

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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

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 September 1, 2024

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/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. *The Mother of the Word*. A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

*"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able t*But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

o save your souls." — James 1:21

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

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected July 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,248.35	\$5,248.35	\$5240.32	\$8.03

IHM Finance Council

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

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.

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, Scott Crawford

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Sept. 8

Reader—William Pettus
 EM—Dona Selig
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan
 Ushers—Warren Wade/Buck Dean
 m/Counter—Scott Crawford/Lori Derflinger

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected July 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,514.00	\$4,514.00	\$4,216.25	\$297.75

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

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

The following is taken from a book by Thomas
Merton, *Praying the Psalms*:

"Why has the Church always considered the
Psalms her most perfect book of prayer? Why
do the Psalms go to make up the greater part of
the Office recited by her priests and religious?
Why, too, should the Christian layman turn to
the Psalms and make use of them in his own
prayer to God?"

Does the Church love the Psalms merely
because they are ancient, venerable religious
poems? Merely out of conservative refusal to
change? Or does she use them because she has
been commanded to do so by God. Does she
sing them merely because they are the revealed
word of God?

The Church indeed likes what is old, not
because it is old but rather because it is "young".
In the Psalms, we drink divine praise at its pure
and stainless source, in all its primitive sincerity
and perfection. We return to the youthful
strength and directness with which the ancient
psalmists voiced their adoration of the God of
Israel. Their adoration was intensified by the
ineffable accents of new discovery: for the
Psalms are the songs of men who knew who God
was. If we are to pray well, we too must discover
the Lord to whom we speak, and if we use the
Psalms in our prayer, we will stand a better
chance of sharing in the discovery which lies
hidden in their words for all generations. For
God has willed to make Himself known to us in
the my

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"



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.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education will begin on Sunday,
September 15 at 9:00-10:00am every other
week at the Parish Center at St. Theresa.
Subject will be A short video review of
the weekends readings with discussion to
follow

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

**NO ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE PLANNED
OR TAKE PLACE WITHOUT FIRST SUB-
MITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE
OFFICE / PASTOR. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**NO VERBAL REQUESTS WILL BE CON-
SIDERED OR APPROVED.**

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE THE
PASTOR OR CALL THE OFFICE.**

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

SEPT. 3-8

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Diane Ford
Adoration to follow

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Virginia Griles

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00am Mass offered for Robin and Julie
Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Pat Freudenthal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Elizabeth McKenney
- 10:30am Mass offered for Parishioners of the Cluster

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE

WEEK OF

WEDNESDAY, September 4

- 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, Maddox Cox

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 July 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,806.26	\$17806.26	\$20,048.24	(\$2,241.98)

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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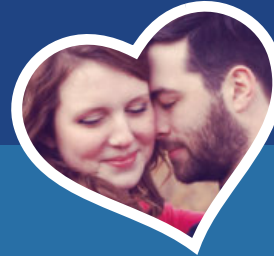
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