

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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz,

Michelle Varga, Lynn Skakum, Pat Brandt,

Mike Biase, Gene Donovan, Victor Adaniel

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 August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps
132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/

Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/

1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-
15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Everyday Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away their body and their life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all they have has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship. Then, you must ask the question of yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people practicing Everyday Stewardship.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, 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, Rachael Kearney, Debbie Misorski, Darrell & Joyce Harney, Tina & Christina Van Wart

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected June 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,086.00	\$74,489.58	\$66,861.62	\$7,627.96

IHM Finance Council

Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Grace McDonald

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, 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, Dan Bailey, Dewayne Bailey Barbara Nannery, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Dalton Barksdale, Judy Tanner, Fred & Lillian Jones

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS –Aug. 18

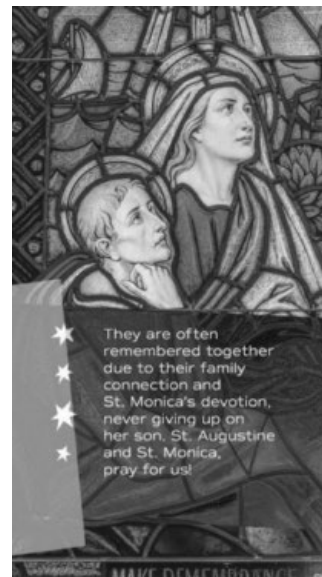
Reader—Dana Borum
 EM—Pat Irvine
 Altar—Dona Selig
 Ushers—Buck Dean/Scott Crawford
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Scott Crawford

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected June 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,724.00	\$46,886.40	\$42,309.90	\$4,576.50

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:
 Mary McKay, Chairman
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

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



★ They are often remembered together due to their family connection and St. Monica's devotion, never giving up on her son, St. Augustine and St. Monica, pray for us!

'CLUSTER NEWS'**Jubilee 2025**

Praying with the PSALMS:

There is a prayer for every state of mind and spiritual need in the Book of Psalms, Pope Francis said. There are many psalms that help us forge ahead. Get into the habit of praying the psalms. I assure you that you will be happy in the end. During his main catechesis, the pope continued his series on the Holy Spirit and highlighted the importance of prayer, especially in preparation for Holy Year 2025.

All the books of the Bible are inspired by the Holy Spirit, he said ;but the Book of Psalms is also so in the sense that it is full of poetic inspiration. The psalms were the prayer of Jesus, Mary, the Apostles and all previous Christian generations, he said. Jesus enters into the world with a verse from a psalm in his heart, I delight to do your will, my God (Ps 40:9), and he leaves the world with another verse, Into your hands I commend my spirit. (Ps 31:6).

Do you pray with the psalms sometimes? The pope asked, reminding people that there are special editions that contain the New Testament and the psalms together. If there are psalms, or just verses, that speak to our heart, it is good to repeat them and pray them during the day. The psalms are prayers for all season. There is no state of mind or need that does not find in them the best words to be transformed into prayer, the pope said. The psalms also allow the faithful to expand on the nature of their prayers, he said, so prayers are not just a series of requests and a continuous give me, give us; the psalms help us to open ourselves to a prayer that is less focused on ourselves: a prayer of praise, of blessing, of thanksgiving; and they also help us give voice to all creation, involving it in our praise, he said.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

**St. Theresa Farmville—
9:00am and 7:00pm**

IHM Blackstone—6pm

Sacred Heart Meherrin—11am



Those who are interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on **September 8 at 9:00am in the Parish Center at St. Theresa in Farmville.**

Please all the office for an application or for more information.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

AUGUST 13—AUGUST 18
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Special Intentions
Adoration to follow

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

- 9:00am Mass offered for Special Intentions
- 7:00PM Mass offered for Parishioners of Cluster

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Janice May
Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Theresa Capezza

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:00am Mass offered for Walker Carter
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE

WEEK OF August 12—August 18

WEDNESDAY, August 14

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

"Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday 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

An explanation of the Stewardship of Finance figures:

The Diocese has strict rules in how our budget may be modified. As a result, these changes often need placed in the Parish's yearly Offering budget line to allow the overall budget to be balanced. What this means is that our Offering totals for the year will appear to be in a significant deficit when, in fact, they are largely in line with what is collected from year to year. Please contact the Finance Council if you have additional questions about the budgeting process or how decisions are made with respect to Parish finances.

Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested

Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Bill Neu, Jim Croushorn

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, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, 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, Tiffany King, Evangeline King

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

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected June 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,469.85	\$240,286.66	\$256,215.25	(\$15,928.25)

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 68 people on July 31

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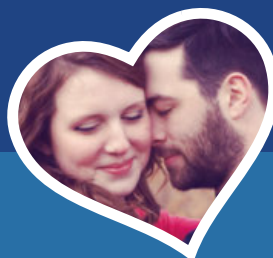
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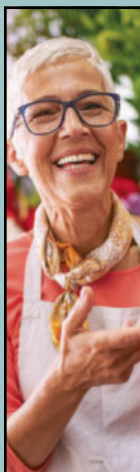
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