

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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

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**October 6, 2024**

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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.



*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 October 6, 2024**

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/  
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-  
15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk  
11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk  
11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk  
11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
(14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**The Hardness of Your Hearts**

As far as I know, no one has ever woken up in the morning, looked out the window, and thought, "This is a beautiful sunrise. I'll have to be very careful not to let it make me happy."

But I'm certain that every day, lots of people — including, on not-infrequent occasions, myself — have woken up and remembered something that happened the day before. Something that made us feel upset or frustrated or insulted. And we thought to ourselves, "That makes me so, so angry." And we've pictured the face of the person who made us feel that way, and we have scoffed with disgust.

And we hold onto that anger because anger feels so much better than sadness. And deep within ourselves, in the place where we feel all the love and pain and confusion that is inherent in human existence, we harden.

Nobody ever intends to be hard-hearted. That's just the stuff of Bond villains and horror flicks. No, in real life a hardened heart isn't a conscious choice. It's a reflex. It's just us trying to protect ourselves, to be strong — or, at least, to embody the version of strength offered by a fallen world.

A heart of stone is not so easily scratched, you see. But it's also not so easily warmed or touched or moved.

A heart hardened by resentment and pain and anger is not just protected from injury. It is protected from the impact of the whole spectrum of tender feelings. It is not open to forgiveness, so it cannot feel the rush of life-giving mercy. It is closed off to new ideas, so it can never feel the awe of discovery.

There is a reason we are called to guard ourselves against hard-heartedness. God gave us hearts of flesh and blood. They are hearts that can be broken, yes — but also, they are hearts that can love and heal.

**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, 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

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Oct. 13**

Reader—  
 EM—  
 Altar—  
 Ushers—  
 m/Counter—

**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**



**'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.

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**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.



**FIRST SATURDAY MASS WILL BEGIN  
 AT ST. THERESA ON OCTOBER 5 AT  
 9:00AM.**

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 13**

**TUESDAY, OCT. 8**

**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, OCT. 10**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 11**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Elias Jones  
Adoration to follow

**SATURDAY, OCT. 12**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Jean Murphy

**SUNDAY, OCT. 13**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Elias Jones
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Shawn Hamby

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF October 8-13**

**WEDNESDAY, October 16**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education is being held 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 readings with discussion to follow.

**St. Theresa Finance Council**

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,  
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

**PARISH CENTER CHAPEL IS OPEN  
TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY  
FROM 9AM-3PM.**

*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 people on Sept. 25.

**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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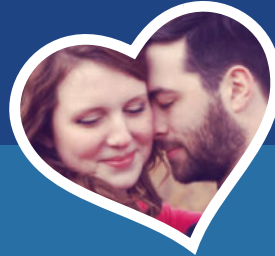
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