CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUISTER



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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.

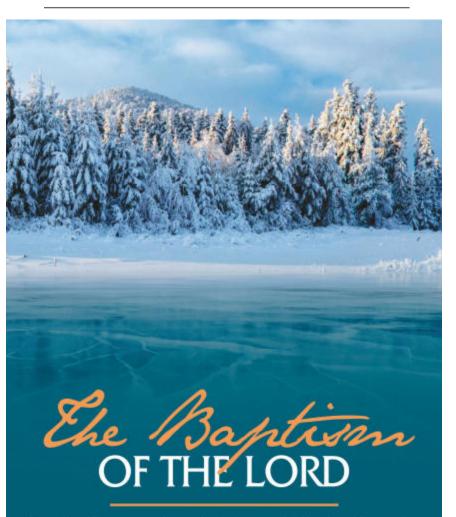
MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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. JANUARY 9, 2022

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"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc 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

<u>St. Theresa</u>

709 Buffalo Street Farmville, VA 23901 Mass: Saturday—5:30 p.m. Sunday—8:00 a.m. Sunday—10:30 a.m.

<u>St. Theresa Parish Council</u> 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 January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk Monday: 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— 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; <u>Resubmit if needed:</u>

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, Jody DiLullo

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, January 16

The Lectors for Liturgy will be 1st Reading & Psalm - Nancy Fothergill Ushers Scott Crawford, Bernard Marquis Altar: Nancy Fothergill Money Counters: Beth Gregory, Tammy Hinchey

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

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—January 20th.



CLUSTER NEWS



ADULT EDUCATION NEXT CLASS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19TH FROM 6:00 to 7:00PM

Journey Together: Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

During the month of January, members of the Cluster will join with parishioners throughout the world by participating in the Synod on Synodality initiated by Pope Francis. The term "synod" is used by the Church to refer to a process of collaborative discernment where, through community input and prayer, feedback can be gathered to inform decisions about the Church. Beginning next weekend, the Cluster will distribute surveys after Mass to seek your thoughts about the Universal Church and about this parish. Surveys will be returned by February 6th and the parish will then meet in-person to discuss results and prepare for Lent.

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow." POPE JOHN XXIII

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Online Newsletter

The cluster's online newsletter is published each Saturday and sent directly to your cell phone or email address. To subscribe, please send an email to <u>centralVAcatholic@gmail.com</u> or text SALVE to 84576.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11—JANUARY 16 TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 5:30p.m. Mass offered for *†*Todd Schinabeck
- Followed by Adoration and Reconciliation THURSDAY, JANUARY 13
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Paul Brandt
- Followed by Adoration
- 9:00a.m. Mass offered for Lisa Thomas

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

- 5:30 p.m. Mass offered for †Christopher Allen <u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 16</u>
- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Paul Brandt
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Aloner & Lurie Stripling

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10—JAN. 16 MONDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
- 10:00am Food Pantry

Parish Council

Parishioners are encouraged to share any questions, concerns, etc. with the Parish Council by e-mail at <u>sttheresascc@gmail.com.</u> 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.

New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish we welcome you and invite you to take a few moments to register. Registration forms are located in the Kiosk in the commons area or you can get one in the parish office during the week. Please complete and return to the parish office.

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, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan

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 Anctil,

Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Brian Blaszkiewicz, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, LTC Efren Aranzamendez, Army and 1LT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan

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 Wolvniak (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 28th we served 52 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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