

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

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*September 10 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.



## **23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his  
fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you,  
you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

*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](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 September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

#### Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95*

**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. 17**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Dana Borum  
 Ushers—Peggy Dunegan/Bernard Marquis  
 EM—Scott Crawford  
 Altar—Tammy Hinchey  
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/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



**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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 today at 9:00a.m. in the Parish Center. For more information see Deacon Emmett.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 10:30AM**

**BISHOP KNESTOUT WILL BE AT ST. THERESA ON OCTOBER 9 AT THE 10:30 MASS FOR THE PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS FOR FR. CHRIS**

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 12 —SEPTEMBER 17**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 12**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Lisa Burns
- Followed By Adoration

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 14**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Alice Johnson

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 15**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Alice Johnson

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- 8:00am Mass offered for †James Alaphonsia  
McMenamin
- 10:30am Mass offered for † Francesco Curcio Raia

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF SEPT. 11—SEPT. 17**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 11**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17**

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

## 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.

### Parish Council

Parishioners are encouraged to share any questions, concerns, etc. with the Parish Council by e-mail at [sttheresascc@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresascc@gmail.com). You can also approach any council member. Council members are listed on the second page of the bulletin or on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. the Commons Area.

*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 30, 2023

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