

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.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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

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 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28

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 July 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,255.00	\$6,255.00	\$6,833.35	(\$578.35)

IHM Finance Council

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

REMINDER

Next

First Friday Mass at 6:00pm on September 1st

Mass every third Thursday at 6pm

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.27

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader—Karen Halay
 Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Peggy Dunegan
 EM—Pat Irvine
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan
 m/Counters—Beth Gregory/Tammy Hinchey

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected July, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,029.00	\$4,029.00	\$4,323.95	\$(294.95)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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



'CLUSTER NEWS'**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."

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.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education begins on Thursday, September 28th at 6pm at St. Theresa Parish Center. Topic will be Our Fathers Plan: A Catholic Bible Study of Salvation History by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins. Sign up sheet is in the Commons Area at St. Theresa. Books are \$15.95.. For Sacred Heart or IHM, please call the office.

Girl Scout News

Any girl interested in joining Girl Scouts is invited to bring a parent or guardian to the Girl Scouts recruitment night at 6 pm on August 23 in the St. Theresa Parish Center. If you have questions, please contact Patty Jones at mtn.vw.375@gmail.com

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 22—AUGUST 27
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco
- Followed By Adoration
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Bill Brandt
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Fran & Helen Donovan
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 21—AUGUST 27
MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**
- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

Christian Formation/Religious Education

Weekly classes (K-12) will resume Sunday,
September 10, 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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOX IN
THE COMMONS AREA NEAR THE EXIT
DOOR.**

*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, Danielle
Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Bucky, Anne Love-
less, 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 Mat-
thews, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reyn-
olds, Karen Kulla, Joyce Spencer, Julia Shields, Chris John-
son, Russell Baker, Carroll Gillespie, Christopher Biron,
Eliza Reynolds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart, Marq-"Bubba"
Webb*

***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

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\$19,682.06	\$19,682.06	\$26,186.00	(\$6,503.94)

St. Theresa Finance Council

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), 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 52 people on
August 9, 2023

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



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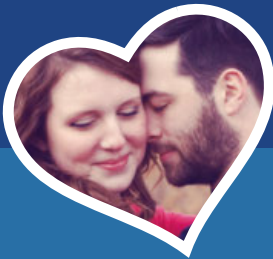
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