

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

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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 26, 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

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 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/
 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
 4:14-21
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/
 Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/
 Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/
 Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
 Mk 4:35-41

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "**fulfilled in your hearing**" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— *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

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 Canaday, 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

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

 **PUZZLE**

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
U	P	A	T	R	H	A	R	T	I
F	R	E	E	D	O	M	A	W	H
F	N	H	C	A	L	E	I	W	S
E	F	O	J	E	S	U	S	H	P
R	B	D	S	M	I	W	L	G	I
S	I	G	H	T	L	P	O	O	R
T	Q	E	W	A	S	F	L	W	I
I	A	T	R	U	E	M	J	E	T

 **MISSION**

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Feb. 2

- Reader–
- EM–
- Altar –
- Ushers–
- m/Counter–

‘CLUSTER NEWS’

Please watch on Facebook & church website for announcements and cancellations in case of inclement weather.

Sometimes the Christian Formation will be cancelled, but the Masses will still be offered.

Thank you for following the alerts!

26 de enero de 2025

3^{er} Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Tenemos tantas cosas atrayentes y entretenidas que nos distraen grandemente. La televisión, la computadora, y sobre todo nuestro teléfono; podemos pasar el día entero viendo y buscando cosas que no nos llevan a ningún lado. Cabe pues, que nos preguntemos lo siguiente:

¿Dónde ponemos nuestros ojos, nuestro pensamiento? Jesús, no tenía nada de estos instrumentos para anunciar el Reino de Dios. A Él se le entregó el rollo del Profeta Isaías, y leyó lo siguiente: *“El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí”* (Lucas 4:18). Y ese mismo Espíritu de Dios está en nosotros, esperando que llegue un momento del día para estar juntos y mirarnos.

Toda la sinagoga estaba atenta con los ojos clavados en él. Y les dijo: *“Hoy se cumplen estas palabras proféticas y a ustedes les llegan noticias de ello”* (Lucas 4:21). “Cristo es el autor y guía de toda actividad evangélica que está expuesta. También la profecía predice que después de él sus propios discípulos serán los ministros de esta tarea cuando dice: *“¡Qué hermosos son los pies del mensajero cuando anuncia la paz!”* (Isaías 52:7). Se refiere a los pies hermosos de los mensajeros de Cristo. ¿Cómo no iban a ser hermosos, si en breve tiempo iban a recorrer el mundo e iban a llenar cada rincón de la tierra con esa santa doctrina del Salvador?” (Eusebio de Cesarea (260-340 La Demostración evangélica). Recordemos siempre, que la Palabra de Dios es espíritu y vida.

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FIRST SATURDAY MASS

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

Campus Ministry News

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Spring Semester.

If you have any questions or are interested please email Dan Holland at:

farmvilleccm@gmail.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

THE CLUSTER OFFICE WILL FOLLOW THE PRINCE EDWARD’S SCHOOL CLOSINGS. MASSES WILL NOT BE CANCELLED UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE PASTOR

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 26**

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Trich Stone

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Jim Croushorn

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Bob & Halora Burleson

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †George Thack

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Bill Phillips
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jim Croushorn

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF Jan 28-Feb.**

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, February 2

- 9:00am CCD



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.

Next Sessions are January 26th, February 9 and 23.

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, Peg Giordano, Nancy Pempel

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 33 people on January 15th.

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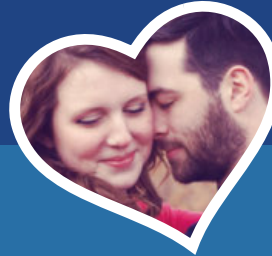
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