

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

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*September 17, 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.



## **24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

*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  
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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 September 17, 2023

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  
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

#### September 17, 2023

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— *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 August 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,345.25	\$11,600.25	\$12,300.03	(\$699.78)

1) Bethany Bargains Thrift Shop is overflowing with donations. To reduce inventory and help the community, we will open to the public on the first Sat of the month, beginning Sat, Oct 7, 9-11am. Future dates will be dependent on weather and inventory.

Also, we will have a Fall yard sale on Sat, Nov. 4, 7am until noon.

Volunteers are much needed to assist with all preparations and sales for these events. Please mark your calendars, sign up and offer to help your parish. Contacts for these events are Naleen Cordle, Grace McDonald, Norma Ruiz, Patty York. Thank you!

2) HELP, the local food pantry, is serving more people and in need of YOUR help. We will have a food basket at the front entrance and in Bethany House for drop off donations throughout the year. As you shop for groceries, please think of those in need and add a non-perishable item or two to our basket of donated goods.

**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. 24**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Jim Guy  
 Usher—Wade Warren/Dennis Queensberry  
 EM—Pat Irvine  
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan  
 m/Counters—Scott Crawford/Lori Derflinger

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug., 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,596.00	\$7,625.00	\$7,793.11	(\$158.11)

**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](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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children and vulnerable adults) training sessions will be held at St. Theresa Parish Center on Saturday, October 14th at 10 a.m. and Thursday, October 19th at 1 p.m.

VIRTUS training (one session) is REQUIRED of ALL persons interested in or currently working with youth of the church or vulnerable adults; to attend either of these sessions you MUST go to: [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and register following the prompts to find the Richmond Diocese and available sessions. You do not have to attend a session here but can find one more suited to your schedule on that sight. Our sessions are in person but there are virtual sessions available.

Seating for each of these sessions will be limited so please register early. If these sessions fill up we will offer more in the future. Our aim is to have all of our youth co-workers trained.

Facilitators for these sessions will be Dottie Zimolong, Tracy Carilli and Karel Bailey

**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.

**Special Collection**

**There will be a special collection on the weekend of September 30th—October 1 for Catholic Schools and Education in the Diocese.**

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

**BISHIOP KNESTOUT WILL BE AT ST. THERESA ON OCTOBER 8 AT THE 10:30 MASS FOR THE PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS FOR FR. CHRIS**

**“If you want to do something good for someone, that’s great, BUT do it and shut up.”**

**Anonymous**



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 19 —SEPTEMBER 24**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Emmett McLane

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Audrey Latta

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ida Campagna
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Florence Torsiello
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Tad Januszkiewicz

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF SEPT. 18—SEPT. 24**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 18**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24**

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



I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Yard Sale be it monetary, physical help or prayers. I would especially like to thank the Boy Scouts, K of C and Carol Beattie for helping me on Saturday.

With that being said, we raised over \$1,050.00 for the Food Pantry

Thank you  
Ms. Doreen Hines, Chair

*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 Aug., 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$31,402.75	\$51,084.81	\$47,134.80	\$3,950.01

**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 38 people on September 6.

**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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