

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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**MARCH 17, 2024**

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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.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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*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 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/  
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,  
7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,  
17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn  
10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn  
11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-  
9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BLACKSTONE**  
**Please pray for 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, 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, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Libby Smith, Barbara Miller, Helen Spain, Helen Hemetec, Sally Augustine, Maribel Arandea, Benny Borja, Racahel Kearney, Ashley Townsend, Chris Langis

### ***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, 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 24**

Reader—Jim Guy/Karen Halay  
 EM—Scott Crawford  
 Altar—Pat Irvine  
 Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Buck Dean  
 m/Counters—Bernard Marquis/Beth Gregory

### **SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

#### **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

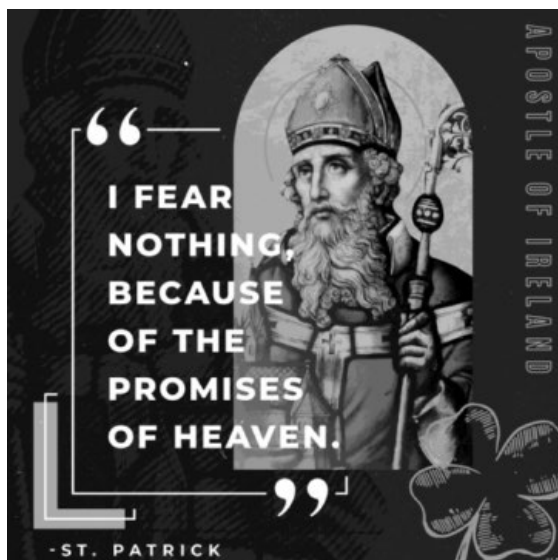
#### **IHM Finance Council**

**Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Juan Ramirez**

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



***‘CLUSTER NEWS’******KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS***  
***NEWS***

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Benefits night on Thursday, 21st March, at 7:00 pm.

Come to St Theresa's Community Center and if you are not yet a Knight we'll share with you to what the Knights are and what we do.

If you are already a Knight, come to know all the tools that we can provide to help you protect your loved ones.

This event is open to all the families and single men of the Cluster.

***CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS***

"Campus Ministry is having an online Fundraising Campaign with other Catholic College Campus Ministries from around the country March 19-20. The link is below and any amount is greatly appreciated, we can accept both online and offline. Currently, our growing ministry is looking to expand to a bigger office, so any funds will help us to find a bigger space. <https://ccma.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/catholic-campus-ministry-at-hampden-sydney-college-and-longwood-university> "

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

**March 28th Holy Thursday**

**St. Theresa** – 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**IHM** – 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

**St. Theresa** – 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**St. Theresa** - 7:00pm The Lord's Passion

**IHM** – 6:00pm Stations of the Cross and the Lord's Passion

**Sacred Heart** – 3:00pm Stations of the Cross and The Lord's Passion

**March 30th Holy Saturday**

**St. Theresa** - 8:00pm - The Easter Vigil in the Holy night

**Immaculate Heart of Mary** – 8:00pm – The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night

**March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**St. Theresa** – 8:00am and 10:30am

**IHM** – 9:00am

**Sacred Heart** – 11:00am

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**MARCH 19—MARCH 24**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Souls in Purgatory
  - 9:00am Mass offered for Special Intentions
  - 9:00am Mass offered for †SorAnito Larco
  - 5:00pm Mass offered for †Leo & Georgia Clerkin
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Russell Baker
  - 10:30am Mass offered for †Theresa Dooley

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF Mar. 18– Mar. 24**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 20**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
  - 5:00pm Soup Sunday followed by Stations of the Cross
- SUNDAY, March 23**
- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
  - 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center



**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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*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, Bill Neu  
***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 Craft, Jason Kneeland, Joan Varga, Brenda Korrow, Taylor Armstrong

***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, Captain Christopher Selig

**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 64 people on March 6



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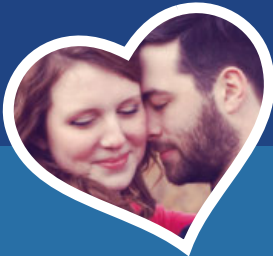
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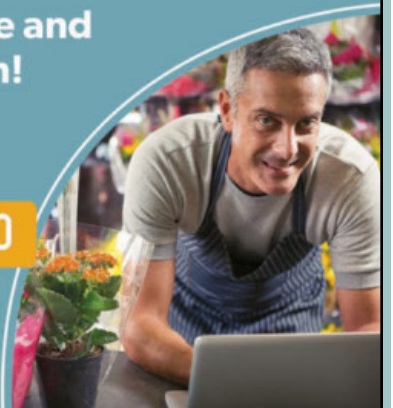
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