

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

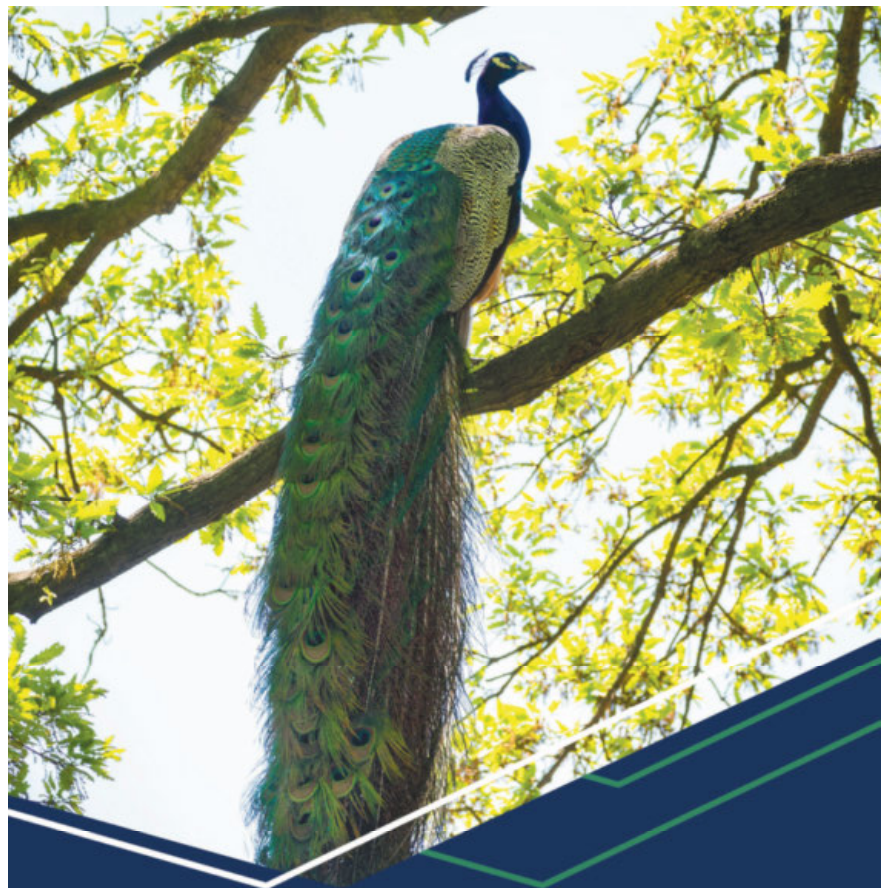
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

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.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of
evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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, Teri Har-

ris, Dean Lord, Kelly Nolan 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 January 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— *Father John Muir*

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, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Esther Sablan

IHM—STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,900.00	\$32,469.16	\$33,400.12	(\$930.96)

IHM Finance Council

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

BETHANY BARGAINS

Items for purchase in Bethany Bargains upstairs will be half-priced through Jan to make room for other donations. Purchases can be made after masses or by scheduling a time during weekdays to shop.

Contact Patty York or Maria McCrary for available times. And you are welcome to bring a friend.

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, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Feb. 5

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader—Jim Guy
 Ushers— Bernard Marquis/Scott Crawford
 Altar— Tammy Hinchey
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Beth Gregory

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec, 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,151.25	\$18,073.55	\$20,400.12	(\$2,326.57)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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

Cemetery Association Meeting

Sacred Heart Cemetery Association will hold their bi-annual meeting on Sunday, February 12th following the 11 a.m. Liturgy. All Association members are asked to attend as this will be time of transition and re-elections of Officers.

‘CLUSTER NEWS’

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

**ROBIN MCLANE INVITES YOU TO A
CELEBRATION OF DEACON
EMMETT'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
HIS DIACONATE ORDINATION ON
FEBRUARY 5TH AT 11:45 AT ST.
THERESA PARISH CENTER.**

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall possess the earth.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
justice for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who suffer persecution for
justice' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men reproach you,
and persecute you,
and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil
against you, for My sake.

The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem is a group that supports the Catholic community in Bethlehem, The Holy Land. George and Katherine Awwad will be at our parish on February 11th and 12th selling olive wood carvings made by the Catholic families after all masses.

Since the beginning of March of 2020, ahead of the busy Easter season, that draws thousands of visitors and worshipers to the city, The City of Bethlehem and the Nativity Church has been closed due to the corona-virus, thus this created a huge burden on the local Christian Families because they depend greatly on tourism and the olive wood sales.

Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one. It is important that we show our support to our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem during these very difficult times.

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and discussion leaders for Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm during the Spring semester. If interested contact:

Dan Holland farmvilleccm@gmail.com

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**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 5
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Willard Lutz & Bolivar and Teresa Alvarez

- Adoration to follow

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

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

FIRST FRIDAY, FEB. 3

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco
- Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ziggy Mazulaitis

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Nathan Lysinger

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF JAN. 23—JAN. 29
MONDAY, Jan. 23**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, Jan. 29

- 9:00am CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am RCIA—Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are honored to lead a prayer service to St Joseph.

The St Joseph Icon, which will be on display at the service, is on loan from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada.

Service will be held following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 5th.

**ADULT EDUCATION AT ST THERESA
PARISH CENTER**

Adult Education Class for February will be on February 8th 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, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Olie 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, 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, 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, Major Efen Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss*

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$31,590.23	\$122,967.19	\$123,192.94	(\$225.75)

St. Theresa Finance Council

Mike Wolyniak (Chair)
Noel Encarnacion, Nancy Pempel,
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. It is truly appreciated. We served 26 people on January 18, 2023

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