

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.

February 16, 2025

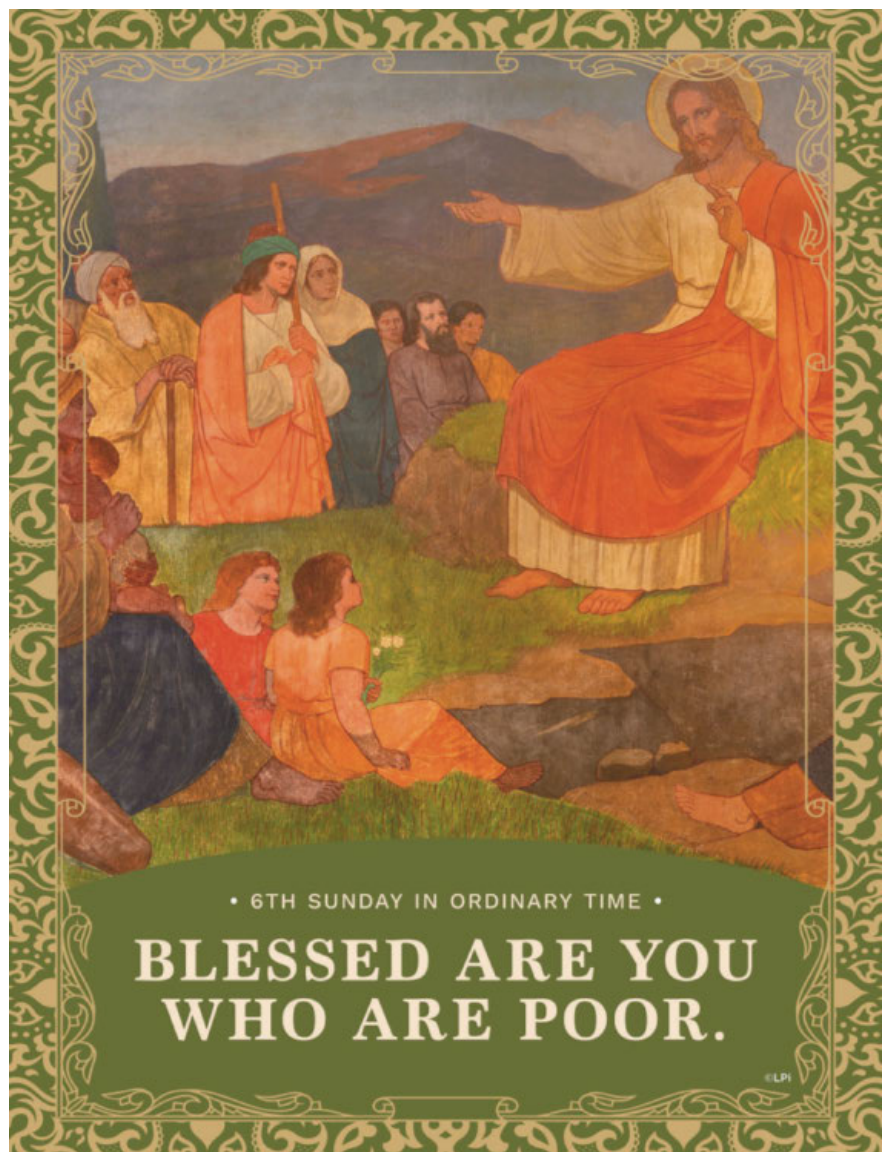
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The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

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 February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— *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, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Rafael Hernandez

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, Karen Price, Wendy Rapole

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

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

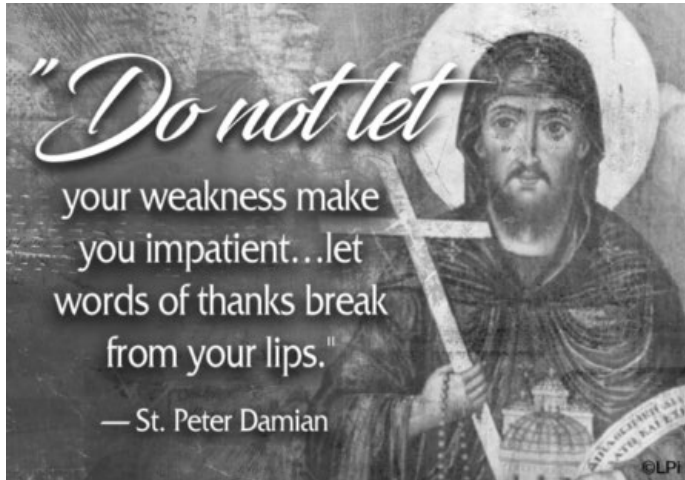


Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Feb. 23

Reader–Pat Irvine
 EM– Donna Selig
 Altar –Pat Irvine
 Ushers–Dennis Queensbury/Dan Derflinger
 m/Counter–Beth Gregory/Lori Derflinger

'CLUSTER NEWS'

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

Stations of the Cross, Explained

In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ. Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.

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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 March 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

Luchar por el bien común es la respuesta que debemos dar al evangelio de este domingo. No hay otra manera, y el mensaje es muy claro, no existe manera de suavizarlo. Lucas mira un solo punto, y es la justicia. La escena del evangelio nos narra que Jesús desciende del cerro y se detiene en un llano. Hay mucha gente de diferentes partes, muchos esperan ser curados por Jesús. Entonces, Jesús, dirige su mirada a sus discípulos y comienza su discurso. Les habla de la importancia de ser felices. Sí, Jesús llama felices a los pobres y a los enfermos. ¿Cómo podemos entender y asimilar ese llamado a la felicidad? ¿Que acaso no es contradictorio? El mensaje está en que, al ver la pobreza, el hambre, la enfermedad, la guerra, la oportunidad, la educación, por mencionar algunas injusticias en el mundo del tiempo de Jesús y el tiempo nuestro, estemos dispuestos a dar la vida por la justicia y la paz. Entonces, es que el Reino de Dios florecerá para todos. Y esa es la verdadera felicidad que la Palabra de Dios hoy nos menciona. Pidamos al Señor que nos incomode la injusticia, que nos mueva a tener empatía para entender los problemas y sentimientos de los demás. Porque, de esa manera seremos felices e incansables luchadores del bien común. La recompensa es grande, es el cielo, es la promesa de Jesús. El sacrificio bien llevado y con intención recta, desde el fondo del corazón, es la felicidad. ¿Lo has experimentado?

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 16
TUESDAY, FEB. 18**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Jim Croushorn
- Adoration to follow.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Teresa Miller

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

- 9:00am Mass offered for Sidney Stafford

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Theodore & Sophia Skoniesny

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Bill Phillips
- 10:30am Mass offered for Evan Carver

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF FEB 16-Feb. 23**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

- 9:00am CCD
- 9:00am Adult Education



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 week-ends readings with discussion to follow. Next Sessions are February 23 and March 9.

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., Shauna 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 Collection 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 60 people on February 5.

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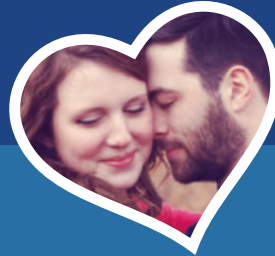
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