

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.

25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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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 September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat care-free, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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 Hankins, Jeanne Peters, Shirley Tapp, 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 26

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
1st Reading & Psalm - Sherry Kingsbury
Eucharistic Minister will be—
Ushers: Bernard Marquis, Scott Crawford
Altar: Pat Irvine
Money Counters: Mary McKay, Tammy Hinchey

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)	Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,636	\$10554.38	\$9,865.35	\$689.03	\$3,312.00	\$6,682.25	\$7,355.70	(\$673.45)

IHM Finance Council
Paul Semtner (Chair) , CB Cordle, Rita Parsons

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:
Lori Derflinger (Co-chair) Tammy Hinchey (Co-chair)
Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury

New Addition to IHM Schedule

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.

Next Visit—October 21.

- ◆ Sacred Heart will be collecting items for Piedmont Geriatric Hospitals discharge bags. Items needed are **mini/travel** size: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, tissues, and chapstick. Please see Tammy Hinchey after Mass to donate. Last day for donating will be October 3rd. Other parishes are encouraged to donate as well. Tammy Hinchey can be contacted at 804-712-6104.
- ◆ Sacred Heart will be participating in the angel tree for Piedmont Geriatric, due to covid and other restrictions, the deadline for donating will be earlier then usual. Updated information will be provided in September.
- ◆ Sacred Heart celebrates monthly birthdays and anniversaries on the Second Sunday of every month. Refreshments will be provided.

‘CLUSTER NEWS’

WALK FOR LIFE

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEDIA

If you need to send information via our media, this is the contact information.

For our newsletter - Wade Edwards is the contact person. If you need to put anything in the newsletter, his email address is stormgullus@yahoo.com.

For our Facebook page - Jennifer Bolt is the contact person. Her email address is joshuahastenbolt@gmail.com

For the Website - Ron McPherson is our contact person. His email address is ronbull@centurylink.net

For the bulletin or pulpit announcements

I am the contact at this email address sttheresafarmville@gmail.com. For me, I need anything for the bulletin sent to me by 10:00a.m. on Monday morning in writing before the Sunday of the bulletin. For Pulpit Announcements, I need information by 10:00a.m. Wednesday morning in writing before the Sunday of the announcements.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. And if you need to get something approved, please email Fr. Tochi for approval.

Thanks, Carol

ST. THERESA WEEKLY CHURCH HOURS CHANGE

The Church will be open on Thursday starting with Mass at 9:00am and ending with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament At Noon.

If you want to get into the church during the week, please call the office or come by and we will open the church for you. Thanks.

ATTENTION

ANYONE WHO HAS ANY KEYS TO ANY OF THE CHURCHES, THE PARISH CENTER OR THE RECTORY, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW. WE NEED TO HAVE A COUNT AND WE NEED A LIST OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE A KEY TO ANY OF THE CLUSTER PROPERTIES. EITHER EMAIL TO sttheresafarmville@gmail.com or CALL 434-392-3934 AND LET US KNOW. THANK YOU

Please make any checks for Walk for Life out to the **Pregnancy Center**

NOT to the churches.

Thank you.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS ON SEPTEMBER 26TH (NEXT SUNDAY)

Join us for Ministry Workshop

Lay ministers at the service of God and the Church

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” Col. 3:23

Date: Oct. 2, 2021

Venue: Parish Center, 700 Buffalo Street,
Farmville, VA. 23901
Time: 10 am - 12 pm

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 21—SEPTEMBER 26
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Eugene Hughes
- Followed by Adoration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Nancy Ferrar
- Adoration to Follow

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00a.m. Mass offered for David Pope

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 5:30 p.m. Mass offered for †Ida Campagna

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for David Pope
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Willard Lutz & †Teresa Bolivar Alvarez

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF SEPT. 20—SEPT. 26**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 10:00a.m. Food Pantry

Outreach Ministry-St. Theresa's is here for you. Do you need a ride to mass, doctors, errands, meals or the Eucharist? If so, please call Karen Schinabeck at 434-390-0379.

Parish Council

Parishioners are encouraged to share any questions, concerns, etc. with the Parish Council by e-mail at sttheresascc@gmail.com. Or you can approach any council member. Council members are listed on the second page of the bulletin or on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.

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

Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, Sharon Hamby, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Barbara Stimpson, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Jim McKenney, Shirley Ehman

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, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses

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 McMurray, Fritz Julian, Brian Blaszkiewicz, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

August Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$22,625.25	\$36,295.00	\$41,538.42	(\$5,243.42)

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 September 8 we served 46 families.

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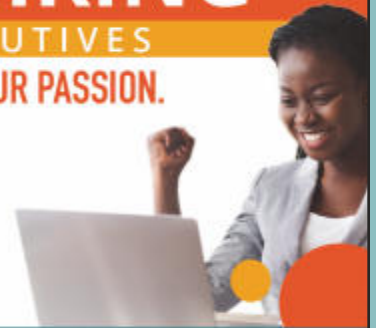
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