

# 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.



## **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

**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, 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 March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

**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, Gus Mitchell, Paul Semtner, Naleen Cordle, Rose Grattan, Richard Whitmore, Libby Smith

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,409.25	\$40,038.67	\$38,266.76	\$1,771.91

**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, Buck y 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 Mar 10**

Reader—Nancy Fothergill

EM—Pat Irvine

Altar—Dona Selig

Ushers—Bernard Marquis/Warren Wade

m/Counters—Beth Gregory/Tammy Hinchey

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,353.00	\$24,682.90	\$24,214.12	\$468.78

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

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



**On the second Sunday of each month there will be a second collection to help offset the expenses of our St Patrick's Day dinner and the annual stew.**

***‘CLUSTER NEWS’***



***SACRED HEART CHURCH***

***ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
DINNER***

***SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH  
TAKE OUT—4:00PM  
DINE IN—5:00PM***

***MUSIC  
CORNED BEEF DINNER  
GREEN BEER (additional cost)  
\$12.00 per plate***



**Please notify the office if under special circumstances, you or a family member are in need of a priest or deacon's visitation**

**ST. THERESA ANNUAL YARD SALE  
NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH  
April 5th. BIG ITEMS CAN ONLY BE  
DELIVERED THE WEEK OF APRIL 2.  
PLEASE SEE MISS DOREEN FOR ANY  
QUESTIONS**

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**Farmville Area Ministerial  
Association  
Lenten Services**

**12:00 Services & 12:30 Lunches**

**3/06 St. Theresa's Catholic Church**

**3/13 Heritage Baptist Church**

**3/20 Jericho Baptist Church**

**3/27 Farmville United Methodist  
Church**

**3/29 Farmville Baptist Church (Good Fri-  
day Service)**

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**MARCH 5 —MARCH 10**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- 9:00am Mass offered for Pete & Diane Menting
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Frank Toti
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Jim McKenney
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF Mar. 4– Mar. 10**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 6**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

**Followed by Stations of the Cross**

The St. Theresa parish Lenten Soup Suppers will be every Friday at 5 pm in

the Parish Center. They will continue each Friday throughout Lent except for Good Friday. All are welcome. If you wish you may bring a pot of “meatless” soup to share.

Stations of the Cross will follow the Supper at 6 PM in the church.

**Parish Council News**

Nominations for Parish Council members will take place this weekend, March 2/3. Please include name and a phone number and/or an email address so that we can contact the person being nominated to assure their desire to serve.

*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, Anna Marie Nolan  
***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, Howard Arthur, Zach Ranson, Carolyn Wells, Carolyn Craft, Jason Kneeland, Joan Varga, Brenda Korrow

***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, John Pempel, Taylor Armstrong

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$19,234.14	\$149,213.15	\$162,353.20	(\$13,140.05)

**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 58 people on February 14.



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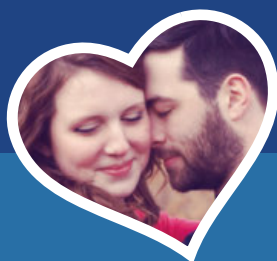
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