

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



**CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901**

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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.



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

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

*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 29, 2024**

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

(9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, “where the worm does not die.” If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the “little ones,” as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

**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, Margaret Brooks

**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, Margaret, Alex Louis

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Oct. 6**

Reader—Dana Borum  
 EM—Pat Irvine  
 Altar—Tammy Hinchey  
 Ushers—Dennis Queensbury/Scott Crawford  
 m/Counter—Tammy Hinchey/Scott Crawford

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected August 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,185.50	\$11,433.85	\$10,480.64	\$953.21

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,888.00	\$6,303.00	\$6,746.00	(\$443.00)

**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**

**THIRSTY THEOLOGY**

Thirsty Theology is a men’s theology discussion group. We meet at Three Roads Brewing in Farmville every Tuesday from 7pm until close. The group discusses topics in Christian theology. It is a friendly group and all theological persuasions are welcome (including atheists, agnostics, and anyone curious about Christian theology). If you have any questions or would like to be added to the contact list, please e-mail Adam Blincoe at [blincoeam@longwood.edu](mailto:blincoeam@longwood.edu)



***'CLUSTER NEWS'*****Jubilee 2025**

From the Notes on Prayer by Pope Francis In Mark's gospel, we read that Jesus "Went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed" (Mk 1:35). The Evangelist gives us an image of Jesus that points to two essential dimensions of Christian prayer: removing oneself from the daily routine - necessary for seeking personal dialogue with the Father - and a silent heart - indispensable for listening for God's voice and hearing what He wants. In this perspective and in the context of the Year of Prayer, a spiritual retreat can provide an unparalleled opportunity for spiritual conversion and a renewal of heart to which we have all been invited by the Holy Father.

"Where two or three are gathered in my name" (Mt 18:20): the meaning of spiritual retreat

Jesus taught us that when Christians come together in prayer, He is in their midst in a special way. In this respect participating in a spiritual retreat is a great opportunity to experience the Lord's presence more fully through common life and prayer shared during retreat days. A spiritual retreat is not an escape from reality, but rather a fuller immersion into reality through the silence of prayer. The fruit of an authentic spiritual retreat will not be a yearning for days off from ordinary routines, but rather a new light transforming everyday life by the presence of the Lord. In a world that often distracts us and pulls us away from our life of faith, prayer retreat is like stopping at an oasis in a desert, in our cities, although full of ways and opportunities for encounter, often shroud or hide from view the true source of hope, the fount of joy that only the Lord can give us.

**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](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION**

**AT THIS TIME ST. THERESA CHURCH IS NOT ACCEPTING YARD SALE DONATIONS UNTIL THE SPRING. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ITEMS ARE WELCOME (Holiday Theme).**

**The Clothes Ministry is only taking Fall , Winter and Holiday attire until further notice.**

**Thank you for all your support.**

**IHM FUNDRAISER**

IHM will sell 7 lb. Smoked Pork Butts as a Fall fundraiser for \$40 each. Pre-orders are being taken now through Thursday, October 10. Contacts for pre-orders are:

Grace McDonald: [gncva1@gmail.com](mailto:gncva1@gmail.com) or 434-607-9410  
Patty York: [york.pat.e@gmail.com](mailto:york.pat.e@gmail.com) or 434-292-4033

Preferred pick-up is Saturday, October 19, between 10:30 and noon at IHM. Or, they can be picked up after 9am Mass on Sunday, 20th.

Payment can be made when an order is placed or at pick-up. Payment by cash or checks made payable to IHM.

Please share to help us make this a successful fundraiser.

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

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE  
WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 1-6  
TUESDAY, October 1**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for Carlos Cardena

Adoration to follow

**THURSDAY, October 3**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Michael Collins

**FRIDAY, October 4**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Rita Brandt

Adoration to follow

**SATURDAY, October 5**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Bob Brown

**SUNDAY, October 6**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Pete & Angelo Aldi

**WEDNESDAY, October 2**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**Religious Educations News**

Attention parents of students K/12 Formation

Reminder: there will be a parent meeting Sunday, October 6 at 9 am. In the Parish Center.  
Looking forward to seeing all of you.

*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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\$26,322.25	\$44,128.51	\$40,096.48	\$4,032.03

**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 59 people on Sept. 18.

**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. Donations can be put in the Church refrigerator.

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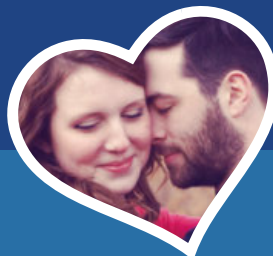
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