

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.

March 9, 2025

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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.

March 9, 2025

Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Readings for the week of March 9: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— *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 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, Paul Semtner, Jasan Marie Dewitt

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

IHM Fish Fry and Bake Sale!

Friday March 28th

\$10 per meal (Cash Only)

Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw, and
 Tartar Sauce

Declicious Baked Goods available too!

Place preorders by Sunday, March 16

Please contact Norma Ruiz or Grace

McDonald after Sunday Mass

Please contact Debie Misovski if you can
 donate baked goods

Take out from 5-7 pm in the rear of
 Bethany House.

Preordering is recommended.

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, 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 16

Reader– William Pettus
 Ushers– Warren Wade/ Peggy Dunegan
 EM– Dona Selig
 Altar– Peggy Dunegan
 m/Counters--Bernard Marquis/Tammy Hinchey

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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.



SAVE THE DATE

ST. THERESA ANNUAL YARD SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

7:00AM—4:00PM

Drop off is from Monday, March 31 through Friday, April 4 from 9-3. No clothes or books. Please leave all donations at the ramp double doors. Thank you for your support.

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS and **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The St. Theresa parish Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Friday, March 7 at 5 PM in

the Parish Center. They will continue each Friday throughout Lent. All are welcome. If you wish you may bring a pot of “meatless” soup to share.

Stations of the Cross will follow the Supper at 6 PM in the church.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Sydney Stafford
- Adoration to follow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Teresa Miller

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Marilyn Reid

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Rita Brandt

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Bill Phillips
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Jim & Julie Biron

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9-MARCH 16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 9:00am CCD

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

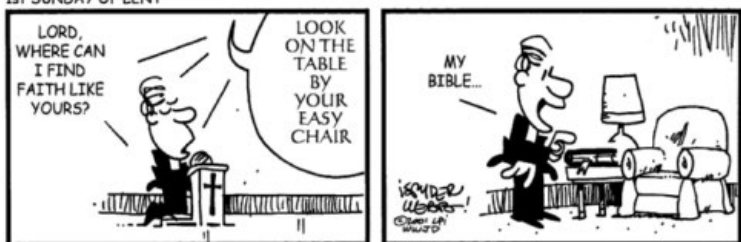
There will be First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be April 5.

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.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



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, Sydney Stafford

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 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 26.

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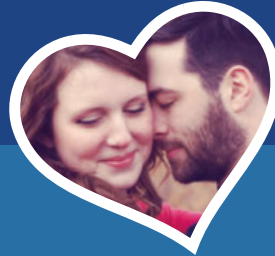
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