

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 and Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass 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 and to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

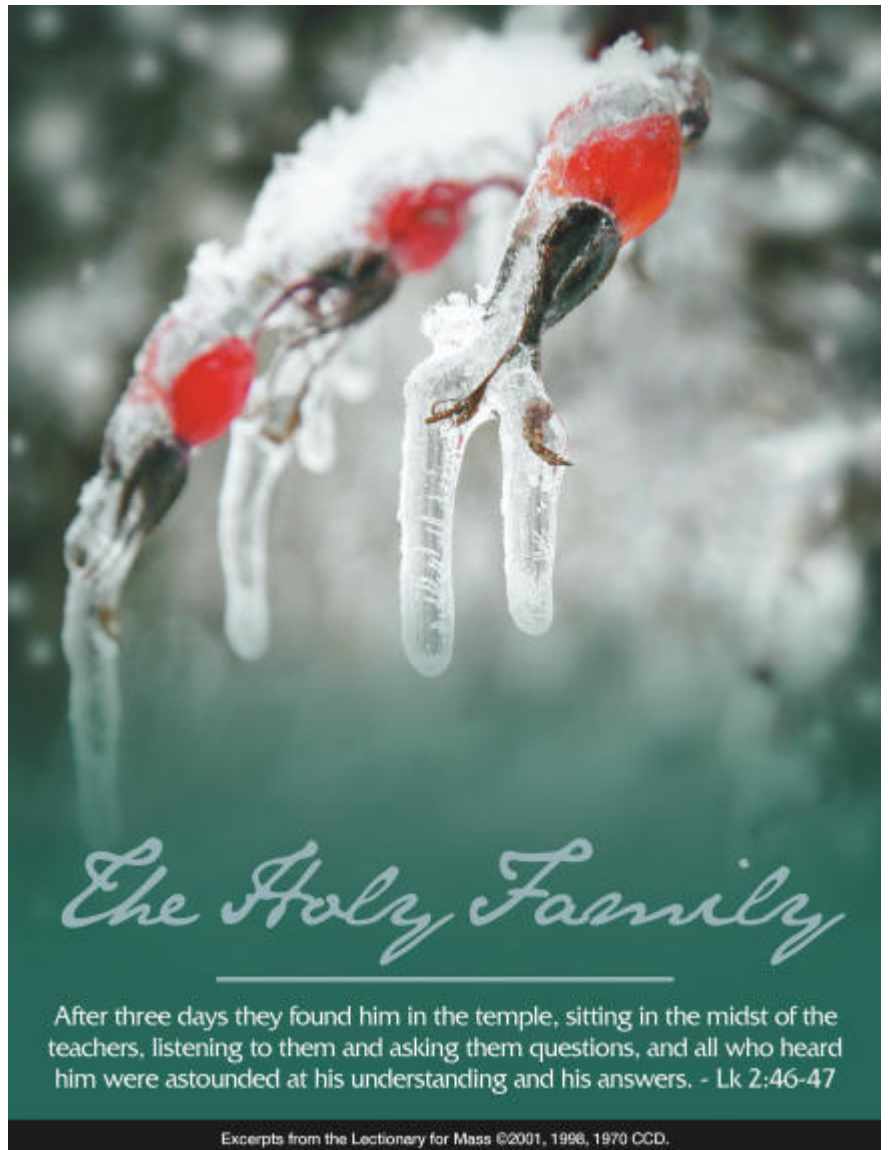
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

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 Holy Family

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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, Eiko 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 December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
[cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn
20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt
2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk
2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk
2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn
1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-
7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.
11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

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:

Nancy Ortega, Pat Simmons, Gerard Smith, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, James McKenney, Patricia Webb, John, Ellen Thompson, Dr. Donald Hill

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,823.00	\$28,881.39	\$24,153.30	\$4,766.09

IHM Finance Council

Paul Semtner (Chair) , CB Cordle, Rita Parsons, Patty York, Norma Ruiz

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, , Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Kennis Crawford, The Simpson Family. Elizabeth Nelson, Wade Harding, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Mary Beth Shortt, Beth Gregory

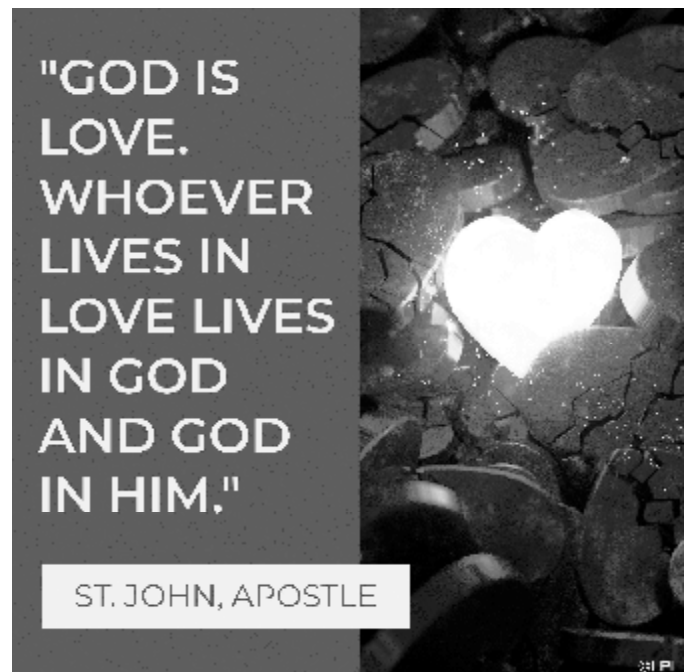
SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, January 2

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
1st Reading & Psalm -
Ushers
Altar:
Money Counters:

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,937.00	\$15,179.37	\$17980.60	(\$2,801.33)

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



'CLUSTER NEWS'



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WILL BE CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER. NEXT CLASS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19TH FROM

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

FROM

DECEMBER 23, 2021

THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2022

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE DAYS ON THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL

434-288-018

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Theresa Catholic Church,
Farmville

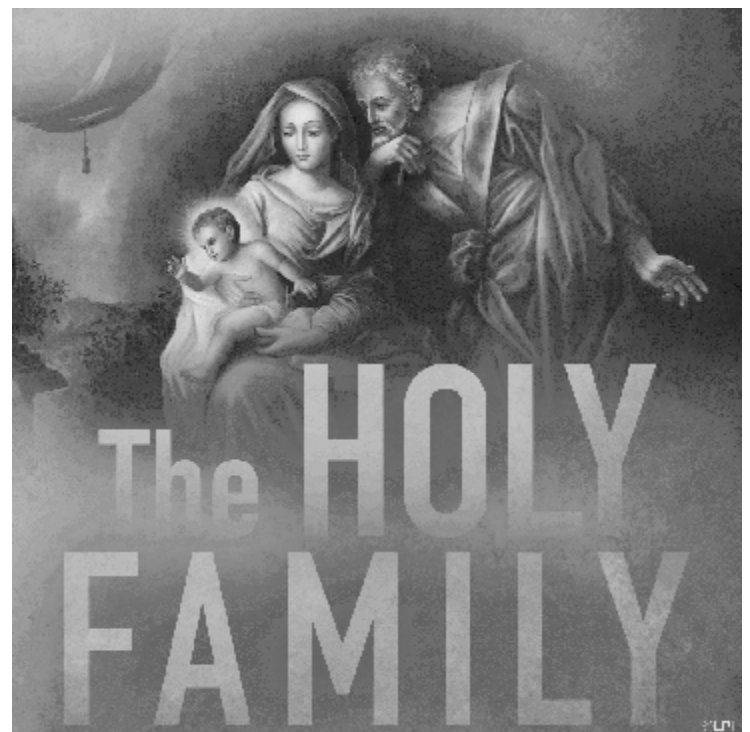
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Mass
December 31, Friday, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
January 1, Saturday, 9:30am
January 1, Saturday, 5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass
January 2, Sunday Regular Mass Schedule

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic
Church, Blackstone

Solemnity of Mary, Holy mother of God – Mass
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January 1, Saturday 9:00am
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Meherrin

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Mass
January 1, Saturday, 11:00am
January 2, Sunday – Regular Mass Schedule



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER —DECEMBER 26
MASS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

- 5:30p.m. Mass offered for †LeRoy Hilby
- Followed by Adoration and Reconciliation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben
- Followed by Adoration

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEARS VIGIL MASS**

- 5:30p.m. Mass offered for Parishioners of Clus.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 9:30a.m. Mass offered for Parishioners of Clus.

- 5:30 p.m. Mass offered for †Paul Brandt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Mary Wayne
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for Special Intentions

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF DEC. 27—JAN. 2
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**
- ◆ 10:00am Food Pantry

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

An informal gathering to help those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Held monthly and facilitated by Pat Thorne a licensed clinical social worker and bereavement counselor. Open to all who are in need. Please come as you are and whenever you can. For more information contact Eniko Swanick at 434-392-8775.



Thanks for your amazing generosity. We filled 64 Angel wishes this Christmas. We shared God's love with the little ones, whom He loves.

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, Ollie Burger

Friends & Relatives of Parishioners— 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 & Betsy 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, Joan Long, Carole Byran, Meagan Smart, Jerry Smith, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Bob and Carole Byron, Austin & Dani, Joyce Spencer, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste

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, LTC Efen Aranzamendez, Army and 1LT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$14,364.00	\$87,938.48	\$101,538.36	(\$13,599.88)

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 generously. It is truly appreciated. On December 8 we served 48 families.

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.

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