

# 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.

**October 20, 2024**

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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

*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](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

**Readings for the week of October 20, 2024**

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk  
12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/  
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39  
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Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/  
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-  
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Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk  
13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb  
5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER-  
STANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**October 20, 2024**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: **“Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory”** (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indigent reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance (**“you do not know what you are asking.”**). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the **“slave of all.”** The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

— *Father John Muir*

**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 Arandisorski, Darrell & Joyce Harney, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Sharon Watson Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia,

**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

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Oct. 27**

Reader-Pat Irvine  
 EM—Judy Guy  
 Altar—Dona Selig  
 Ushers—Scott Crawford/Bernard Marquis  
 m/Counter—Scott Crawford/Tammy Hinche

**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)

**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, Chair  
 Parish Council

**Prayer for Those who Serve**

Oh God,

With abiding gratitude, we thank You for the men and women who offer of themselves in service to our church and our community. Bless them, their families, and their ministries with abundance!  
 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

By saying the "Our Father" we are brought closer and closer to the heart of God and the heart of our faith.

Through the Holy Father's catechesis, he leads us to understand that this prayer is not a mere set of words and needs, but a pathway toward intimacy with our Heavenly Father. It teaches us to address God in filial trust, calling him "Father" in simplicity and love. There is no need –says the Pope – 'to multiply empty words' (General Audience, February 27, 2019): Jesus teaches us what is essential. He shows us that we can speak to the Father with simplicity of heart, because He 'knows what you need even before you ask Him' (Mt. 6:8).

Traditionally, the Lord's Prayer is made up of seven parts, also called 'the seven petitions', to which the Catechism of the Catholic Church devotes (Nos 2803-2854). It summarizes the very spirit of the Christian faith in the relationship that each believer is called to have with the Heavenly Father. These seven petitions could be used as an outline for monthly retreats leading up to the Jubilee as a part of the School of Prayer, by dedicating each retreat to one part of the prayer that Jesus taught us.

### Basket of Cheer!

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### 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!*



### Christmas Bazaar

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd. Come by and visit our vendors for some Christmas shopping. Then you can sit and relax while enjoying some refreshments from our kitchen. On the way out stop at our baked goods table to take home some delicious baked goods. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 21- OCTOBER 27**

**TUESDAY, OCT. 22**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mildred Spencer, George Taylor

**THURSDAY, OCT. 17**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Betty Olinger

**FRIDAY, OCT. 18**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco  
Adoration to follow

**SATURDAY, OCT. 19**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for † Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY , OCT. 20**

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

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF October 21-27**

**WEDNESDAY, October 23**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, October 27**

- 9:00am CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am RCIA—Parish Center

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.

**THANK YOU**

My heartfelt thanks to all from St. Theresa for your outpouring of prayers, love and support during Philip's illness and passing. Your kind words and generosity toward us both will be remembered always.

Synthia Starkey Fenaux

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*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**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug. 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$26,322.25	\$44,128.51	\$40,096.48	\$4,032.03

**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 48 people on October 9



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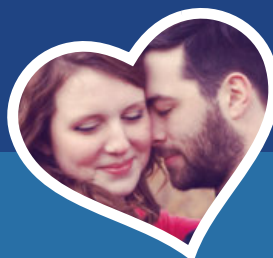
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