

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



**CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901**

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*February 26, 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**

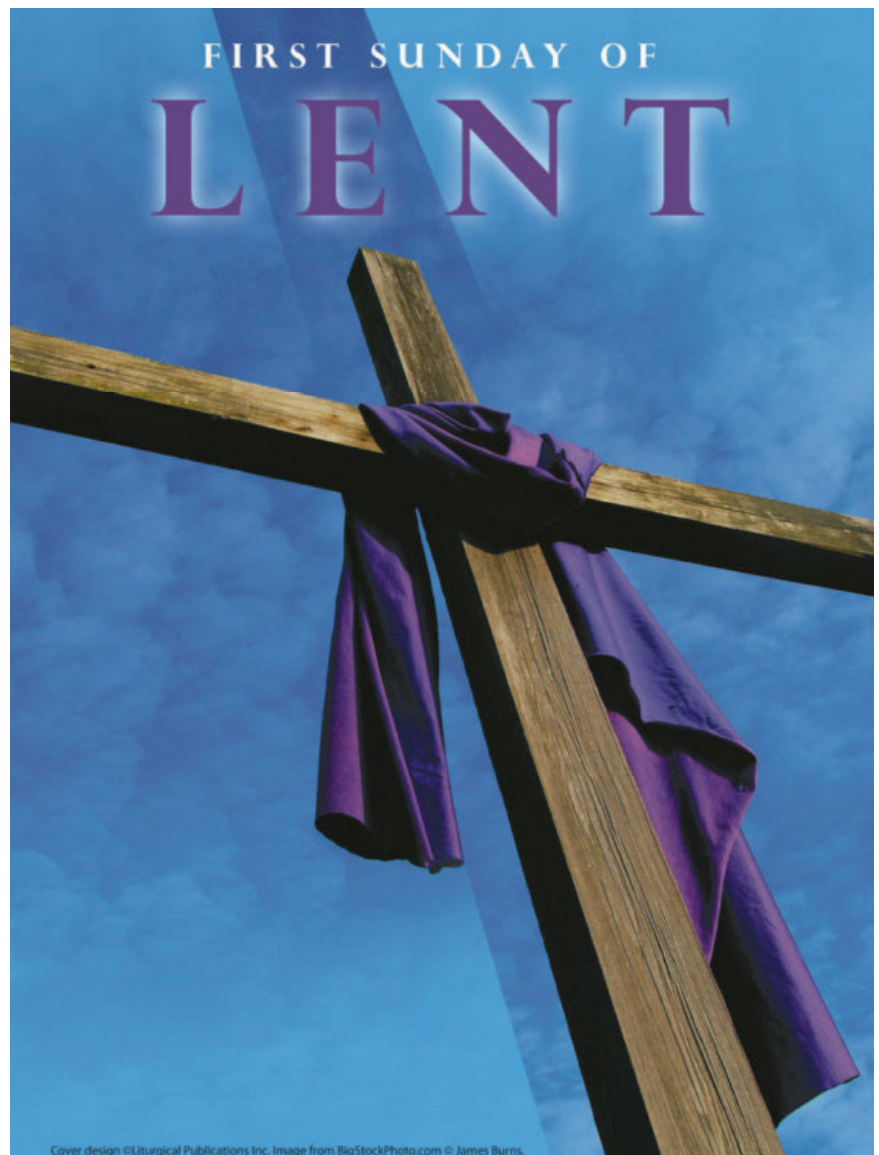
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **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.



*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 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 26, 2023**

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Formed and Fallen**

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

*"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15*

**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, 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, George Thack

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Mar. 5**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Nancy Fothergill  
 Ushers—Dan Derflinger/Buck Dean  
 Altar—Nancy Fothergill  
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Beth Gregory

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

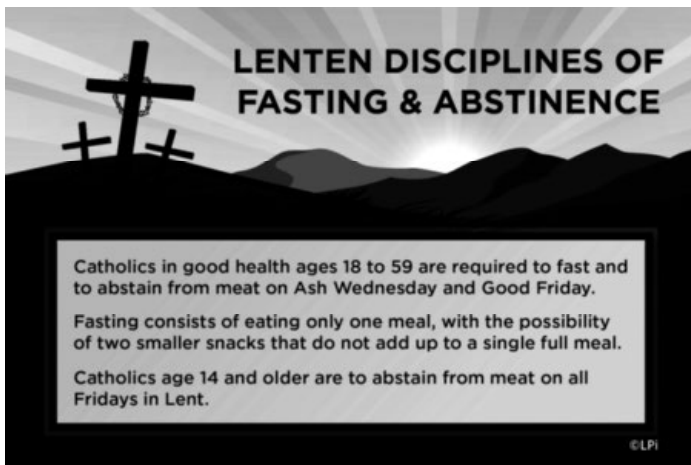
Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,945.25	\$22,018.80	\$24,323.22	(\$2,304.42)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

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

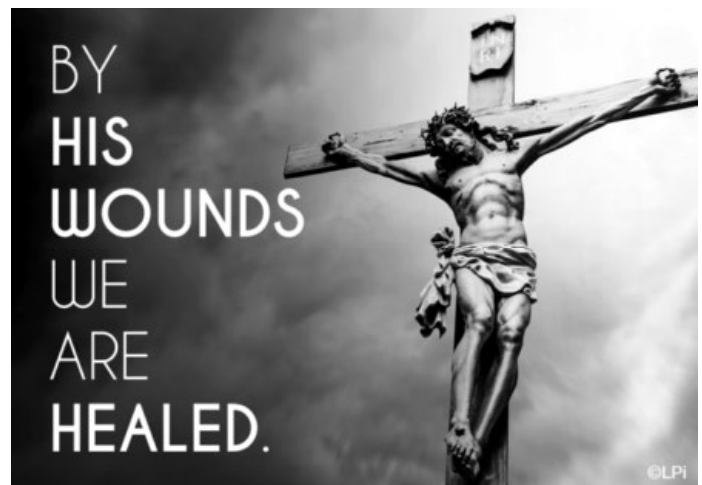
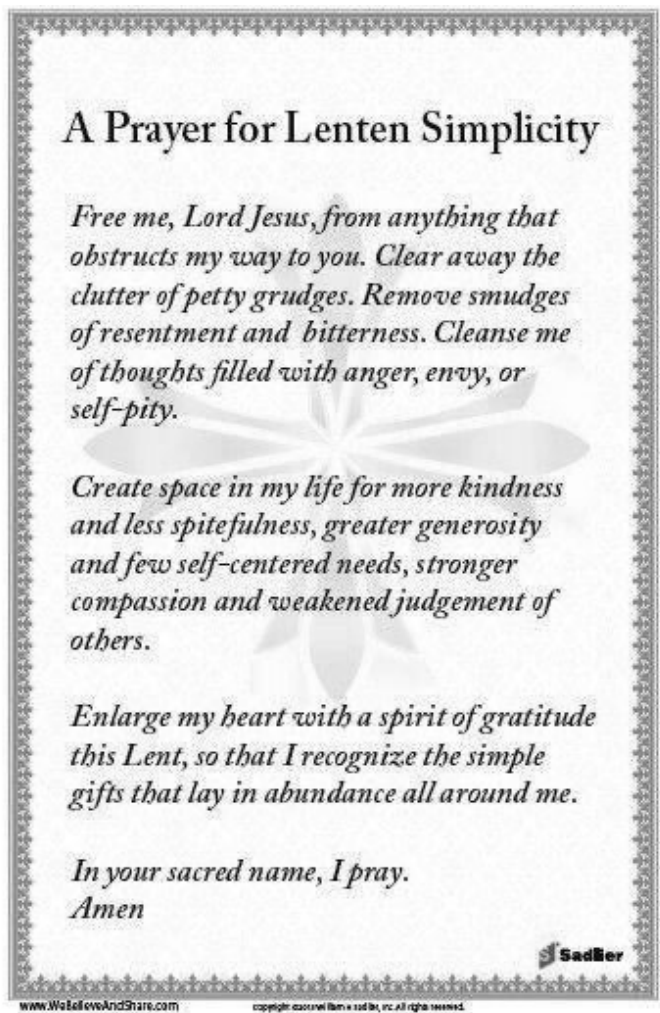


Sacred Heart will be holding  
 Stations of the Cross  
 every Friday during Lent at 11a.m. All  
 are invited.

**'CLUSTER NEWS'**

**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**

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

**Online Newsletter**

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**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 5  
TUESDAY, FEB. 28**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Lou McKenny
- Adoration to follow

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Frank Aleksa
- Adoration following Mass until 10:30am

**FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sean Brown
- Followed by Adoration
- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

**FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

- 9:00am First Saturday Mass

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Jim & Sharon McKenney
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF FEB. 27—MARCH 5  
MONDAY, Feb. 27**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, March 1**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**FRIDAY, March 3**

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

**SUNDAY, March 5**

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



**SAVE THE DATE**

**APRIL 1ST**

**ST. THERESA ANNUAL YARD SALE  
NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH  
MARCH 31. BIG ITEMS CAN ONLY BE  
DELIVERED THE WEEK OF MARCH 28TH.  
PLEASE SEE MISS DOREEN FOR ANY  
QUESTIONS.**

*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, Jane Donovan, Pat Ely, George Thack*

***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)

**THANK YOU**

The proceeds from our bake sale last weekend amounted to \$453.00.

The members of the Parish Events Committee would like to thank all of our bakers, purchasers, and members of our committee who helped make this sale a success. Your participation is always greatly appreciated. Thank you all and God Bless!

**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 62 people on February 15, 2023



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