

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

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*March 5, 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**

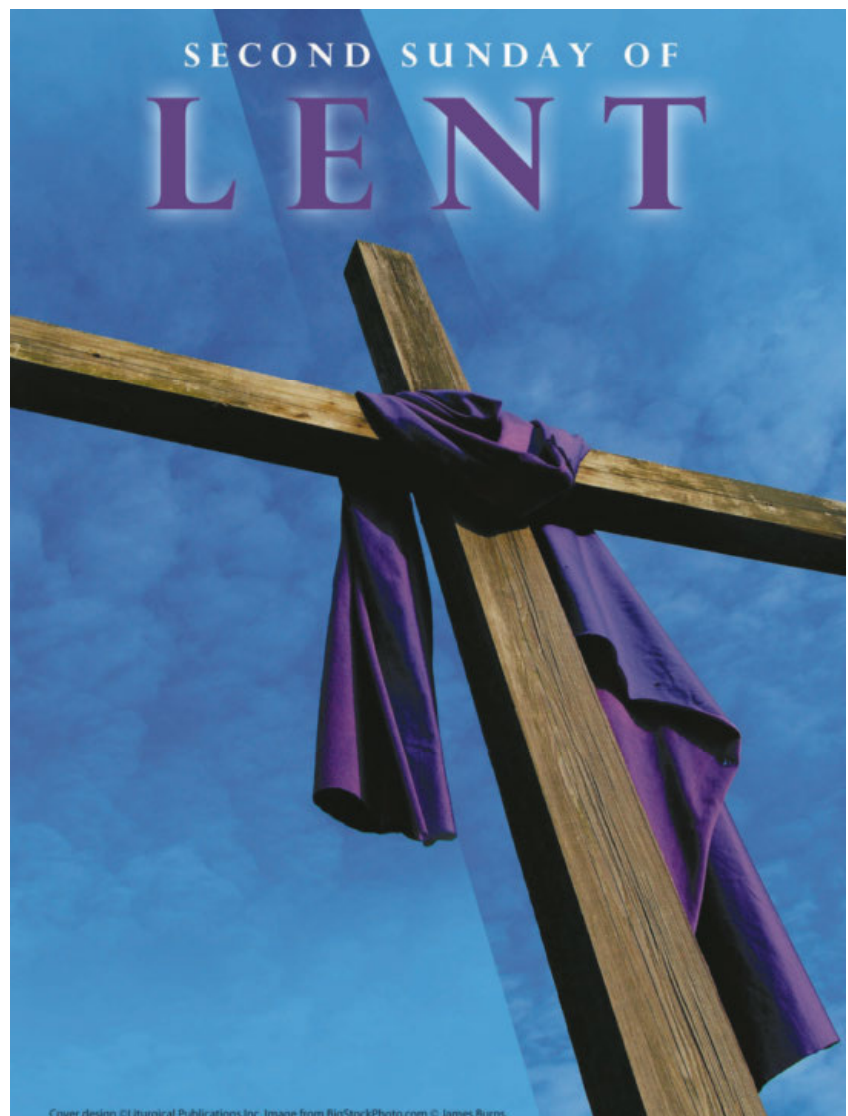
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **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 March 5, 2023**

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too... my *sister!*” I couldn’t see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it’s a miracle, it is so related to the apostles’ perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.”** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father’s love. It’s only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can’t. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— *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, 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



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 6pm during Lent, followed by soup and bread suppers. Sign up lists are available to determine interest and for planning.

The schedule for Fri, March 3 is as follows:

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm - Mass and Benediction with confession. Soup and bread supper to follow.

**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. 12**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Pat Irvine  
 Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Warren Wade  
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan  
 m/Counters—Lori Derflinger/Scott Crawford

**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'***



Adult Education Class for March will be on  
Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm at the  
Parish Center.



### **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**ST. THERESA RECONCILIATION WILL BE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND AT  
6:00PM.**



**SACRED HEART INVITES YOU TO A**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

**\$10.00 PER PLATE (ADULT)**

**\$5.00 PER PLATE (CHILDREN)**

**PAY AT THE DOOR.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH**

**4PM TAKEOUT**

**5PM DINE IN**

**JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC, CORNED BEEF &  
CABBAGE, POTATOES, CARROTS, ROLLS,  
DESSERT AND DRINK**

**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 10, 17, 24**

### **Knights of Columbus**

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More info- Jim Kazmer, 757-897-0119

### **Online Newsletter**

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**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**MARCH 7—MARCH 12**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Sean Brown
- Adoration to follow

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**  
**(IN CHAPEL AT PARISH CENTER)**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †St. Padre Pio  
Adoration following Mass until 10:30am

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Fred Richard

**6:00pm Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for † Priests of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Jim McKenney
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Sam Greta

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF MARCH 6—MARCH 12**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

- 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)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**

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

**Campus Ministry** is looking for cooks and discussion leaders for Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm during the Spring semes-

**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 38 people on February 22, 2023



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