

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

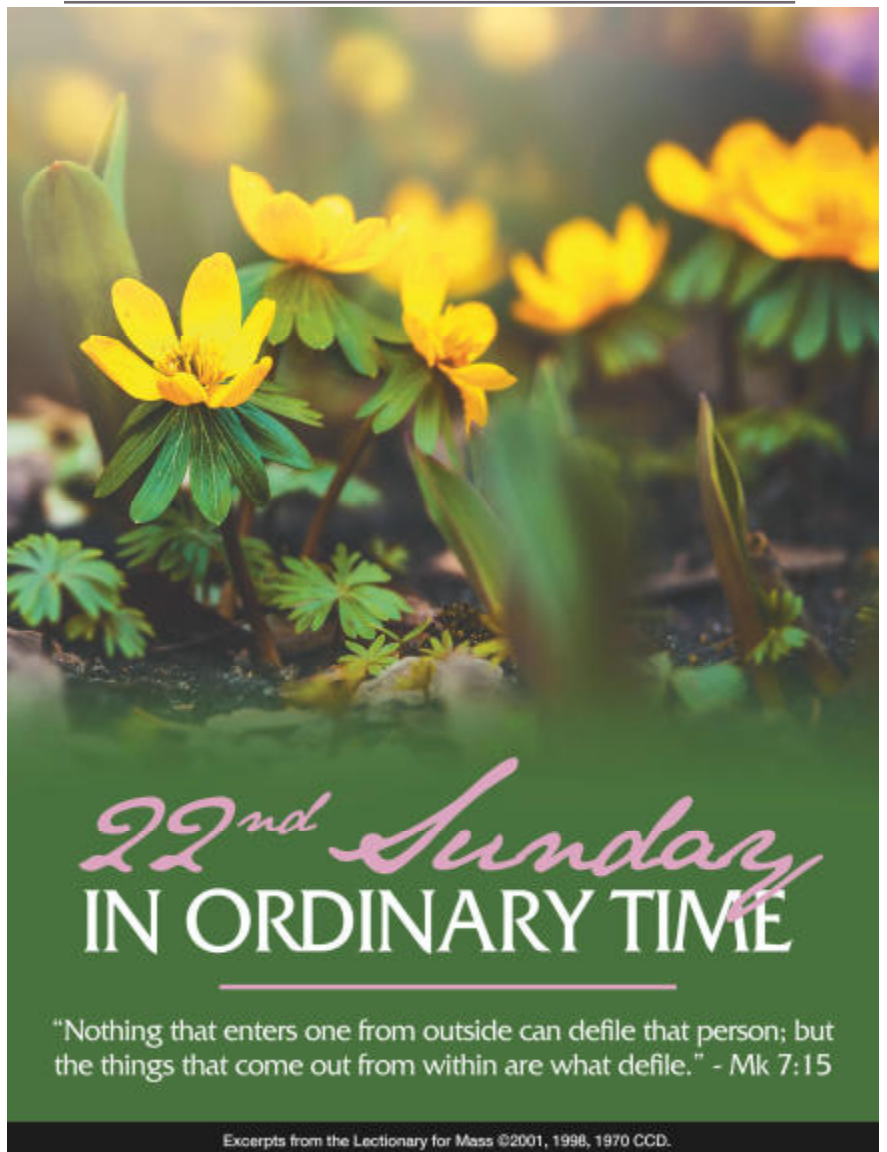
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

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.



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 29, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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, September 3

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
1st Reading & Psalm - Nancy Fothergill
Eucharistic Minister will be—
Ushers: Richard Hinchey, Peggy Dunegan
Altar—Tammy Hinchey
Money Counters: Tammy Hinchey, Mary McKay

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

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\$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.
- 6:00pm**—Mass
- 6:30pm—7:30pm** —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. Material and place are still to be decided.

WALK FOR LIFE

The Walk for Life will be happening September 18th, Tammy Hinchey is taking donations for this cause. Please meet with her after Sunday's Mass to donate . Please make checks payable to: Pregnancy Support Center. Funding from this event goes directly to provide services to pregnant and parenting women, men and their children. Please be reminded that they are a non-profit organization, and all services are free. Our Goal is to raise \$700. Deadline to donate is September 12th.

'CLUSTER NEWS'

EMAIL SCAM

Be on the alert for emails being sent in our priests' names asking for gift cards and money. **THESE EMAILS ARE A SCAM, SO DO NOT RESPOND TO THEM!**

Any email that asks for gift cards is almost always a scam no matter what the reason. Our priests will never email anyone and ask for gift cards or money.

Cluster Parishioners

If you have a family member or know of any Catholic that is in a Nursing Home that would like to be visited by our clergy, please send the name, nursing home and contact information to the office. Thanks.

Reminder From The Office

Any announcements for the pulpit on Sunday have to be in writing in the office by Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Any flyers need to be in the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday. Any information for the bulletin itself has to be in the office by the Monday by 10:00 a.m. prior to the Sunday bulletin. Any questions, please call the office. 434-392-3934. Thanks.



Those who are interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on September 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 18th 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.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 31—SEPTEMBER 5
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Lisa Ann T.
- Followed by Adoration
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
- 9:00am Mass offered for Kate Thomas
- Adoration to Follow
FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
- 9:00a.m. Mass offered for Gregory Price
- Followed by Adoration
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
- 5:30 p.m. Mass offered for †Bernadette Kaiser
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Darla Wilson
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for Parishioners of cluster

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 5**

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:00a.m. Food Pantry

Parishioners

Do you love to sing our liturgical hymns?
Can you carry a tune?
Have you ever thought that you could be a leader of songs at Mass?
If the answer to all three of these questions is “Yes”, then please email Brenda Meshejian: bjmesh@icloud.com so that we might plan a training workshop for cantors in September of this year. One focus of the workshop will be “Building Your Confidence” .

Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested

Our Parishioners: Jeff Howard, Marilyn Reid, Pat O’Hal-loran, Peter Menting, John Jamieson, Sharon Hamby, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Barbara Stimpson, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Harriet Carter, Jim McKenney, Shirley Ehman

Friends & Relatives of Parishioners— Geoff & Bentley Denham, Carrie Jamieson, Dave Gillison, Louis Wunnen-berg 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 Litch-ford, 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 Ancil, 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 18 we served 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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