

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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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 13, 2024

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

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Possessions

When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for.

They arrived in the mail, smiling children's faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that EasyBake Oven.

Without realizing it, we expected that these toys — and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days — would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed — more junk to get rid of.

It's the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. *What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?*

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn't — because he *couldn't*. He couldn't give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you're not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn't given it to God. And now he couldn't get it back.

Whatever of this world we seek to possess — dollars, cars, clothes, prestige — will come to possess us, in the end.

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, Scott Crawford, Margaret Brooks

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Oct. 20

Reader—William Pettus
 EM—Scott Crawford
 Altar—Nancy Fothergill
 Ushers—Wade Warren/Buck Dean
 m/Counter—Beth Gregory/Lori Derflinger

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| Monthly Regular Collection | YTD Collected August 2024 | YTD Collection Budget | Overage or (Shortage) |
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| \$6,185.50 | \$11,433.85 | \$10,480.64 | \$953.21 |
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| \$2,888.00 | \$6,303.00 | \$6,746.00 | (\$443.00) |
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Prayer of Reliance on God

IHM Finance Council

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

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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

Oh Lord,

I entrust today’s challenges, fears, and uncertainties to You. I don’t know how I will do them. I don’t know that I can. But I know that You fill the gaps in my ability at every turn.

And so, today, I turn to You again.
 Amen.



'CLUSTER NEWS'

Jubilee 2025

From the Notes on Prayer by Pope Francis
 "Where two or three are gathered in my name" (Mt 18:20): the meaning of spiritual retreat

The Year of Prayer can be an opportunity for the laity as well as for consecrated persons to rediscover the importance of devoting a few days of the year to a special encounter with the Lord.

Some suggestions for retreat places are monasteries, convents or pilgrimage sites, where there are regular times dedicated to prayer and spirituality.

. our parishes can take the lead in organizing retreat days. Although at times it may be difficult, effort should be made to organize monthly one-day or half-day retreats – preferably on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday, so that those who work are free to participate.

. through the year we can live out a practice that is common in spiritual retreats: the so-called "Jesus' prayer" (also known as the 'prayer of the heart" -- so dear to the Church Fathers. These are ejaculatory prayers that can be prayed throughout the day, and that constantly remind us of the Lord's presence. We raise a continuous hymn of praise to God who is always with us.

These are prayers that can be recited in a car or on public transportation, as well as a form of intercession for strangers we meet along the way.

If possible, try to make time, during the week, perhaps on the way home from work or on lunch break, to stop to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Some practices that need to be revived include visiting the cemetery regularly and praying for the deceased.

Basket of Cheer!

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2 liquor and 1 wine basket

1 chance to win 1 of 3 baskets

Drawing after 10:30 Mass 11/24/24

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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 or 434-607-9410

Patty York: york.pat.e@gmail.com or 434-292-4033

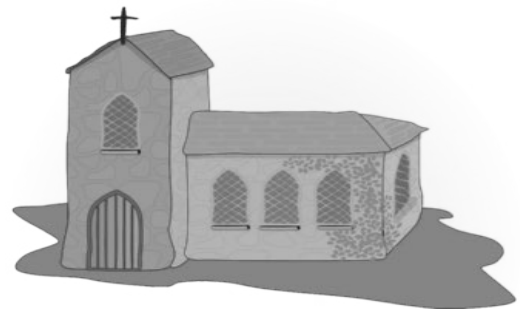
Preferred pick-up is Saturday, October 19, between 10:30 and noon at IHM. Or, they can be picked up after 9am Mass on Sunday, 20th.

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.

SACRED HEART TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us at Sacred Heart for a fantastic evening of Trunk or Treat! On October 31st from 5 to 7 PM, decorate your car, fill it with treats, and make magical memories with the community! Interested in participating? Contact Tammy at 804-712-6104 for more info and let's make this Halloween unforgettable!



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 12- OCTOBER 20**

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Angelina Raia

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Richard

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Al May
Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

- 5:00pm Mass offered for † Ed Bailey

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Parishioners of the Cluster

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF October 12-20**

WEDNESDAY, October 16

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
- St. Theresa's Parish Events Committee is looking for donations of gently used cookbooks to be sold at our Annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on November First and Second. Please drop off your cookbooks in the kitchen area at the church or the parish center. Thank you so much for your continued support.

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, Peg Giordano

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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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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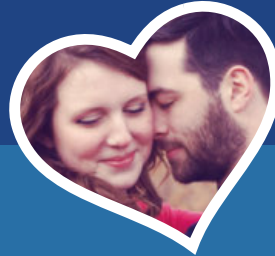
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