

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 23, 2025

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Judgment and Love

“Oh, well. I’m going to hell anyway, right?”

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It’s always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churched ones, too) regarding what constitutes “judging.” It is absolutely not “judging” someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it *is* judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today’s Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the “culture wars.” I certainly don’t disagree that it can often feel like you’re fighting a war when you’re trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

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

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

January, 2025

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 5,877.25
 YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$51,292.95
 YTD Collection Budget: \$39,302.40
 Overage or (Shortage): \$11,990.55

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

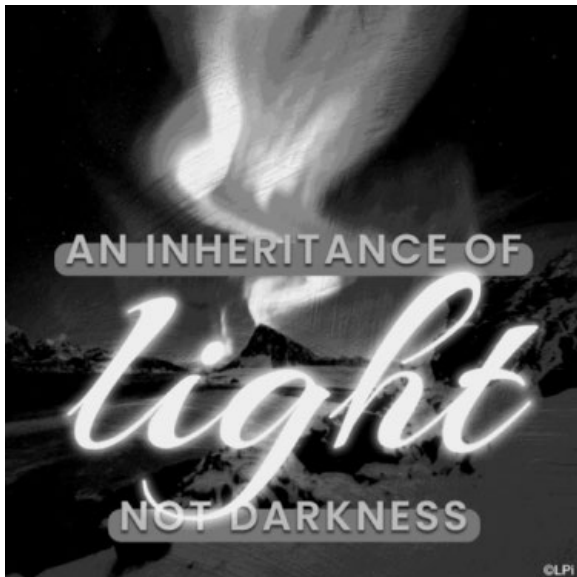
Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin

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 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, Karen Price, Wendy Rapole

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,861.00	\$24,647.55	\$25,297.50	(\$649.95)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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



SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – March 2

Reader–Sharon Pettus
 EM– Pat Irvine
 Altar –Dona Selig
 Ushers–Waren Wade/Peggy Dunegan
 m/Counter–Tammy Hinchey/Bernard Marquis

'CLUSTER NEWS'

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Come celebrate with Sacred Heart Catholic Church at their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser! Indulge in a delicious Corned Beef Dinner for just \$12 per plate. Takeout starts at 4 PM, and Dine-In service begins at 5 PM. Mark your calendars: March 15, 2025.



“All day Eucharistic Adoration will be offered on Friday, March 7th, at the St. Theresa parish beginning immediately after the 9 am Mass and continuing until 9:30 pm. Please consider spending a grace filled hour with our Lord. You may commit to a particular hour by signing up on the sheet in the Great Hall.”

Ash Wednesday Schedule

March 5, 2025

St. Theresa Parish:

9:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM—Ashes only

7:00 PM Mass

Sacred Heart Parish: 11:00 AM Mass

IHM Parish: 6:00 PM Mass

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

Hoy el Evangelio nos propone una catequesis de amor que obliga a estirar el corazón, para rendir al máximo al pedido de Jesús. Nos impulsa a pensar distinto, a interesarnos por los demás. Llama al perdón, a la nobleza, la humildad y, lo más importante, a saber, compartir lo que poseemos materialmente y darse uno mismo. Es algo difícil lo que pide el Señor en este pasaje del Evangelio. Eso, de amar a los enemigos, hacer el bien a quien no nos quiere, de orar por los que nos persiguen, es fuera de serie, no se usa en la sociedad actual. Y agrega Jesús lo siguiente: *“Traten a los demás como quieren que ellos les traten a ustedes” (Lucas 6:31)*. No se trata de que estemos siempre con la cabeza baja y humillados, mas bien se trata de luchar por la justicia, de no entrar en la violencia de tú me la haces, entonces, yo te respondo igual.

“Porque si ustedes aman a los que los aman, ¿Qué merito tienen? Hasta los malos aman a los que los aman (Lucas 6:32). Por el contrario, bendecir a los amigos y enemigos es lo que nos hace dignos hijos e hijas de Dios. Pidamos el don de perdonar, de no ser vengativos, de tener un corazón de compasión, rebosante de ternura para hacer el bien. *“Sean compasivos como es compasivo el Padre de ustedes” (Lucas 6:36)*. Ser semejantes al que siempre es bueno con nosotros. ¡Ese es el reto a cumplir!

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 23
TUESDAY, FEB. 25**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Priests of the Diocese
- Adoration to follow.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Richard Varga

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 1

- 9:00am Mass offered for former priests of St Theresa

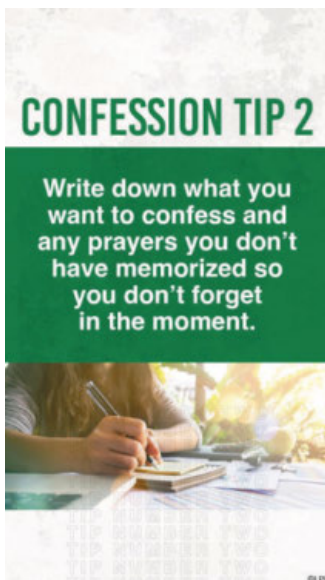
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Jim Biron

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Nathan Hess
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Patrick Mooney

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF FEB 23-MARCH 2
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 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 week-ends readings with discussion to follow. Next Sessions are March 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 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 Jan. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$18,638.04	\$144,838.83	\$150,361.80	(\$5,522.97)

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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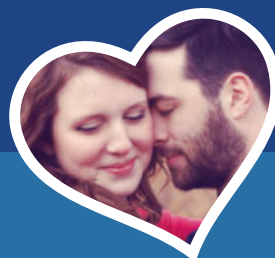
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