

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 4:00 pm until 4:45pm 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 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:

Tammy Hinchey (Chair), Lori Derflinger, Sherry
Kingsbury, Scott Crawford,

St. Theresa

709 Buffalo Street
Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

St. Theresa Parish Council

Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Adam Blincoe,

Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz, Michelle Varga, Terri

Harris, Dean Lord, Mary Gail Roldan and

Lynn Skakum

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 October 16, 2022

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.

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; 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 Guierroero, Richard Preston, C. B. Cordle, William Boan, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan,

IHM—STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug. 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,948.15	\$10,518.67	\$11,561.58	(\$1,042.91)

IHM Finance Council

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

IHM is pleased to announce:

"Bethany Bargains" at IHM, gently used clothing and household items for parish-ioner purchase.

It is located on the 2nd floor of Bethany House and shopping is available after Saturday and Sunday masses.

More information is available in the printed flyer included with the bulletin and upstairs in the Bethany Bargains room.

Donated items in good condition are always welcome and much appreciated. All proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser will benefit our Parish. For any questions or donations, contact Patty York, Norma Ruiz, Maria McCrary or Esther Sablan.

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, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Sid Smyth, The Shortt Family, Ray Lewis, Tom Baldwin, Wanda Bowen, Troy Powell, B.J. & Clarence Cannaday, Jean Watts, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Oct 23

The Lectors for Liturgy will be

Reader — Pat Irvine

Ushers—Scott Crawford/Dan Derflinger

Altar—Nancy Fothergill

m/Counters—Scott Crawford/Lori Derflinger

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,442.25	\$5,614.05	\$7,061.58	(\$1,447.53)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Tammy Hinchey, Chairman
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury

“Dear Lord, we are in stressful and uncertain times right now. But I know you have a plan. Please give us the strength to trust in you and trust in your plan. We need you so much.

We need your guidance, your teaching, your love and your direction.

In Jesus name. Amen”

'CLUSTER NEWS'**The Mysteries of the Rosary**

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).



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Meetings on Second Thursday of month
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The Prayer to St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said through the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 18—OCTOBER 23
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- Adoration to Follow

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- Adoration to follow until 10:30am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Elias Jones

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 5:00pm Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- 9:10am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Albert M. Biernesser

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF OCT. 17—OCT. 23
MONDAY, OCT. 17

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19**
- 10:00am Food Pantry—Parish Center
 - 10:00am Clothing Ministry—Parish Center
- SUNDAY, OCT. 23**
- 9:00am CCD classes—Parish Center
 - 9:00am RCIA—Parish Center

Parish Events Committee Request

- St. Theresa's Parish Events Committee is looking for donations of gently used cookbooks to be sold at our annual Christmas Bazaar on November 4 & 5. Please drop off kitchen area at the church. Thank you for your continued support of our events.

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.

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***Our Parishioners:** Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, Judy Jamieson, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Jim McKenney, Ollie Burger, Fred Campbell, Eniko Swanick, Jennifer Pearson, Jane Donovan, Pat Ely*

***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners**—Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Julia Joyce Horn, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Bucky, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Jerry Smith, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Austin & Dani, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Tina Kingsbury, Laura Cowhig, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wallace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John Matthews, Paul Moneta, Mark Knowles, Tara, Mikea Family, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, The Korman Family, Carly*

***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 Efren Aranzamendez, Army and 1LT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss*

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

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\$17,815.72	\$37,435.58	\$42,643.71	(\$5,208.13)

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 10/5 we served 58



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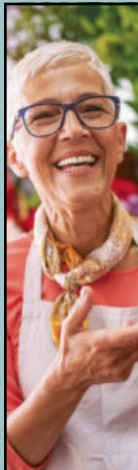
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