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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.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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, 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 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— 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, Naleen Cordle

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, Leigh 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 –Sept.1

Reader—`Pat Irvine
 EM—Scott Crawford
 Altar—Dona Selig
 Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Dennis Queensberry
 m/Counter—Bernard Marquis/Tammy Hinchey

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

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

IHM Finance Council

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

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

CEMETERY MEETING

Sacred Heart Cemetery Meeting at Sacred Heart Church after Mass on Sunday September 8. All are welcome to attend. Thank you.
 Peace

Prayer of Declaration

Lord,
 In the season when faith is hard, help me to be as bold as Peter who picked you above all others saying, "To whom shall I go? You have the words of eternal life."
 You're my God.
 I'm yours.
 There is nowhere else I would rather be.
 Amen.

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

'CLUSTER NEWS'**Jubilee 2025**

The Psalms, 'the prayer of Jesus,'
Are for all seasons

When we recite the Psalms, the Holy Father explained, "God listens to them with that grandiose "orchestration" that is the community of saints". He recalled that Jesus, according to the Letter to the Hebrews, entered into the world with a verse from a Psalm in His heart: 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God' (cf. Heb 10:7, Ps 40:9), and He left the world, according to the Gospel of Luke, with another verse on His lips: 'Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit' (Lk 23:46, cf. Ps 31:6).

The use of the psalms in the New Testament, he added, is certainly followed by that of the Fathers and the entire Church, but has an important role in our world today. "We cannot only live on the legacy of the past," he argued, by saying, "it is necessary to make the Psalms our prayer. It was written that, in a certain sense, we must ourselves become the 'scribes' of the Psalms, making them ours and praying with them.

When Psalms, or verses, "speak to our heart", he said, "it is good to repeat them and pray them during the day." Since they are prayers, "for all seasons," he said, "there is no state of mind or need that does not find in them the best words to be transformed into prayer." Unlike other prayers, the Pope stated, they do not lose their effectiveness by being repeated, but, "on the contrary, they increase it." This is so, he said, because "they are inspired by God and 'breather' God every time they are read with faith.

The Pope insisted that if we feel oppressed or fearful, or loving and joyful, there is a Psalm that can accompany us, and enrich our prayer by not reducing it merely to requests. They help us, he said, to open ourselves to a prayer that is less focused on ourselves, and rather on praise, blessing and thanksgiving. The Pope concluded by praying that the Holy Spirit "make this year of preparation for the Jubilee a symphony of prayer.



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.

ADORATION AT ST. THERESA

On the night before His passion, Jesus said to His disciples in the garden, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" With this in mind, St. Theresa's will be having all day Eucharistic adoration September 6th following the first Friday daily Mass. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the commons. Take a moment to consider spending time with our Blessed Lord in the Holy sacrament of the altar, and remember Jesus' words, "could you not watch one hour with me"

MARRIED COUPLES

MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:
September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA (only 8 slots left!)
October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

AUGUST 27—SEPT 1
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Robin, George Julile Adoration to follow

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Joan Gagne

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Joan Gagne Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 5:00pm Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Teresa Keller

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE

WEEK OF August 26—Sept 1

WEDNESDAY, August 28

- 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

RELIGIOUS FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Registration for Fall classes at St. Theresa will be held after all Masses during the month of August. Classes begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9 a.m. Registration forms are available in the Commons area of the church.

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 Collection 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 38 people on August 14

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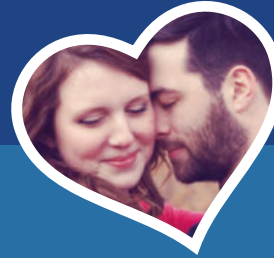
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