

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.

December 29, 2024

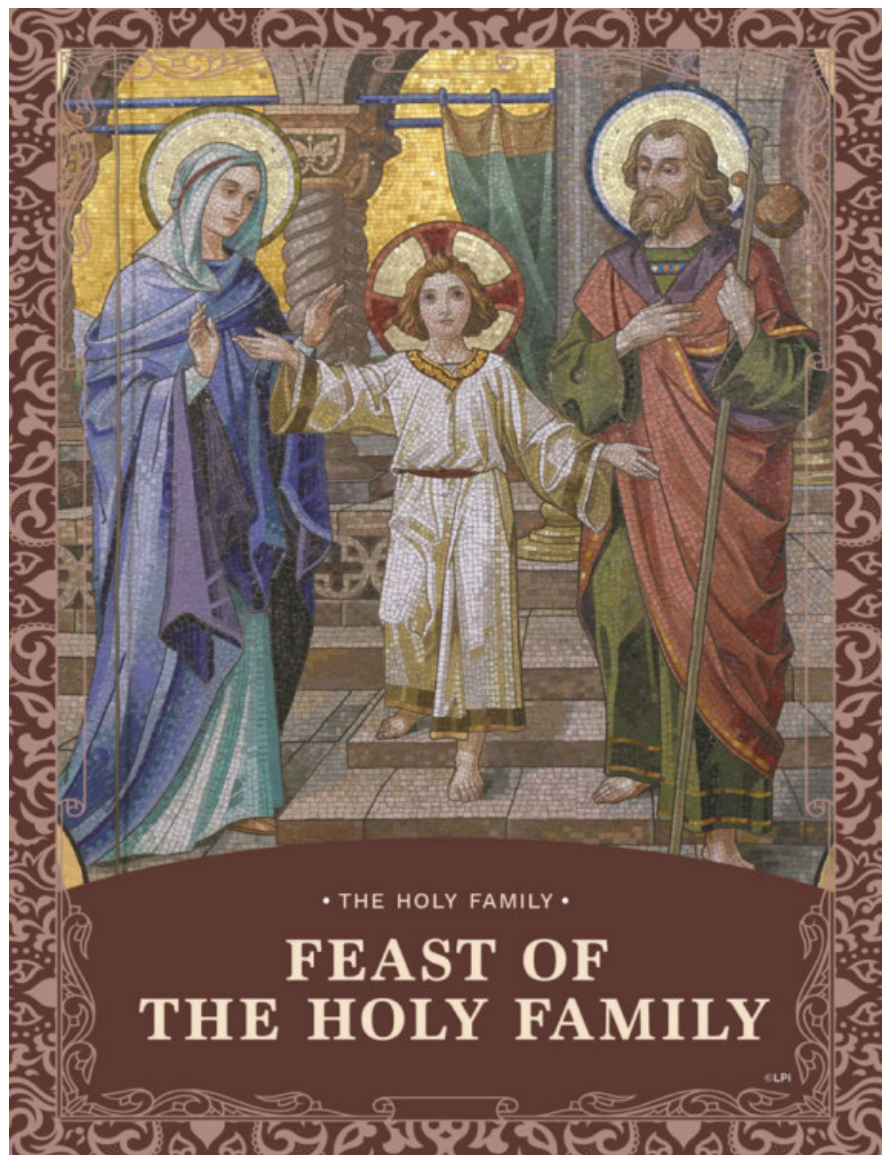
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The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

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 the community.

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

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, 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 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, Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE
November, 2024

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 7,162.25
YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$31,270.70
YTD Collection Budget: \$27,511.68
Overage or (Shortage): \$3,759.02

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

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, 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, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey, Dan Bailey, Dewayne Bailey, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Dalton Barksdale, Judy Tanner, Fred & Lillian Jones, Scott Crawford, Margaret Brooks. Commander Justin Liffick

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Jan. 5

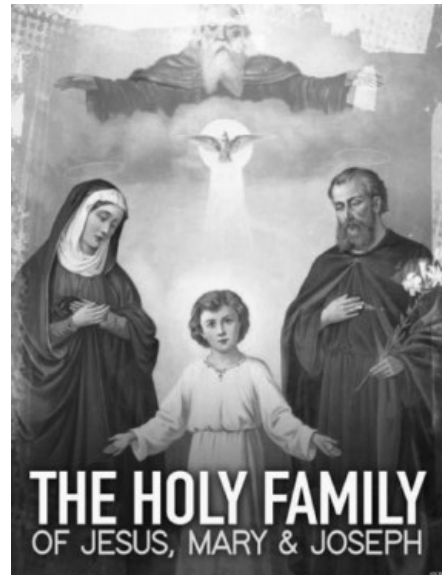
Reader–Dana Borum
EM– Scott Crawford
Altar – Tammy Hinchey
Ushers–Warren Wade/Bernard Marquis
m/Counter–Lori Derflinger/Bernard Marquis

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,690.15	\$17,584.55	\$17,708.25	(\$123.70)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Mary McKay, Chairman
Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair
Parish Council



'CLUSTER NEWS'**2024
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE****Saint Theresa Catholic Church
Farmville**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Masses)

*December 24th, 5:00pm Vigil Mass**Midnight Mass at 12:00am**December 25th, Wednesday, 9:00am*

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Masses

*December 31, 7:00pm**January 1, 9:00am***Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic
Church
Blackstone**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil Masses)

*December 24, 4:00pm Vigil**6:00pm – Spanish Mass**December 25, 9:00am*

Solemnity of Mary, Holy mother of God – Masses

*December 31, 5:00pm Vigil Mass**January 1, 9:00am***Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Meherrin**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass)

December 25, 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Mass

*January 1, 11:00am***HOLIDAY
OFFICE HOURS****Office will be closed from December
23rd through January 1. Will re-
open January 2. There will be no
daily Masses.****There will be First Saturday Mass
at St. Theresa at 9:00am every
month. Next Mass will be Jan. 4****Please notify the office if you or
a family member are in need of
a visit from a priest or deacon.****GOSPEL**

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to share happily with others.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
DEC. 29**

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

- 7:00 pm Mass offered for †Marilyn Reid
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Nathan Hess
THURSDAY, JAN. 2

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Genelita Dolosa
FIRST FRIDAY, JAN. 3

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Nathan Hess
- Adoration to Follow

FIRST SATURDAY, JAN. 4

- ◆ 9:00am Mass offered for Parishioners of Cluster
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY, JAN. 5

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Philip Fenaux
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jim
McKenney, Michael & Lisa McKenney

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF Dec 31-Jan. 5**

TUESDAY, Dec.31

- 3:00pm New Years Eve Party at Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1

- 10:00am - NO Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
SUNDAY, January 5

- 9:00am CCD
- 9:00am RCIA class



Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party at St Theresa's Parish Hall
3-6:30 PM (Ball drop at 6 pm)
Cost: \$5 (10 and up)
Music, coloring, and games for kids and adults, door prizes, 50/50
***All proceeds go to purchase of AED for the Parish Hall**

Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested

***Our Parishioners:** Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehma, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehma, 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 Efen 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 Oct. 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,085.00	\$80,474.59	\$85,205.02	(\$4,730.43)

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 December 11

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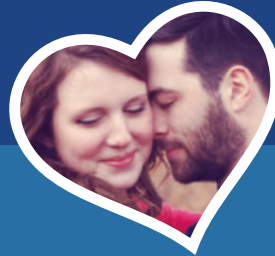
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