CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar Deacon Peter Menting Deacon Emmett McLane Business Manager—Carol Beattie Director of Religious Education —Karel Bailey Director of Campus Ministry— Dan Holland

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

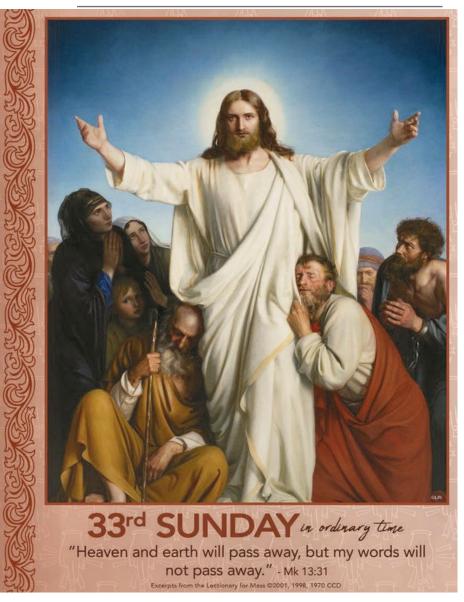
Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to scheduling to have your child Baptized. Contact the office to make arrangements to attend the class and to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

November 17, 2024

PHONE: 434-392-3934 RECTORY: 434-315-0311 FOR EMERGENCIES –(434) 414-1493 EMAIL:



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)

<u>St. Theresa</u>

709 Buffalo Street Farmville, VA 23901 Mass: Saturday—5:00 p.m. Sunday—8:00 a.m. Sunday—10:30 a.m.

<u>St. Theresa Parish Council</u> 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 17, 2024

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Sunday: Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40 Next Sunday:Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes **"in the clouds."** Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to **"gather his elect from the four winds."** He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. **"Summer is near,"** he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BLACKSTONE

Please pray for sick and infirmed for whom pravers have been requested : Names will appear for a month after notification . Resubmit Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If if needed: Tom Neal, Deacon Peter Menting, Diane 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 Drebick, 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, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna

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

Everyone in the cluster is invited to join the IHM parish in Caroling and Cookies on Saturday, December 7th about 6 pm immediately following the 5 pm Mass We will share cookies, beverages, and fellowship with caroling at Bethany House before walking across the street to Heritage Hall to carol for residents. Please bring one dozen cookies to share. Contact Grace McDonald if you have any questions.

St. Justin Martyr (c. 100 - 165) was a second century apologist. His detailed texts show the depth of the Catholic tradition and were meant to dispel rumors of the early Church practices during the Roman persecution. An eyewitness account of his martyrdom still survives today.



Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin

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

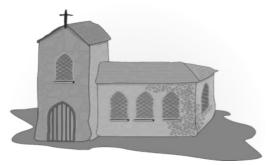
SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Nov 24

Reader-Pat Irvine **EM-Donna Selig** Altar – Peggy Dunegan Ushers-Richard Hinchey/Dennis Queensbury m/Counter-Bernard Marquis/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

Pope Francis' Notes on Prayers Catechesis on Prayer Catechesis, as a key step in the process of evangelization, promotes growth and maturation in the faith (Cf. Directory for Catechesis (DfC) no. 56) and 'has the task of educating for prayer and in prayer, developing the contemplative dimensions of Christian experience (DfC, no. 86). "Whenever Moses held up his hands (Ex 17:11) the shepherd's exhortation prayer ... The year of prayer is a special opportunity for bishops to encourage diocesan communities, first of all by praying for each of the faithful entrusted to them, because, like Moses they are called to invoke the Lord by interceding for the people, secondly, by calling attention to and preaching on the value of prayer in the different aspects that the rich tradition of the Church preserves; and finally, by providing the most appropriate means for this catechesis to take place in their dioceses. The following are some practical suggestions for catecheses on prayer: Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter: Time for Eucharistic Adoration: Short prayer exercises with the Word of God, such as Lection Divina: Prayer the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries being contemplated: Recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Parents should encourage prayer in their homes in daily life, such as in thanksgiving and blessing of food, praying in the morning and before going to bed, to acquire the habit of blessing their children with a short prayer in the evening, or when they leave the house, to entrust themselves to God when going on a trip, to make the sign of the cross when passing by a church, to thank God for his blessings, etc.

Basket of Cheer!

Knights of Columbus Baskets of Cheer Tickets \$5 2 liquor and 1 wine basket 1 chance to win 1 of 3 baskets Drawing after 10:30 Mass 11/24/24 Tickets available Before and After all masses Or contact your favorite Knight of Columbus



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



CAROLING AND COOKIES AT IHM

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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!!

New St. Theresa Parish Directory

- Thurs. Dec. 12, 2-8:30 pm
- Friday, Dec. 13, 2-8:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-4 pm

To register: www.ucdir.com

Church code: VA278

Password: Photos

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Our Parishioners: 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, Kavia 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

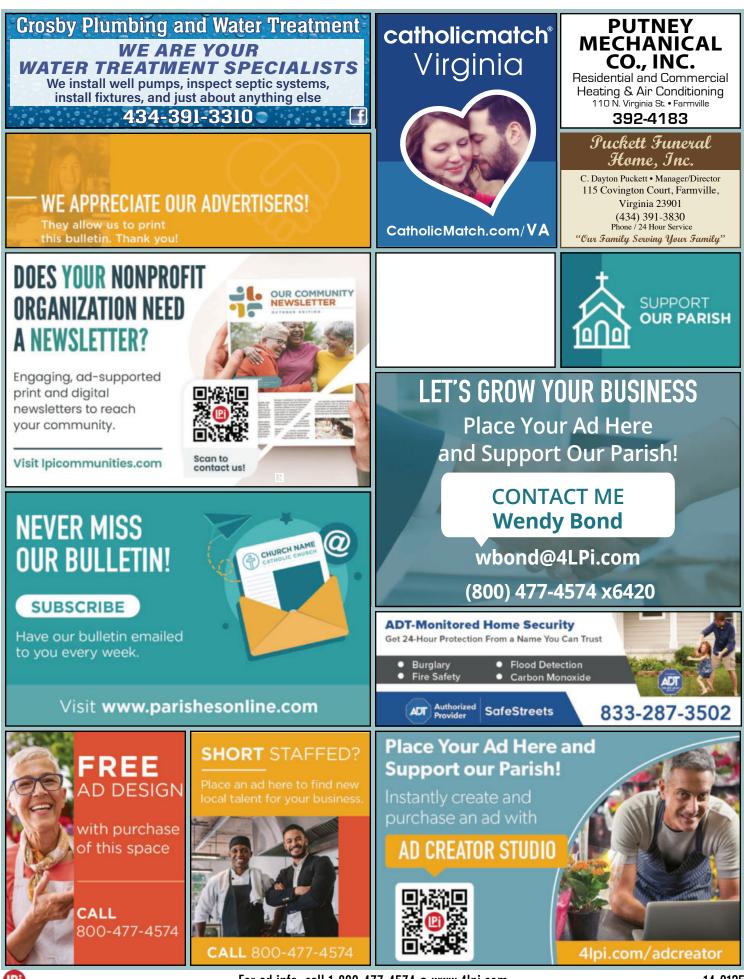
Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Sep. 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$19,261.08	\$63,389.59	\$65,156.78	(\$1,767.19)
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ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

St. Theresa Finance Council Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel, Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

"Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall Semester. If you have any questions or are interested email Dan Holland at <u>farmvilleccm@gmail.com</u>



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