

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, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass and every Thursday after 9:00am 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.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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, 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 May 01, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/
 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

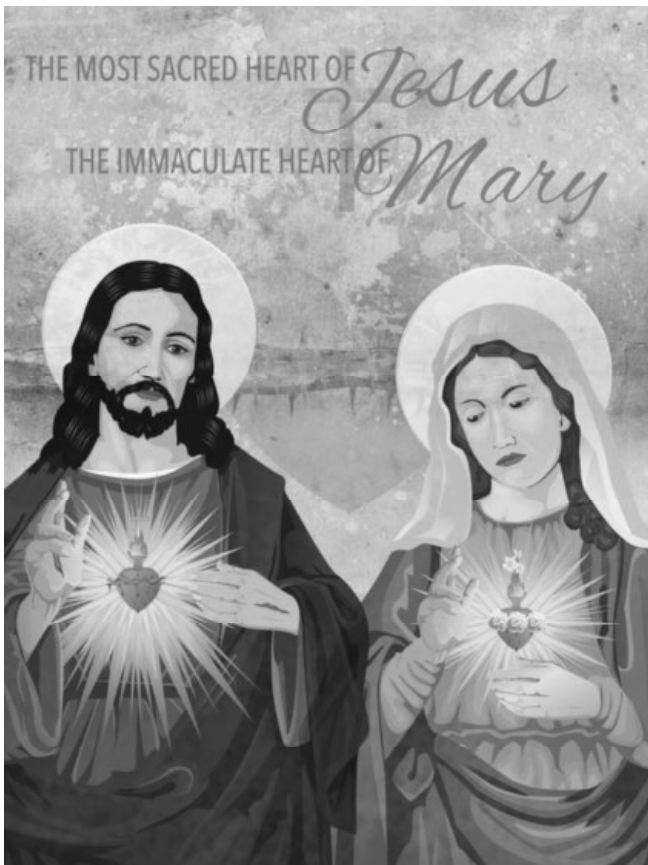
Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone

Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification Resubmit if needed: Paul Semtner, Diane Menting, Deacon Peter Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr., Juan Daniel Ramirez, Patricia Simmons. Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, John & Ellen Thompson, Dr. Donald Hill, Phyllis, Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Frankie Leon Guerroero, Richard Preston, C. B. Cordle

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Mar. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,025.26	\$50,305.54	\$42,749.85	\$7,555.69

IHM Finance Council

Paul Semtner (Chair), Rita Parsons, Patty York,
Norma Ruiz, Juan Ramirez



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, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Mary Beth Shortt, Beth Gregory, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Sid Smyth

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR MAY 8

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
Reader — Nancy Fothergill
Ushers—Richard Hinchey, Bernard Marquis
Altar—Pat Irvine
m/Counters—Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Mar. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,845.00	\$27,023.87	\$31,874.70	(\$4,580.83)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:
Tammy Hinchey, Chairman
Lori Derflinger, , Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury

A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.

'CLUSTER NEWS'

ADULT EDUCATION NEXT CLASS WILL BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY May 18th
FROM
6:00 to 7:00PM
At the Parish Center

CONTACT IN FORMATION 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 joshuahastebolt@gmail.com

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

For the bulletin or pulpit announcements

The office is the contact at this email address sttheresafarmville@gmail.com. Anything for the bulletin needs to be sent to the office by 9pm on Sunday Evening prior to the following Sunday bulletin. For Pulpit Announcements, information needs to be to the office 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 the office. If you need to get something approved, please email Fr. Tochi for approval.

If an event needs a flyer, the committee needs to make the copies and stuff the bulletins. The office needs one week prior and bulletins need to be stuffed by the Thursday prior to the Sunday.



Please join the Knights of Columbus for a breakfast buffet as we honor the mothers who chose to give us life! Breakfast will be held directly after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 8 in the St. Theresa Parish Center. All members of the Cluster and their guests are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mother's Day Retreat/Fellowship.

Topic: Journey of healing and

gratitude to God.

Date: May 6th

Time: 6 PM

Venue: St. Theresa

The evening will involve Adoration, Reflection, opportunity to place prayer intention

before the altar and fellowship.

PLEASE READ

If you have anything that you want in the bulletin or in the announcements, please see the above protocol.

Everything is needed in writing prior to the weekend masses as noted above. Please, even if it is a monthly occurrence, let the office know every time you want it published.

Thank you.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

MAY 3—MAY 8

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- 5:30p.m. Mass offered for †Bob & Halora Burleson
Followed by Adoration and Reconciliation

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 9:00am Mass offered for John & Carolyn Brandt
Followed by Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Marie Bates
- Followed by Adoration

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Carin Knight

SUNDAY, MAY 8

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for: †Gloria Hubner
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Abner & Lurie Stipling

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE

WEEK OF MAY 2—MAY 8

MONDAY, MAY 2

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- 10:00am Food Pantry—Parish Center



Time again for another sale of St. Theresa’s delicious baked goods. The sale will take place after each Mass the weekend of May 14 & 15. We would appreciate donations of baked goodies, which can be left in the church kitchen no later than 12 noon on Friday, May 13, or before any of the Masses that weekend. Items should be packaged and ready to sell. Thank you and, as always, we appreciate your help.

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

Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O’Halloran, John Jamieson, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Jim McKenney, Ollie Burger

Friends & Relatives of Parishioners— Louis Wunnenberg Louis Wunnenberg, Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Julia Joyce Horn, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Jackson Barnes, Bucky, Don & Betsy Glasson, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Emily Barnes, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, 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, Ashley Redd, Tina Kingsbury, Laura Cowhig, Megan Smart, Shan Biron,

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., Taylor Anctil, 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, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

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\$17,824.00	\$168,071.63	\$179,999.82	(\$11,928.19)

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 April 20 we served people.

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