

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.



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes
to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life
for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25*

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 September 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1

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

**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. 10

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader—Nancy Fothergill
 Ushers—Dennis Queensberry/Wade Warren
 EM—Pat Irvine
 Altar—Nancy Fothergill
 m/Counters—Beth Gregory/Scott Crawford

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is holding a Fall Stew & Raffle on Saturday, September 16 at 1:00pm. A Brunswick-style chicken stew will be sold by the bowl for \$4 and by the quart for \$8. Hotdog plates will also be available for \$4 a plate. Event will include live music, yard games, and a dunk tank. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship!

'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."

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.

LITTLE FLOWER NEWS

Young ladies in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join the Little Flowers Catholic Girls' Club, now in its second year! Little Flowers teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism. Each meeting features a different saint and virtue and includes a game, craft, and lunch.

The club meets on the second Saturday of each month from September through May, from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. **The first meeting will be on Saturday September 9th and will include participation in Farmville Walk for Life at 8:30am.**

Interested young ladies can be registered by contacting the church office (434-392-3934), or emailing the coordinator, Sarai Blincoe at saraibcellphone@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.

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.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 5—SEPTEMBER 10**

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Alice Johnson
- Followed By Adoration

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Tad Januszkiewicz

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Frank Egitto

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Sergio Raia & Waleska Delgado Raia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Tad Januszkiewicz
- 10:30am Mass offered for † Verla & Willard Lutz & Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF SEPT. 4—SEPT. 10**

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center



Our September bake sale will take place after each Mass next weekend Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10.

We would appreciate donations of baked goods that can be left in the church kitchen from 9:00 am to 12 noon on Friday, September 8, or before any of the Masses that weekend. Items should be packaged and ready to sell. Thank you everyone and, as always, we appreciate your help.

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, 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

Regular Collection	YTD Collected July, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$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 34 people on August 23, 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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