

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.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

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 Harris,
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 February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
(1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *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, Richard Preston, C. B. Cordle, Maria M. Fuentes 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, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Feb. 19

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader—Pat Irvine
 Ushers—Scott Crawford/Dan Derflinger
 Altar—Tammy Hinchey
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Lori Derflinger

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'

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS
FEBRUARY 22
CLUSTER SERVICES ARE
AS FOLLOWS**

St. Theresa

**9:00a.m.—Mass and
Ashes**

12:00p.m.—Ashes Only

**6:00p.m.—Mass and
Ashes**

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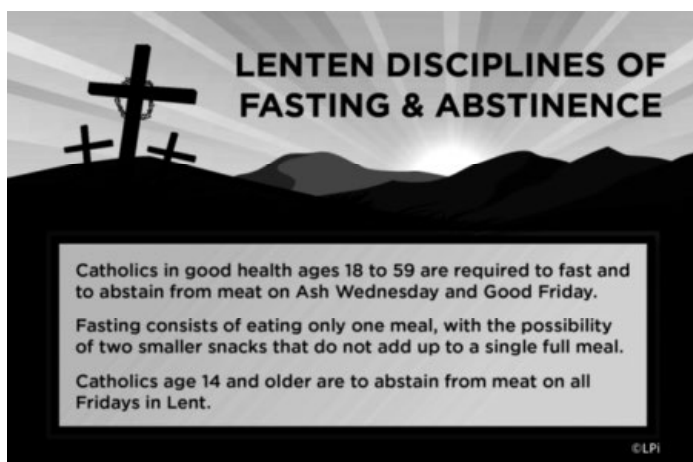
6:00p.m. Mass and Ashes

LENTEN RETREAT

**February 19th, after 10:30am Mass in the
St. Theresa Parish Center**

Discernment in our everyday Life

Carrie McKeown Delaney is located in Lynchburg; Virginia where Wings to Fly was founded. The mission of Wings to Fly is to provide Christian Spiritual Mentorship and Direction to people of faith. Prior to this current ministry, Carrie received training to be a Healthcare Chaplain at Lynchburg General Hospital. During her early ministry career, she spent 18 years with the Franciscan Religious Sisters and received her certification in spiritual direction. Discerning her call to marriage in 2018 she began a journey to bring others closer to God through her prior theological training. Carrie is now married and shares her unique journey of discernment with others. Empowering individuals to hear the voice of God through the rules of discernment by St. Ignatius of Loyola. We invite you to come and listen to Carrie's remarkable journey of faith. She will speak about the importance of discernment in our everyday life using her own story to show how God uses everything for good, the mistakes as well as the triumphs. Please come and join us on February 19th after the 10:30 mass in the Parish center as Carrie shares her story.



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 14—FEBRUARY 19
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Theodore Skoniesny
- Adoration to follow

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sean Brown
- Adoration following Mass until 10:30am

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Jim McKenney

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Hal Colvin, Jr.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Harold Colvin, Jr.
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Willard Lutz, Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF FEB. 13—FEB. 19**

MONDAY, Feb. 13

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, Feb. 19

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Nominations for three positions on
Parish Council will be held this
weekend.



Adult Education Class for February will be on
Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm 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 45 people on
February 1, 2023

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