CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

Rev. Tochi Iwuji, Pastor Rev. Policarpio Lagco, Parochial Vicar Deacon Peter Menting Deacon Emmett McLane Business Manager—Carol Beattie Director of Religious Education —Karel Bailey Dan Holland, Director of Campus Ministry

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

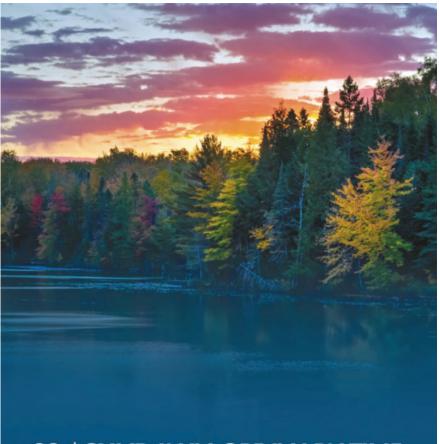
In case of illness or hospitalization please contact the office so arrangements can be made to receive the Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

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.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

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,

<u>St. Theresa</u>

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 November 6, 2022

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27. 34-38 Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor Wednesday: 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26 -37 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8 Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."

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>: 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 Drebick, 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 Sept. 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,953.22	\$15,471.56	\$16,700.06	(\$1,228.17)

IHM Finance Council

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

QUILT RAFFLE

IHM will have a quilt raffle fundraiser for full-sized handmade quilts that were donated. Three drawings will be held after Sunday Mass, Dec. 4. Tickets are available for purchase from any IHM Council Member. Tickets are \$5.00 for tick et or \$10.00 for three tickets. Win ners do not need to be present and are only eligible for one quilt.

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 Nov. 13

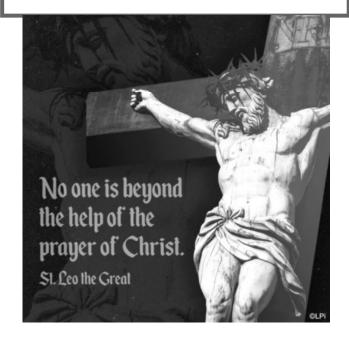
The Lectors for Liturgy will be Reader —Jim Guy Ushers—Bernard Marquis, Scott Crawford Altar—Pat Irvine m/Counters—Lori Derflinger, Beth Gregory

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,708.25	\$8,322.30	\$10,200.06	(\$1,877.76)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council: Tammy Hinchey, Chairman

Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury



'CLUSTER NEWS'



A Prayer for Forgotten Souls

O Merciful God take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to You, who either through negligence of those who are alive or through length of time, are forgotten by all.

Spare them, O Lord and remember Your own when others forget to appeal to Your mercy. Let not the souls You have created be parted from you, their Creator Amen.



ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE GIVE THANKS Please help in feeding a family for Thanksgiving. The flyer with the list of items and bags are located in the Commons Area. Please take a bag and return by Wednesday, November 15th. Thank you for your continued generosity.



ADVENT TALK at IHM by Father Paul

There will be an Advent Talk on **Sunday, November 27**, the first Sunday of Advent, led by Father Paul, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Blackstone, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The theme will be "Journey with the Maji and Follow the Star".

ADVENT RETREAT at St. Theresa by Father Tochi There will be an Advent Retreat on Saturday December 3, led by Father Tochi, at Saint Theresa Parish Center from 10am to 12 noon. Topic: Journey from Selfcenteredness to God-Centeredness.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF **NOVEMBER 8—NOVEMBER 13 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** 5:copm Mass offered for †Bob & Helen Burleson Adoration to Follow **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10** 9:00am Mass offered for †Abner & Laurie Stripling • Adoration to follow until 10:30am **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11** 9:00am Mass offered for †Bonnie Harrison • Adoration to follow **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12** 5:00pm Mass offered for *†*William Brandt • **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13** 8:00a.m. Mass offered for *†Jim*, Julie, Peter Biron 9:10am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration 10:30am Mass offered for †Willard Lutz, Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez **ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE** WEEK OF NOV. 7-NOV. 13 MONDAY, NOV. 7 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center • WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 10:00am Food Pantry-Parish Center • 10:00am Clothing Ministry—Parish Center • 6:00pm Adult Education—PC • SUNDAY, NOV. 13 9:00am CCD classes—Parish Center 9:00am RCIA—Parish Center ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION AT ST THERESA PARISH CENTER

Every second Wednesday of the Month. Next meeting will be November 9th at 6:00pm at the Parish Center.

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

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, 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, Michelle Reynolds

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

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Sept. 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$16,930.15	\$54,365.73	\$61,596.47	(\$7,230.74)

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 10/26 we served 30 people.

