

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday immediately following 9 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass .

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:00pm 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, 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 December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— *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, Eileen Lane, Jerry Smith

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct. 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,665.01	\$22,849.27	\$24,600.06	(\$1,750.79)

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 Dec. 24

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
Reader—Pat Irvine
EM—Scott Crawford
Altar—Nancy Fothergill
Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Bernard Marquis
m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Beth Gregory

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Reader—Nancy Fothergill
EM—Pat Irvine
Altar—Dona Selig
Ushers—Buck Dean/Peggy Dunegan
m/counters—Scott Crawford/Lori Derflinger

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct. 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,794.00	\$14,549.60	\$15,566.22	(\$1,016.62)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Mary McKay, Chairman
Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

‘CLUSTER NEWS’

Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards during the Advent season.
Ask your nearest Knight about them.

Los Caballeros de Colon estarán vendiendo Tarjetas de Navidad durante el Adviento.
Pregunte a su Caballero mas cercano.

Knights of Columbus

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Meetings on Second Thursday of month
At parish center 7pm to 8pm
More info- Victor Cruz
At victor.cruz.quezada@gmail.com

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.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE****Saint Theresa Catholic Church-
Farmville**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Masses)
*December 24th, Regular Sunday schedule and
Sunday, 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass at 12:00am
December 25th, Monday, 9:00am*
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God –
Masses
*December 31, Regular Sunday schedule and
Sunday 5:00pm Vigil Mass
January 1, Monday, 9:00am*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic
Church
Blackstone**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil Masses)
*December 24, Regular Sunday Schedule and
Sunday, 5:00pm Vigil
7:00pm Spanish Mass
December 25, Monday 9:00am*
Solemnity of Mary, Holy mother of God –
Masses
*December 31, Regular Sunday schedule and
Sunday, 5:00pm Vigil Mass
January 1, Monday 9:00am*

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Meherrin**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass)
December 25, Monday, 11:00am
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Mass
*January 1, Monday, 11:00am
Sunday Mass as normally scheduled*

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00am Mass offered for Robin George

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Joan Clay
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Alice Johnson
- 5:00pm Mass offered for Parishioners of the cluster

MIDNIGHT MASS

- 12:00am Mass offered for Special Intentions

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

MONDAY, Dec. 18

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, Dec. 24

NO CCD OR RCIA



REMINDER:

Parish Center Chapel is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9am to 3pm. Take a moment during this Advent Season to stop by and reflect.

Remember the Poor Box in the Commons Area of the Church.. Every little bit helps.

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, John Wunnenberg, Rich Eshelman*

***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 Oct., 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$20,624.06	\$89,192.07	\$94,269.60	(\$5,077.53)

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 58 people on Dec. 6.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

If you need help with odd jobs around the house, please feel free to contact the Hampden-Sydney Catholic Campus Ministries for assistance.

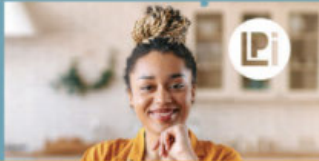
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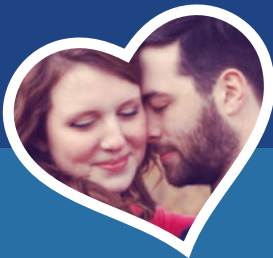
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