

# 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.



*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, 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 19, 2023**

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Everyday Stewardship**

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**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, 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, Pam Blevins*

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Feb 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,397.31	\$44,981.82	\$44,961.70	\$20.12

**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.

The schedule for Fri, March 17 is as follows:

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
 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. 26**

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

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Feb, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,676.00	\$25,694.80	\$27,461.70	(\$1,766.90)

**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'***



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION  
SERVICE**

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

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**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

Campus Ministry is participating with other Catholic Campus Ministries from around the country in the Spring Days of Giving Event March 28 - 29. To support us, visit the website below or you can donate in person. Thank you for supporting our college students. <https://ccma.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/catholic-campus-ministry-at-hampden-sydney-college-and-longwood-university>"

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**MASS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH ON  
THURSDAY MORNINGS FOLLOWED  
BY ADORATION AT THE CHAPEL IN  
THE PARISH CENTER.**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT  
9:00AM THERE WILL BE ADORA-  
TION IN THE CHAPEL IN THE  
PARISH CENTER**



**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 24**

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**There will be a second collection  
next weekend for Catholic Relief  
Services.**

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

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Rita Brandt
- Adoration to follow

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

- 9:00am Adoration in the Chapel

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco  
Adoration following Mass at the Chapel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sean Brown

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †David Dionisio

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Jim McKenney
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for † Megan Austin

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF MARCH 20—MARCH 26**

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

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

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS**

The following students recently celebrated First Reconciliation and are now preparing for First Communion in May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Macklin Austin  
Noel Delgado  
Viviana Delgado  
Aiden Derome  
Scarlett Gaffney

Sergio Lentini  
Thomas Owen  
Lianne Parilla  
Dylan Leon-Perez  
Brady Shaver

The following student is preparing for Confirmation in June: Please keep him in prayer as he continues formation for Confirmation.

Isaiah Gehan

*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, Pat Freudenthal*

***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 Feb 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$22,614.00	\$163,107.13	\$165,836.65	(\$2,729.52))

**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 52 people on March 8, 2023



APRIL 1ST

St. Theresa annual YARD SALE

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH MARCH 31.

BIG ITEMS CAN ONLY BE DELIVERED THE WEEK OF  
MARCH 28TH.

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