

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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## **EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every first Friday immediately following 9 am mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, Concluded with Benediction at 12 pm and every Tuesday after 5:30pm mass.

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:30 pm until 5:15pm at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appt.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to scheduling to have your child Baptized. Contact the office to make arrangements to attend the class. Baptisms will be done every first weekend of the month.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

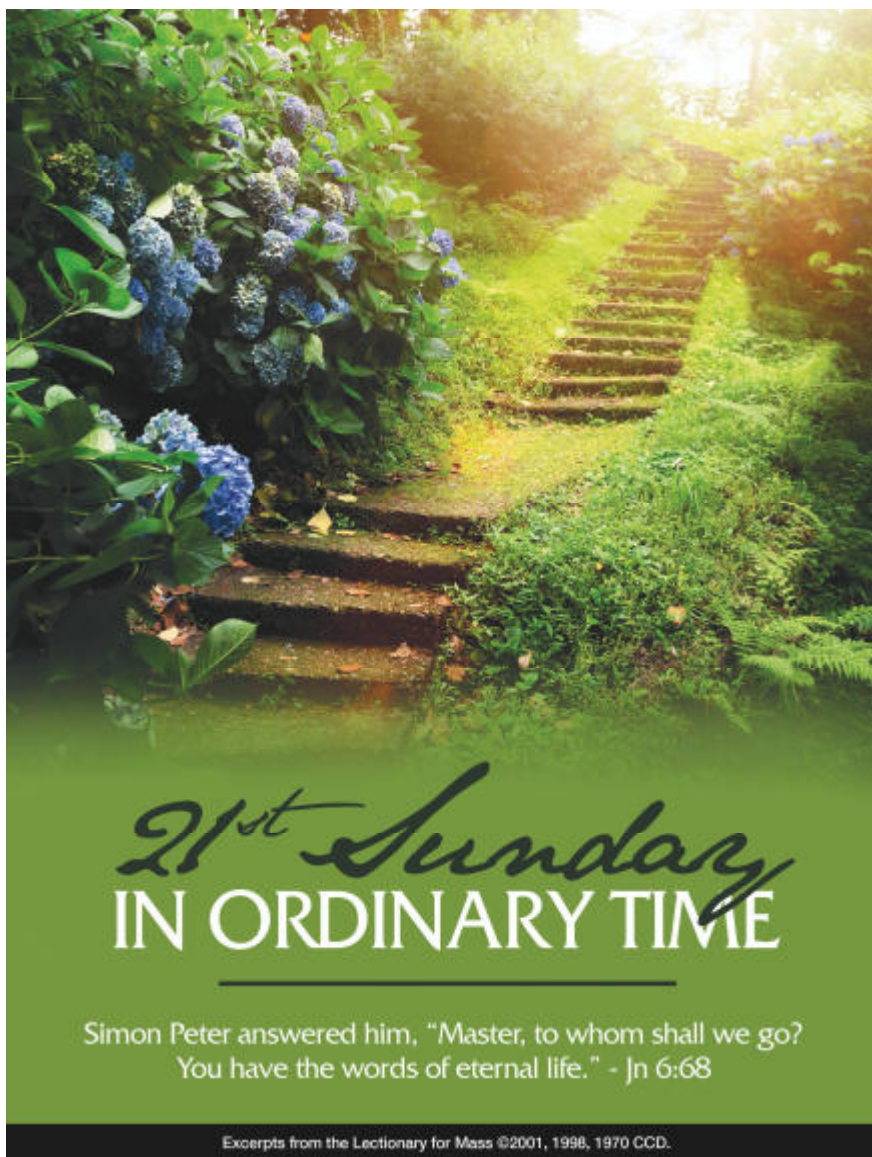
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

In case of illness or hospitalization please contact the office so arrangements can be made to receive the Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

## **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

Welcome to all new parishioners, please register in the church office. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic contact the office to talk to Father and learn about the RCIA classes.



*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

*The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center*

*700 Buffalo Street, Farmville, VA.*

*Office Hours*

*Tuesday—Thursday*

*9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.*

*Friday 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.*

**Nativity Catholic Cemetery**

15896 James Anderson Hwy W

Buckingham, VA 23921

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

903 S Main Street

Blackstone, VA 23824

Mass:

Saturday—5:00p.m.

Sunday—9:00 a.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council:**

David McKenna, (Chair), Esther Sablan

Dr. Tracey Jones, Naleen Cordle, Norma Ruiz,

Eduardo Perez, Rita Parsons

**Sacred Heart**

2597 Bruceville Road

Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:**

Lori Derflinger (Co-Chair), Sherry Kingsbury

(Co-chair), Scott Crawford,

Tammy Hinchey

**St. Theresa**

709 Buffalo Street

Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:30 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

**St. Theresa Parish Council**

***Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com***

Pat Brandt, Eniko Swanick, Dr. Rodrigo Roldan,

Doreen Hines, Karen Schinabeck, Ann Marie

Howard, Adam Blincoe, Dottie Zimalong,

Lisa Haertel

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of God, gathered in worship in the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster of churches are a diverse community of Catholics striving to live the message of the Gospel by evangelizing Christ's Word through our worship, prayer, and outreach work, to the community.

**Readings for the week of August 22, 2021**

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Submission as Stewardship.**

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone**

*Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification; Resubmit if needed:*

Don Hill, Rita Parsons, C.B. Cordle, Eleanor Drebeck, Peter and Diane Menting, Richard Whitmore, Deborah Hangins, Jamie Peters, Shirley Papp, Amber Tanner, Tommy Blankinship

IHM—Stewardship of Finance

**Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin**

*Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office.* Chrissy Dix, Wanda Bailey, Helen Truskoski, Sean Presley, Halle Jackson, Lesleigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, Denise Miller, Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Kennis Crawford, The Simpson Family. Elizabeth Nelson, Wade Harding, Tommy Powell

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, August 29**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
1st Reading & Psalm - Jean Watts  
Eucharistic Minister will be—  
Ushers: Dan Derflinger, Peggy Dunegan  
Altar—Tammy Hinchey  
Money Counters: Tammy Hinchey, Scott Crawford

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected July 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,918.38	\$4,918.38	\$4,384.60	\$533.78

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected July 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3370.25	\$3,370.25	\$3,269.20	\$101.05

**IHM Finance Council**

Paul Semtner (Chair) , CB Cordle, Rita Parsons

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Lori Derflinger (Co-chair) Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury (Co-chair), Tammy Hinchey

**New Addition to IHM Schedule**

Beginning **Thursday, August 19th**, Fr. Tochi and Fr. Paul will be in Blackstone every third Thursday with the following schedule:

**1:00pm**—Visits to homebound and nursing home parishioners.

**5:00pm**—Mass

**5:30pm—6:30pm** —Adoration and confession.

***BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION*** to begin on Friday, September 24 at 10:30. If you are interested please contact Pat Irvine [pirvine38@gmail.com](mailto:pirvine38@gmail.com). Material and place are still to be decided.

**'CLUSTER NEWS'**



O Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
refuge of sinners,  
I beg of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus,  
and by the graces God has granted to you since  
your Immaculate Conception,  
the grace of never going astray again.

Mother, keep me, a sinner,  
constantly bathed in the light of your Immaculate  
Heart.  
Amen.

**CHURCH HOURS DURING THE  
WEEK**

**St. Theresa will be open during the week**

**the following hours for**

**anyone interested in coming to pray**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from**

**10:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.**

**Friday 10:00a.m. until 12:00p.m.**



**Those who are interested in possibly joining  
the Catholic Church, The Rite of Christian  
Initiation for Adults will begin on Septem-  
ber 12th at 9:00a.m. in the Parish Center.  
Please call the office for an application or for  
more information**



**WALK FOR LIFE**

Please join us as we **Walk for Life** on Saturday  
September 18<sup>th</sup> at the High Bridge Trail. This is  
the most important fundraiser for our local  
Pregnancy Support Center.

Information is available in the Commons area at  
each church in the  
cluster.

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry is in need of Brown paper Bags  
( like from Food Lion, Kroger,etc) , as always  
Thank you for your support.

Peace n Blessings Ms Doreen

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
AUGUST 24—AUGUST 29  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Bill Brandt
- Followed by Adoration

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Lisa Shecter
- Adoration to Follow

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 9:00a.m. Mass offered for Gabriela T.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**

- 5:30 p.m. Mass offered for †Annette Gallo Mani

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for Lisa Shecter
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Dolores Bernotski

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF AUGUST 23—AUGUST 29**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 10:00a.m. Food Pantry



A great big THANK YOU to all who participated in the bingo party to benefit our Food Pantry. In addition to the couple hundred pounds of food, 2 raffle baskets netted \$240 in cash. All this from 33 participants. The bingo was sponsored by the local "Bag Ladies Bingo" group who also helps raise goods and money for other local non profits. A special thank you to Deana, Lynn, Doreen, Janice, and Peggy for all their hard work to make this a big success.

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***Our Parishioners:** Jeff Howard, Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, Peter Menting, John Jamieson, Sharon Hamby, George Gehrlein, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Barbara Stimpson, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Harriet Carter, Jim McKenney*

***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners—** Geoff & Bentley Denham, Carrie Jamieson, Dave Gillison, Louis Wunnenberg Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Peter Biron, Beth Biron Herubin, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Julia Joyce Horn, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Jackson Barnes, Bucky, Don Glasson, Hal Colvin, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Emily Barnes, Daniel Spada, Ben Colvin, Mitzi B.,Shaunna Smith, Mike and Carol Fauci, The family of Bill Schott, Joan Long, Carole Byran, Meagan Smart, Jerry Smith , Barbara Botts*

***Our friends and relatives serving in the military—** Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind, Jr., Ben Croushorn, Taylor Antcil, Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Brian Blaszkiewicz, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore*

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

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\$13,710.75	\$13,710.75	\$18,461.52	(\$4,750.77)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**  
Mike Wolyniak (Chair)  
Susie Hemler, Noel Encarnacion,  
Nancy Pempel, Steve Barber

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given so generously. It is truly appreciated. On August 11 we served 28 families.

**Attention members :** The Food Pantry is in need of Brown paper Bags ( like from Food Lion, Kroger,etc) as always  
Thank you for your support.

Peace n Blessings Ms Doreen

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