

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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*September 24, 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.



**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

*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 Der-

flinger, 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 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— *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 OCT. 1**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Pat Irvine  
 Usher—Buck Dean/Barnard Marquis  
 EM—Dona Selig  
 Altar—Pat Irvine  
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Beth Gregory

**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'****CURSILLO****ATTENTION**

On October 10, 11 and 12th (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) the office will be open from 9a.m. until 12:00p.m.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education begins this Thursday, the 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.

**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

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to your generosity, our Central Virginia Catholic Cluster team raised over \$2,500 for the Pregnancy Support Center at their annual Walk for Life. Eighteen parishioners participated on the walk and many more chose to donate to this worthy cause. The Life Ministries Committee appreciates your continued support of this ministry!

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**

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for the Baskets of Cheer raffle. \$5.00 dollars each. You can win one of the three baskets available.

Los Caballeros de Colón ya están vendiendo los boletos para la Rifa de la Canasta del Brindis.  
5 dólares cada uno.

Puede ganar una de las tres canastas disponibles.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 26—OCTOBER 1**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben  
Followed By Adoration  
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Paul Brandt  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Paul Brandt  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Rita Brandt  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Betty Olinger
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Tad Januszkiewicz

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF SEPT. 25—OCT. 1**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center  
**MONDAY, SEPT. 25**
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27**
- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 1**
- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center

**Thanks**

The proceeds from our bake sale last weekend amounted to \$433.00.

The members of the Parish Events Committee would like to thank all of who supported the Bake Sale

**BINGO**

St. Theresa’s Parish Center on Saturday 7, October at 10 a.m.  
*This month’s proceeds will go to the local Fire Department and Prospect Fire Department*

**What to bring:**

- White elephant item if you wish to bring one
- Cash for Raffle or donations welcome
- Covered dish for lunch**
- A friend or neighbor - all are welcome

Contact Peg Giordano at 392-1617 if you have any questions  
See flyer for more details

*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 people on September 13.

**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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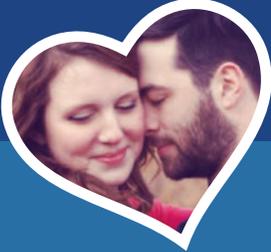
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