

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.

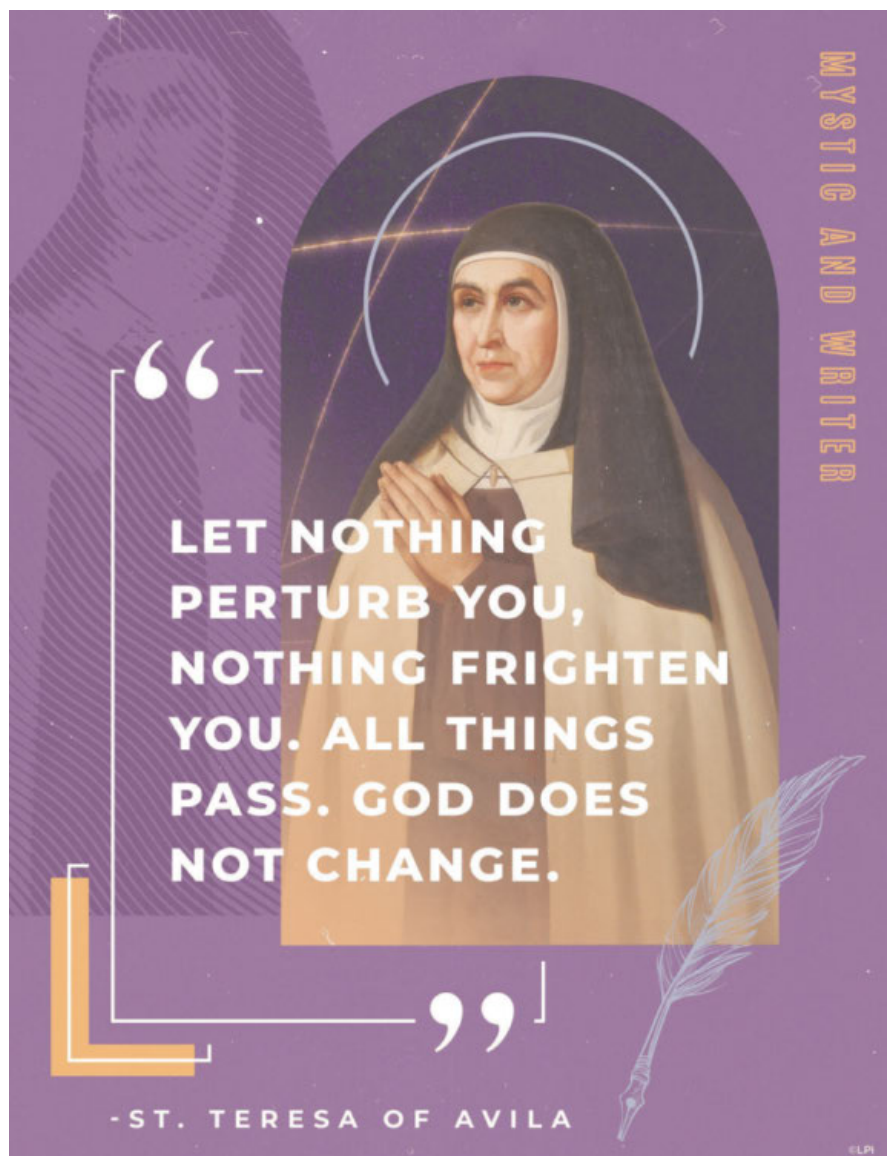
October 27, 2024

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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

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

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

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "**Master, let me receive my sight.**" Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

— *Father John Muir*

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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,

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 6,990.60
 YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$18,424.45
 YTD Collection Budget: \$17,031.04
 Overage or (Shortage): \$1,393.41

IHM Finance Council
Grace McDonald, Chair
Paul Semtner, Patty York, Norma Ruiz

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.

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. Commander Justin Liffick

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Nov 3

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

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Sep 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,307.40	\$10,610.40	\$10,962.25	(\$351.85)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:
 Mary McKay, Chairman
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair
 Parish Council

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!

'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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Drawing after 10:30 Mass 11/24/24

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**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ST. THERESA

9:00AM AND 7:00PM

IHM

6:00PM

SACRED HEART

11:00AM

THERE WILL BE MASS ON SATURDAY,
 NOVEMBER 2 AT 9:00AM AT ST.
 THERESA FOR ALL SOULS DAY

**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

OCT. 27-NOV.3

TUESDAY, OCT.29

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Ralph Wubben

THURSDAY, OCT.31

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Philip Fenaux

FIRST FRIDAY, NOV. 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

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

- 7:00pm Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOV.2

- 9:00am Mass offered for All Souls
- 5:00pm Mass offered for † Robert Shanaberger

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Steve Arons
- 10:30am Mass offered for † Thomas Stevenson

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF October 28-Nov. 3

WEDNESDAY, October 30

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, November 3

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



Thanksgiving Bags!

Please pick up the paper bags in the Commons Area of the church to fill up with Thanksgiving food from November 3rd on, and bring them back to the church by November 17-20. Thank you for blessing our neighbors!!

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, John Hardman

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 Sep. 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$19,261.08	\$63,389.59	\$65,156.78	(\$1,767.19)

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 62 people on October 16.

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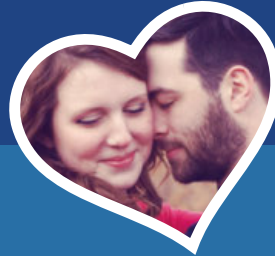
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