted 150 Our Fathers instead of the Psalms. Jesus himself gave us the Our Father as Saint Matthew tells us in his gospel message.

Through the course of time, the 150 Our Fathers slowly gave way to 150 Hail Marys. They in turn were broken up into decades separated by the Our Fathers. The words of the Hail Mary come to us from various Scripture passages, Church councils, and additions of prayerful phrases through the centuries.

The Glory Be to the Father is thought to have taken form in the fourth century, but it did not become part of the rosary until a much later date.

In the fifteenth century, mysteries were designated to each of the decades. The mysteries chronicled events in the life of Jesus. Even those who could not read could meditate on these mysteries and come to know the stories in the Bible. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light to the rosary.

From humble roots, the rosary has grown to become a powerful prayer—most famously evidenced by the Christian fleet's victory over the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The rosary has been credited with many healings, conversions, and other miracles of faith down through the succeeding years. We know it today as our Lady's favorite prayer. All of us are encouraged to pray the rosary daily.

### **RECURRING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Silent Holy Hour: Every Wednesday, 6:00PM**

- **LEGION OF MARY: Every Tuesday following the 9:00AM Mass, Parish Life Center Library, prayer, service, spiritual formation, fellowship**
- **Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary: Every 2nd Thursday, Martin Hall (next to the church), Rosary at 6:00PM (in the church), meal at 6:30PM, meeting at 7:00PM**
- ~~Fr. Bean's Book club: Every Wednesday at 10:00AM, Parish Life Center Library.~~
- **BINGO: Every 1st and 3rd Friday, 5:30PM (food) and 6:30PM (games), Parish Life Center Hall**
- **Evening Ladies Prayer Group (in Spanish): Every Monday, 7:00PM, Parish Life Center Library**
- **ST. Maria Gorretti Group for girls: Every First Sunday, 5:00PM, Parish Life Center (Junior High and up)**
- **FAITH FORMATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kindergarten thru adults: Every Sunday, 9:00AM, Parish Life Center**