

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

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*August 6, 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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

*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, Parish Council), Lori Der-

flinger, Scott Crawford, Mary McKay

(Chair, Finance Council)

**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, Dean

Lord, Lynn Skakum, Pat Brandt, Mike Biase, Gene

Donovan

#### 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 August 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

#### Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

*"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone**

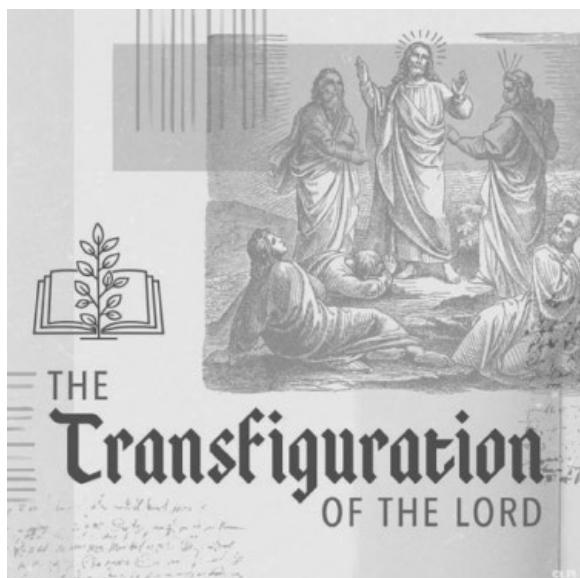
**Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification Resubmit if needed:**  
 Tom Neal, Diane Menting, Deacon Peter Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, John & Ellen Thompson, Phyllis, Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Esther Sablan, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, Sharon Watson

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected June 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,323.00	\$68,935.97	\$66,800.24	\$2,134.73

**IHM Finance Council**

**Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Juan Ramirez**

**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, 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, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Aug.13**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Jim Guy  
 Ushers—Wade Warren/Dennis Queensbury  
 EM—Pat Irvine  
 Altar—Tammy Hinchey  
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Beth Gregory

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected June, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,680.00	\$40,567.80	\$40,800.24	\$(232.44)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Mary McKay, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

**Gone to the Dogs**

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not, we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"

***'CLUSTER NEWS'*****ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS**

It's a good time to remind ANYONE wishing to be involved with the youth of the parish or vulnerable adults that you must attend a VIRTUS training session and have a background check completed. **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** is offered at a variety of times and locations and information for signing up and attending can be found at: **Virtusonline.org**. Follow the registration link to find a session and time that best suits your schedule.

**"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER".** (Pope John Paul II) The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted.

For more information or to register, go to [WWWME.org](http://WWWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are the remaining local experiences for 2023:

September 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA

November 17-19 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

**Grief Support Group**

This Grief Support Group is an informal gathering that meets every third Sunday of each month at 2 PM at the Parish Center in Farmville. For further information please contact Eniko Swanick at 434-392-8775.

**CURSILLO**

The purpose of Cursillo is to provide a foundation to enable a person to become a leader in living what is fundamental for being a Christian: love of God and love of neighbor experienced through three essential encounters: an encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with others. The essence of the Cursillo is the living out, in one's daily life, the Gospel values of Christ.

The next men's 3 day weekend will be held on October 19-22.

If you are interested please see Deacon Emmett for further information.

**RCIA**

**Those who are interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00a.m. in the Parish Center. Please call the office for an application or for more information see Deacon Emmett.**

**YARD SALE**

**SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2023  
END OF THE YEAR YARD SALE.  
DOORS OPEN AT 7AM.**

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**AUGUST 8—AUGUST 13**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Deceased Members of the Donovan Family
- Adoration to follow  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †John Keehan  
 Adoration to follow in the Chapel  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †William Brandt  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**
- 5:00pm Mass offered for Emmett McLane  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Tad Januszkiewicz
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF AUGUST 7—AUGUST 13**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**
- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**Christian Formation/Religious Education**

Weekly classes (K-12) will resume Sunday,  
 September 17, 2023

9-10 a.m. at the Parish Center

Registration will take place after all Masses  
 in the month of August.

Look for forms in the Commons.

- fill out one for each child
- fee (payable at registration or the first class)  
 remains at \$25 per child
- place completed forms in the file folder provided.

All of our teachers are looking forward to working  
 with you and your children again this year.

Karel Bailey, DRE

**ATTENTION**

St. Theresa's is in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the  
 Homebound. If you are interested, please contact the  
 office. Thanks.

*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, Ed-  
 win Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Olie Burg-  
 er, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, 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, 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, Bruce  
 Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reynolds, Karen  
 Kulla, Joyce Spencer, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, Russell  
 Baker, Carroll Gillespie, Christopher Biron, Eliza Reyn-  
 olds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart*

***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**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>YTD Collected June 2023</b>	<b>YTD Collection Budget</b>	<b>Overage or (Shortage)</b>
\$15,659.36	\$233,377.52	\$246,385.88	(\$13,008.36)

**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. **Please  
 make sure to check expiration on packages.**  
 It is truly appreciated. We served 36 people on July  
 26, 2023





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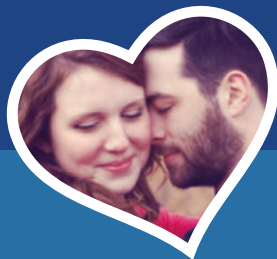
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