

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

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 27, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16

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 Sept. 3

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader—Dana Borum
 Ushers—Dan Derflinger/Buck Dean
 EM—Scott Crawford
 Altar—Pat Irvine
 m/Counters—Scott Crawford/Lori Derflinger

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

Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

'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 29—SEPTEMBER 3**
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Bob & Halora Burelson
- Followed By Adoration

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 9:00am Mass offered for Judy Palmieri

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 5:00pm Mass offered for Dr. Samuel Busch & Belinda

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Patrick Mooney

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 28—SEPTEMBER 3**
MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**
- 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, 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, 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, Marq-"Bubba" Webb, Judy Biron*

***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 64 people on August 16, 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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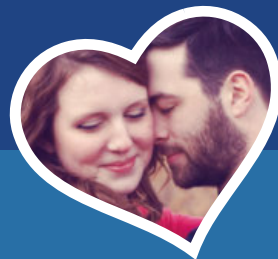


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