

# 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.

**January 12, 2025**

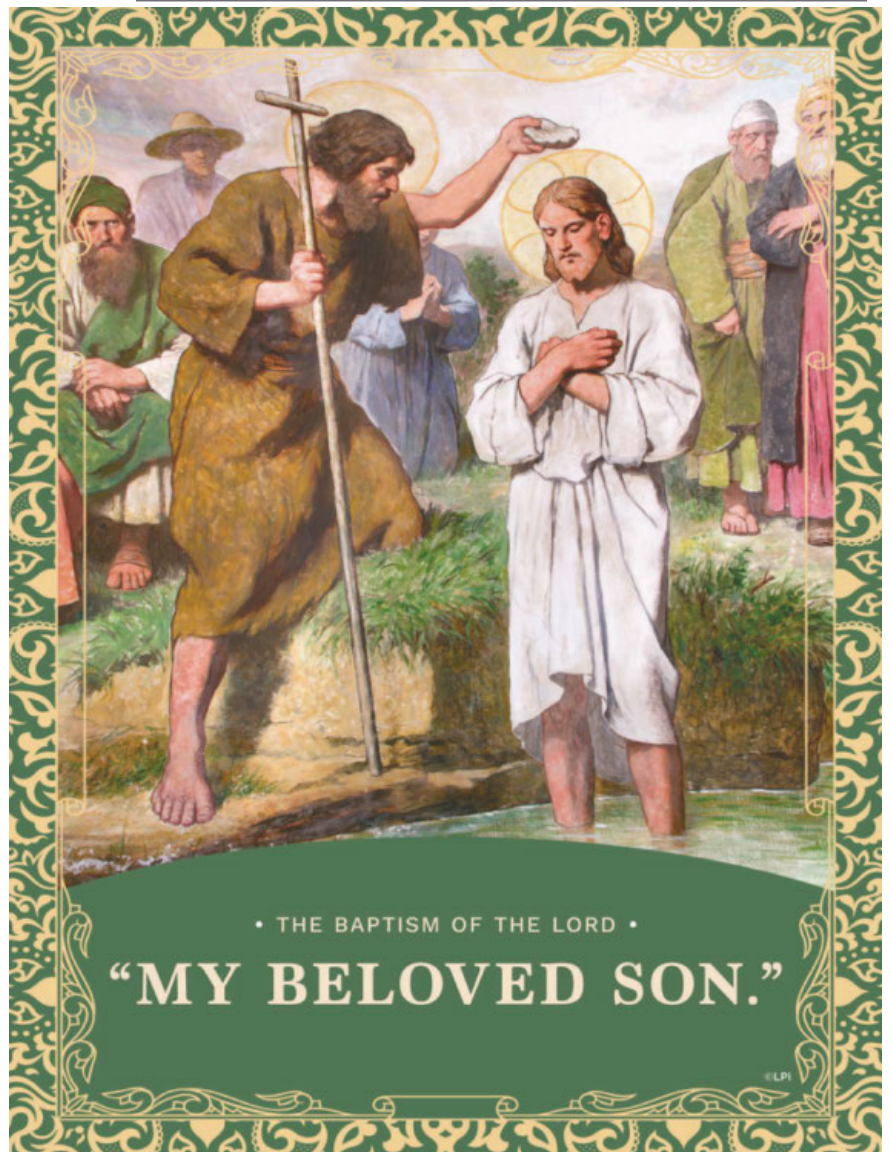
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*The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center*

**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](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 the community.

**Readings for the week of January 12, 2025**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/  
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**January 12, 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— *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, 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

**Devotions, Explained!**  
**St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat**

**St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat, Explained**  
Perhaps it’s an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying “Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.” A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

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**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

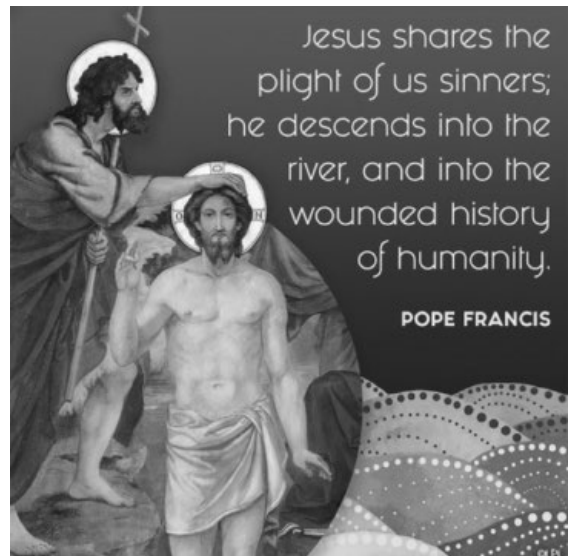
**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Jan. 19**

Reader–Sharon Pettus  
EM– Pat Irvine  
Altar – Peggy Dunevan  
Ushers–Richard Hinchey/Buck Dean  
m/Counter–Beth Gregory/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'***

We go to Church and sing  
The Carols and Nativities all around;  
Then AFTER Christmas is over,  
Can Jesus still be found?

I "saw" Him in that pickup truck  
Beside that Christmas tree.  
It's almost like I heard him say,  
"Please don't do THAT to me.

Don't strip me from your heart and  
home  
Now that My season's ending.  
KEEP me as the focal point  
As if it's just beginning."

Let the Nativity remain in your home  
Long AFTER the tree is gone.  
Lift up the Baby as the King.  
Through scripture and in song.

Make this year be different.  
Let Christ remain each day.  
That Baby WILL become our King...  
IF we don't "drive" Him away.

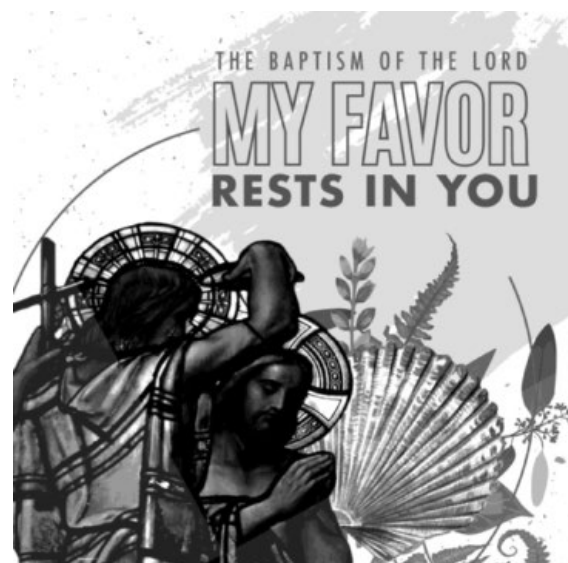
Poem by Ann Hopper

**There will be First Saturday Mass  
at St. Theresa at 9:00am every  
month. Next Mass will be Feb. 1**

**Please notify the office if you or  
a family member are in need of  
a visit from a priest or deacon.**

**Campus Ministry News**

**Campus Ministry is looking for cooks  
and speakers for its Wednesday  
Night Dinners with the college stu-  
dents for the Spring Semester.  
If you have any questions or are  
interested please email Dan  
Holland at:  
[farmvilleccm@gmail.com](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com)**



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 12**

**TUESDAY, JAN. 14**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Colette Mason

**THURSDAY, JAN. 16**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Burleson family

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †George Thack

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Christopher Allen

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Marilyn Reid
- 10:30am Mass offered for Trich Stone

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF Jan 14-Jan. 19**

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, January 19**

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



**ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education is being held at 9:00am—10:00am every other week at the Parish Center at St. Theresa. Subject will be a short video review of the weekends readings with discussion to follow.

January Sessions are January 5th, and 19th

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

*Our Parishioners: Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, 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 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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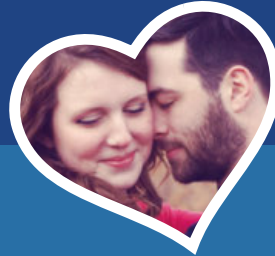
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