

# 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 Closed**

**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 Derflinger, 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  
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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 13, 2023**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

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

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn’t that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn’t? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord’s love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord’s grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— *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:**  
 Tom Neal, 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, Rita Flowers

**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.20**

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

**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

**The Assumption****Question:**

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

**Answer:**

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

**‘CLUSTER NEWS’****AUGUST 15**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**

MASSES AS FOLLOWS

ST, THERESA  
9AM AND 7PM  
(No 5:30pm Mass)  
IHM—6PM  
SACRED HEART—11AM

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Tuesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall Semester. If you have any questions or are interested email Dan Holland at [farmvilleccm@gmail.com](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com).

**Attention:**

The chapel in the Parish Center at St. Theresa will be open Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm. All are welcome. However, we will no longer have Adoration at this time. There will also be no Adoration between Masses on Sunday. Any questions, please call the office.

Adoration will be on Tuesday evening after the 5:30pm Mass and on First Friday after the 9:00am Mass.

**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 15—AUGUST 20**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**MARY**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Special Intentions
- 7:00pm Mass offered for †Sergio Raia, Waleska Delgado Raia

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Deceased Members of the Wilcox Family

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Pat Gleeson

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Theresa Capezza

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Deceased Members of the Burleson Family
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF AUGUST 14—AUGUST 20**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

**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, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Olie Burger, 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, 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 Reynolds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart, Florence Torsiello*

***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 June 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$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 38 people on August 2, 2023

**Please notify the office if under special circumstances, you or a family member are in need of a priest or deacon's visitation**





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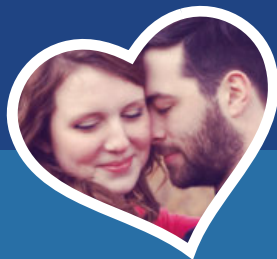


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