



# St. Theresa Catholic Church

## Honoring Our Past - Building Our Future

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**New to St. Theresa? Welcome!**  
Please find registration forms in the vestibule, from an Usher, or call 699-8534

### Welcome to St. Theresa

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church.

We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass.  
May God bless you all.

#### PASTOR AND DEACON

Rev. James Naughton, S.D.B.: Pastor 699-8534  
Rev. Mr. Silverio Rubio: Deacon 640-2872 or 577-0366

#### PASTOR AL COUNCIL

Mrs. Susan Bertani 699-7264  
Mrs. Christian Cockerham 337-2990  
Mrs. Vicky Dean 919-7380  
Mrs. Margaret Goforth 699-9858  
Mr. John Musgrove 699-6735  
Mr. Mark Musgrove 699-6630  
Mr. Ernie Paffumi 702-4822  
Mrs. Tracy Reed 637-1085  
Mr. Mike Romano 640-4452  
Mr. T.C. Shipman 661-9697

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Kristin Sessions (PSR) 529-6356  
Children 4 yrs of age or older

#### PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs. Mady Hartsfield 699-8534  
699-5616 home

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

Mrs. Mary Kaye Gubenski (Tuesday) 699-8534

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. June Clark 823-1333

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY & RCIA

Sr. Rita Vogelsang 699-4377  
Adults 18 yrs of age or older

#### TEENS PSR - YOUTH GROUP

Miss Beth Ashmore 821-1255

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am Mass  
Saturday: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am, 6 pm Masses  
1st Friday: 8:00 am Mass; 8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12 Noon Mass, Anointing, Meal & Activity.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK:

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8:00; 10:30 am; & 6:00 pm

Saturday 4:30 pm Reconciliation  
and anytime upon request

Saturday 5:30 pm: Mass

Daily Mass: 8:00 am

**Sunday:** 9:00 am: PSR and Adult PSR

**Tuesday:** Feast of St. John Bosco

**Wednesday:**

9:00 am: St. Theresa Guild Meeting  
6:00 pm - Youth Group -High School PSR  
6:30 pm - Catholicism Series

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm KOC Meeting

**1st Friday:** 8:00 am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12 Noon: Mass, Meal, and Movie:

Seven Brides of Seven Brothers (Musical)

**NOTE: NO BREAKFAST**

**Saturday:** 6:30 pm RCIA

### OUR FIRST EPISODE OF CATHOLICISM

#### HUGE Success

- We had a large crowd
- Everyone was impressed by the episode and what they learned
- The beauty of the Scenery amazed

#### Did you miss it?

Join us this Wednesday @6:30 pm

### 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

If you are new in the parish you may not realize that 1st Friday is designed for our more mature parishioners. It begins with Mass at 8:00 am and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - the Prayer Group comes together during this time as well. This is followed by a Mass @ Noon - with Anointing - then a Meal. This month the group decided to watch a movie afterwards: The Seven Brides of Seven Brothers.

**FREE!!!**

**Note: NO Breakfast!**

WELCOME INTO OUR CHURCH  
FAMILY  
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
RECENTLY BAPTIZED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE  
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

- 30, Deacon Rubio, Steve Schmidt  
31, Katherine Smith, Jonathan Guevara,  
1, Joyce Lacey, Jason Cash, Ronnie  
Ferguson,  
2, Celia Smith, Chase Birchfield, Beatrice  
Eubanks,  
3, Juanita Cole, Javier Gomez, Marcia Wells,  
4, Anthony Bandura, Rian Rodriguez,  
Jaszmin Ritchie,  
5, Jerome Bradford.

SICK

George Huffman, Clarence Small, Tom Shipman,  
Sr. (Tom's Dad) Don Standifer, Patricia Kennedy,  
Evelyn and Millard Tankersley, Thekla Wright,  
Mildred Fayard, James Coates, Dean & Tom Atkin-  
son, Julius Holley, Terry Taylor, Viola Jaudon,  
Beatrice Eubanks, Curtis White, Mr. Gubenski -  
father of Matt, Michael Naughton, Terri Fields, Ted  
Mitchell - brother of Vickie Roberts, Jimmy White,  
and Deacon Silverio Rubio,

SHUT INS

Lena Tudisco, Robert Godwin, Mabel Rob-  
erts, Helen Fuchs, Evelyn Tankersley, Tish  
Johnson.

CONDOLENCES

ANNIVERSARY

INFORMATION

Baptism

Getting Married

Funerals - Please contact the Church before  
making any arrangements.

IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN  
BOSCO

We are all invited for **Coffee and  
Cake this Sunday** after the 8:00  
and 10:30 am Masses.

Please, make an extra effort to stay  
a few minutes, visit with your fellow  
parishioners, and enjoy the occa-  
sion.

*Father and Teacher of youth, docile to the  
gifts of the Spirit and open to the reality  
of your times, you were for the young,  
especially the little ones and the poor, a  
sign of the love and special care of God.*

*Be our guide as we walk the path of friend-  
ship with the Lord Jesus, so that we may  
discover in Him and in His Gospel the  
meaning of our lives and the  
source of true happiness.*



*Help us to respond with generos-  
ity to the vocation we have received from  
God, so that in daily life we may be build-  
ers of communion, and may collaborate  
with enthusiasm and in communion with  
the whole Church, in creating a civilization  
of love.*

You are invited to come and participate  
in the  
**Scripture Studies and Adult PSR.**

**Next Scripture Study Class**

Wednesday, February 8,  
**from 10:30am to Noon**  
in the middle house.

Book: **"ROOTS OF THE FAITH".**  
Leader: Marcie Goforth.

**Adult PSR:** The Adult PSR Class takes  
place on **Sundays that PSR meets**  
From 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Book: **"ROOTS OF THE FAITH".**  
Leader: Marcie Goforth

You may contact Marcie Goforth with  
questions 699-9858.

Come and participate as you can!

MENSAJE DEL DIÁCONO

La Iglesia Católica sigue el ministerio de exorcismo - echar espíritus malignos. En los últimos años varios sacerdotes y diaconos han recibido entrenamiento formal para administrar el rito de exorcismo. No he tomado ese entrenamiento, pero reconozco esa autoridad como parte del ministerio sacerdotal. Antes de bautizar a un niño o adulto, el sacerdote hace un exorcismo sencillo - no que la persona esta poseida, sino que tendra que enfrentar tentaciones y ataques diabolicos. Por eso, el sacerdote hace un exorcismo declarando la superioridad del poder de Cristo. En el Sacramento de Reconciliacion u otro encuentro pastoral, a veces discernio una fuerza espiritual que agarra a la persona. Como parte de la absolucion u otra oracion, ordenaré que espiritu malo se saliera.

Pues, supongo que pocos de ustedes se consideran como exorcista. Sin embargo, Dios puede usar uno u otro de nosotros para una palabra de liberacion. Un ejemplo: Posiblemente han escuchado de la Dra. Alveda King - sobrina de del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. En los años setenta habia procurado dos abortos. Como la Corte Suprema habia legalizado el aborto, ella creo a los consejeros de Plan Fami (Planned Parenthood) que le dijeron, "No es un bebito, solamente pedazos de tejidos." Embarazada por tercera vez, menciono a su abuelito - el Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr - lo que Planned Parenthood le dijo. "No," el respondio, "estan mintiendo. Es un niño." La Dra. Alveda King abrazo a su hijo y despues busco perdon y sanacion por los abortos. Ahora tiene una paz profunda - una libertad de angustia - y es un lider fuerte en el movimiento Pro-Vida. Si comenzamos cada dia con una oracion, Jesus puede usarnos para traer liberacion, sanacion y paz a otros. Primero tenemos que pedir que - como el Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. - que tengamos paz, libertad del miedo, dentro del corazon. En la misa, pedimos a Jesus protegernos de las perturbaciones - especialmente el miedo que se puede convertir en la angustia. Puede causar acciones incoherentes. Puede paralizar. Solamente Jesus puede liberarnos de tales poderes diabolicos. Para vencer el miedo requiere el poder de Jesus - su intervencion en nuestra vida. ¡Dios le bendiga!

Diácono Silverio Rubio

GETTING MARRIED

Please contact the church (699-8534) well in advance to arrange for marriage preparation and other necessary details. There is a minimum notification of 6 months. We will be glad to walk you through some of the details that you might overlook.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Classes scheduled quarterly after the 6:00 pm Mass. The next class takes is scheduled for April 22, 2012.

Please RSVP one week prior to class.

**Reservation required**

Mary Kaye Gubenski, 991-0915 or  
MaryKayeGubenski@aol.com

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK

St. Theresa has a ministry that provides meals for the sick & hospitalized.

If you would like to become part of this ministry or in need of its service, please call the church office, 699-8534



IF YOU WISH TO USE THE CHURCH FACILITY FOR YOUR EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR EVENTS INSURANCE INFORMATION. INFORMATION HAS TO REACH THE COMPANY 8 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT! LATE EVENTS MUST BE DENIED BY US.

Today's Readings:	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.
Next Weekend:	Dt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 7:32-35; Mk. 1:21-28.

	Jan. 28/29	Feb. 4/5
<b>Lector:</b> 5:30 pm Lector: 8:00 am Lector: 10:30 am Lector: 6:00 pm	M. Bessette E. Cusick Y. Chasteen V. Oliver	Y. Chasteen J. Mitchell R. Turner H. Smith
<b>Ex. O. Min.</b> 5:30 pm Ex. O. Min. 8:00 am Ex. O. Min. 10:30 am Ex. O. Min. 6:00 pm	C. Betbeze, D. Cook, A. Couldron J. Cusick, B. Cole, J. Cole S. Pantoja, C. Whaley, D. Birchfield L. Newman	K. Bernklau, D. Cook, P. Small C. Betbeze, J. Cole, B. Vargo C. Cockerham, D. Birchfield, D. Johnson L. Newman
<b>Greeters:</b> 5:30 pm Greeters: 8:00 am Greeters: 10:30 am Greeters: 6:00 pm	J. Musgrove, C. Musgrove T. Taylor, Volunteer  E. Musgrove, N. Bertani B. Masters	F. Bernklau, E. Musgrove T. Taylor, Volunteer  L. Cockerham, D. Turner C. Smith, R. Smith

Altar Servers	Jan. 28/29	Feb. 4/5	Feb. 11/12
Servers: 5:30 pm			
Servers: 8:00 am	K. Cole	A. Pantoja R. Ragsdale	K. Cole
Servers: 10:30 am	A. Pantoja R. Ragsdale		W. Oswald B. Oswald

## CATHOLICISM

You are invited to view beautiful videos and learn more about your faith.

Starting January 25th at 6:30 PM, St. Theresa Church will begin a study program on the Catholicism Series by Fr. Robert Barron (Word on Fire). Each session will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Each session begins with the DVD and concludes with discussion of key questions. Just come!

### Pro-life Spirituality and Activism Seminar St. Stephen Catholic Chapel Saturday February 11th 9:00 -Noon 205.705.9158

Do you want to deepen your commitment to serving "the least" through the Gospel of Life?  
Would you like to learn a Pro-life Spirituality specifically designed to sustain and renew your efforts? Would you like to investigate more fully some of the local and national Pro-life ministries that are saving lives, souls, and helping to build a new Culture of Life? Would you like to begin or strengthen your existing Pro-life committee? Then this Pro-life Spirituality and Activism Seminar is for you.  
Join, Jim Pinto, Missionary of the Gospel of Life and other Pro-life presenters on Saturday, February 11th 9:00 -Noon at St. Stephen Catholic Chapel, 1515 12th Avenue South, Birmingham, Al. 35205. This Seminar is sponsored by the Diocesan Pro-life Office and the Fr. James E. Coyle K.O.C. Council #9862. For more information: 205.705.9158.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 30, Robert Bessette, R.I.P.  
Tuesday, 31,  
Wednesday, 1, Albert Franks, R.I.P.  
Friday, 3, Clay Reynolds, R.I.P.



### Confirmation Class Service Project:

The weekend of February 4/5, representatives from the Confirmation Class will speak at all masses asking your support for their class service project. Let's continue our tradition of generosity is support of the Confirmation Service Project.



### St. Blaise - February 3rd

In iconography, Blaise is often shown with the instruments of his martyrdom, steel combs. He blessed throats and effected many miracles, according to his hagiography. The similarity of these instruments of torture to wool combs led to his adoption as the patron saint of wool combers in particular, and the wool trade in general. He may also be depicted with crossed

candles. Such crossed candles are used for the blessing of throats on the feast day of Blaise, which falls on 3 February, the day after Candlemas on the Roman Catholic calendar of saints. Blaise is traditionally believed to intercede in cases of throat illnesses, especially for fish-bones stuck in the throat.<sup>[1]</sup>

PSR - Parish School of Religion	Sunday 9-10:15 during the school year	Kristin Sessions, 529-6356
St. Theresa Guild	1st Wednesday of the month	Lanie Newman, 640-3817
RCIA & Homebound Ministry	For information please contact Sr. Rita	Sr. Rita, 699-4377
Leeds Welfare Cooperative	Helping the less fortunate in the Leeds area.	1st Sunday of the month
St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus Council 5597	3rd. Thursday of the month: 7:00 pm	Terry Taylor, Grand Knight: 699-2919
Ladies Auxiliary of the KOC		Michelle Bessette, President: 538-9702

PARISH SCHOOL OF  
RELIGION (PSR)  
NEWS

## Lenten Soup Meals - We need *You!*

A tradition at St. Theresa's is to enjoy a light "Lenten Soup Meal" after the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent.

We invite everyone in the parish to participate in the Stations as well as the meal afterwards.

Please take a moment and sign-up on the poster in the vestibule if you can assist. It works best if two persons sign-up for the same date.

We thank you for participating!



## BURSE CLUB – WHAT IS IT?



A Burse is a fund established to provide the finances necessary to educate men for the priesthood. The requirement of the Roman Catholic Church for candidates for the priesthood is that they complete four years of undergraduate studies in a college and four additional years of graduate

studies in a School of Theology. In most cases, both the college and the School of Theology are private schools whose tuition involves a considerable outlay of money. It is rare for a candidate for the priesthood, even with the assistance of his family, to be able to assume the responsibility for the total expenses of his education.

We, here at St. Theresa, have been giving a helping hand, through the offerings and prayers to the Burse Club. Do you know it only takes \$1.00 per month, and two decades of the Rosary to be a member of this Club? Anyone should be able to participate. We encourage you to take a look at the "Poster of Seminarians" as you come into the church – see the **basket** with the **Burse Club Sign** in the entrance of the church - with envelopes provided. Place your dollar into an envelope with your name on it – and you become a member – it's that easy.

**Thanks to all who participated in the Burse Club in 2011.** We were able to provide the Burse Club with \$197.00 this past year. The prayers and Rosaries will not be unnoticed by our Lord. We also wish to thank Eileen Taylor, who gives her time to attend to this project.

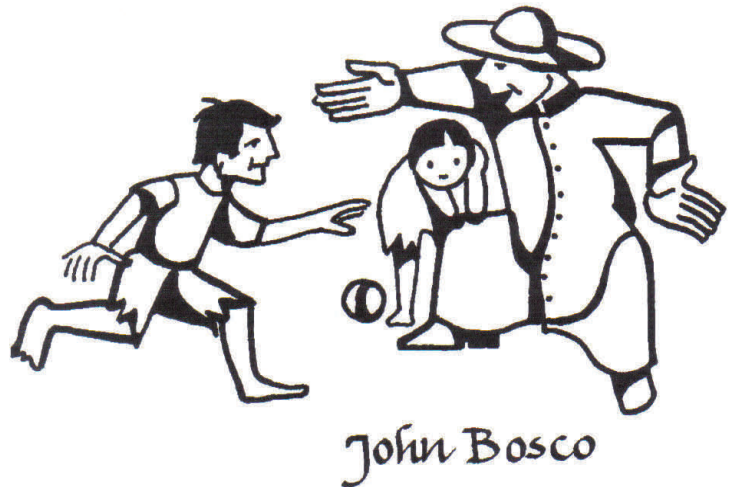
**Congratulations to all students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion in May.**

**Parents of PSR students:** Please remember, if your child is in the preschool, kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade you **MUST** pick up your child **FROM THE CLASSROOM**. We will not release young children to walk to a vehicle without a parent. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Sessions.

**Reminder:** PSR class time is 9am-10:10am. Please pick up your children promptly at 10:10. This allows our teacher volunteers the opportunity to attend 10:30 mass without being late. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Sessions.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT AT ST. MARK'S:** Teens, check out the poster in the vestibule. St. Mark's is hosting a fun afternoon of fellowship and worship February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested, let Mrs. Sessions know ASAP – registration deadline is this Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. (Mrs. Sessions contact info: 529-6356/ [kprs205@hotmail.com](mailto:kprs205@hotmail.com))

## COLORING CORNER FOR LITTLE ONE'S



**Quiz:** When is the Feast Day of St. John Bosco?  
Answer:

St. John Bosco was the Founder of what Society?  
Answer:

