

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.

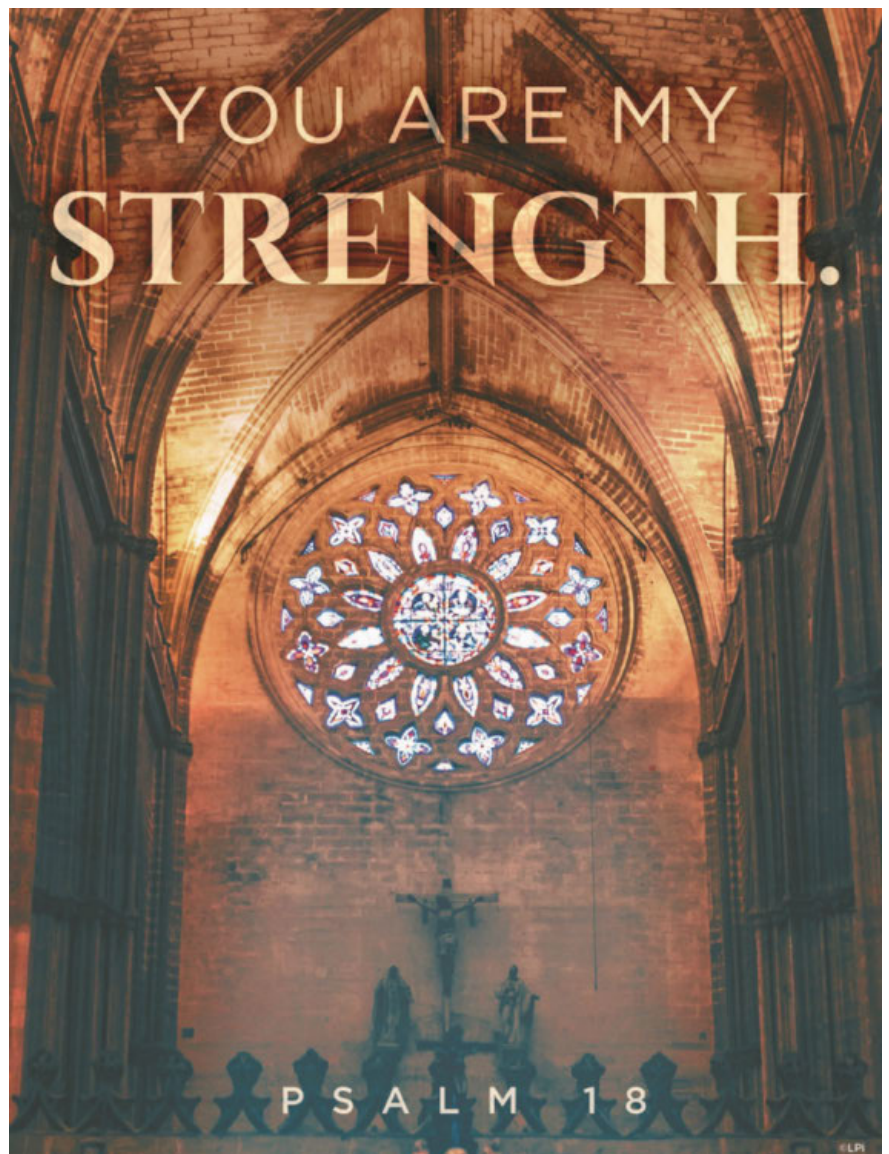
November 3, 2024

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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 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

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 November 3, 2024

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/

Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 3, 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— *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 10

Reader-Dana Borum
 EM-Dona Selig
 Altar --Pat Irvine
 Ushers-Dennis Queensbury/Scott Crawford
 m/Counter--Tammy Hinchey/Lori Derflinger

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

'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.

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**Office Will Be Closed For Thanksgiving
 From Wednesday, November 27th Through
 Tuesday December 3.
 Mass Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 AM At ST.
 Theresa.**

**No Other Daily Mass This Week
 For Emergencies Call 434-414-1493**



The whole province of Sorsogon in the Philippines was placed under a state of emergency on Wednesday, October 22, due to severe flooding caused by Typhoon Trami. Many houses, businesses, schools, and churches were submerged in flood water, including those belonging to some of Fr. Ronnie's family. Residents described the flooding as the worst to hit the province in a decade. Please pray for the province. Our wonderful Philippino priests have been coming from this province. Thank you!

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF-
NOV.3-9
TUESDAY, NOV. 5**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Bill Brandt
- THURSDAY, NOV. 7**
- 9:00 am Mass offered for Sergio Raia
- FRIDAY, NOV. 8**
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Philip Fenaux
Adoration to follow
- SATURDAY, NOV.9**
- 5:00pm Mass offered for † America Mejias
- SUNDAY, NOV. 10**
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Pete and Angelo Aldi
 - 10:30am Mass offered for † Sharon Hamby

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF Nov. 4-Nov. 10**

WEDNESDAY, November 6

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
- SUNDAY, November 10**
- 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!!

Religious Education

Food Drive Update:
Carts filled so far: 1 from the church and 1 from the Parish Center.
Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated, please keep the contributions coming.

Thank 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, 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 54 people on October 23.

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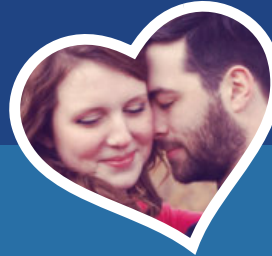
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