

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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*February 19, 2023*

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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.



**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

*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](mailto: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 February 19, 2023**

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/

Mt 4:1-11

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— *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 Jan 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$7,115.35	\$39,584.51	\$39,823.22	(\$238.71)

**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. 26**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—James Guy  
 Ushers—Bernard Marquis, Dennis Queensbury  
 Altar—Pat Irvine  
 m/Counters—Scott Crawford, Lori Derflinger

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,945.25	\$22,018.80	\$24,323.22	(\$2,304.42)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

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



Sacred Heart will be holding  
 Stations of the Cross  
 every Friday during Lent at 11a.m. All  
 are invited.

## '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

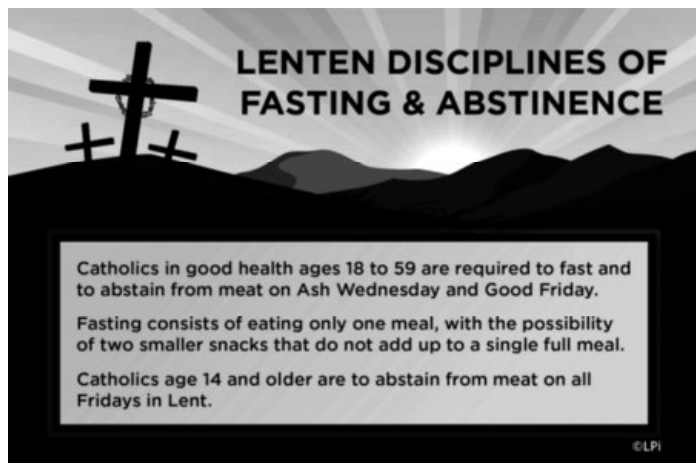
### IHM

6:00p.m. Mass and Ashes



## LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus invite all to come to our Lenten Fish Fry on Saturday, February 25th at St. Theresa Parish Center from 4pm to 7pm. Meals are \$10.00 a plate to benefit the Parish Boy Scout Troop.



*thank you*

Many thanks to all who helped us celebrate my ordination anniversary. We are so grateful for your past support of our ministry and looking forward to what the future holds for this great cluster! May God continue to bless you.

Deacon Emmett and Robin



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE  
HOSTING FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP  
SUPPERS BEFORE STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS STARTING AT 4:30PM TO  
5:55PM AT ST. THERESA PARISH  
CENTER FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS AT 6PM**

**FEBRUARY 24**

**MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24**



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 21—FEBRUARY 26  
TUESDAY, FEB. 21**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Julie Waldyer
- Adoration to follow

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22**

- 9:00am—Mass and Ashes
- 12:00pm—Ashes Only
- 6:00pm—Mass and Ashes

**THURSDAY, FEB. 23**

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

**FRIDAY, FEB. 24**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sophia Skoniesny
- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, FEB. 25**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey

**SUNDAY, FEB. 26**

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Harold Colvin, Jr.
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Jose Quinoneu

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF FEB. 20—FEB. 26  
MONDAY, Feb. 20**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**FRIDAY, Feb. 24**

- 4:30pm Lenten Soup Supper prior to Stations of the Cross—PC

**SATURDAY, Feb. 25**

- 4pm-7pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—PC

**SUNDAY, Feb. 26**

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



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, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Major Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss*

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,525.10	\$140,492.29	\$146,883.89	(\$6,391.60)

**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 56 people on February 8, 2023

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