

# 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.



## **24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

*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](mailto: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 15, 2024**

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/  
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,  
17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,  
4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12  
and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/  
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,  
19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-  
13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/  
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**Take Up Your Cross**

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

*"I called and you listened."*

*"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"*

*"What were you thinking?"*

*"Your service made things better."*

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. *Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job!* You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed.

**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, Scott Crawford

**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

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Sept. 22**

Reader—Sharon Pettus  
 EM—Donna Selig  
 Altar—Pat Irvine  
 Ushers—Peggy Dunegan/Buck Dean  
 m/Counter—Beth Gregory/Bernard Marquid

**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

**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:**

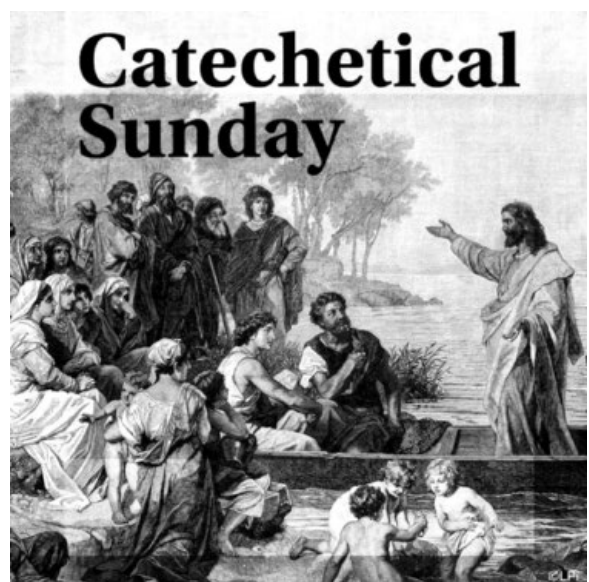
Mary McKay, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

**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.



***'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*:

When we praise God, says St. Augustine,  
there must be order in our praise. It must be  
intelligent, spiritual. We must not be on the  
other hand be so 'objective' that there is no  
longer anything personal in our prayer to God.  
In order that we may remain on the straight road,  
turning neither to the right nor to the left, "the  
best way is to seek the way of praise in the  
Scriptures of God. "(*Melius iter laudis in  
Scripturae Dei Quaerimus*)

St. Augustine adds that God has taught us to  
praise Him, in the Psalms, not in order that He  
may get something out of this praise, but in order  
that we may be made better by it. Praising God in  
the words of the Psalms, we come to know Him  
better. Knowing Him better we love Him better,  
loving Him better we find our happiness in Him.  
"Therefore, because He knew that this would be  
for our benefit, He made Himself more lovable to  
us by praising Himself." These words, taken from  
St. Augustine's commentary on Psalm 144, are  
supplemented by others in his *De Doctrina  
Christiana*, where he says: "God wants to be loved  
not in order that He may get something out of it,  
but in order that those who love Him may receive  
an eternal reward. And this reward is God  
Himself, whom they love." (*De Doct. Christ*, 1:29)

**Please notify the office if you or a  
family member are in need of a visit  
from a priest or deacon.**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education begins today at 9:00am—  
10:00am every other week at the Parish  
Center at St. Theresa. Subject will be a  
short video review of the weekends read-  
ings with discussion to follow.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

"Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and  
speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners  
with the college students for the Fall Se-  
mester. If you have any questions or are  
interested email Dan Holland  
at [farmvilleccm@gmail.com](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com)

**A PRAYER FOR CATHECHISTS**

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We  
thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the  
understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them  
also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your  
Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant the wis-  
dom about what is important; knowledge of the truths  
of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judge-  
ment about how to apply them in life; courage to perse-  
vere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all  
that is sacred and holy; and that transforming zeal  
which leads others to a transforming encounter with  
your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**

**SEPT. 17-22**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Francesco Curcio  
Adoration to follow

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Doreen Hines

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Philip Fenaux  
Adoration to follow

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ida Compagna

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Elizabeth McKinney
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Verla and Willard Lutz  
Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**

**WEEK OF Sept. 16-22**

**WEDNESDAY, September 18**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**All Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors**

There will be a meeting On Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Church after Mass and Adoration.

We will discuss training and the importance of each of these ministries.

Please try to attend this important ministry.

**ATTENTION**

**AT THIS TIME**

**WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING YARD SALE DONATIONS UNTIL THE SPRING. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ITEMS ARE WELCOME (Holiday Theme).**

**St. Theresa Finance Council**  
Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,  
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

*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 Pempel, Captain Christopher Selig*

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

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\$17,806.26	\$17806.26	\$20,048.24	(\$2,241.98)

**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 56 people on Sept. 4.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP**

FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF MEAT. IT WOULD BE VERY WELL APPRECIATED IF PARISHIONERS COULD PURCHASE ONE EXTRA PACKAGE OF MEAT TO DONATE TO THE PANTRY. OUR FREEZERS ARE EMPTY. THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE.



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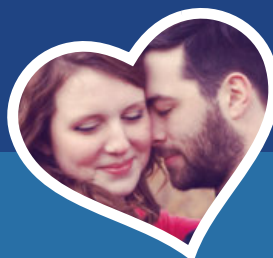
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