

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.

July 6, 2025

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14th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

*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 Der-
flinger, 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 July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt
9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/
Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-
11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39
-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/
Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus’ words this week help. He says, **“Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).** Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— *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: Diane Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson,Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Maria M. Fuentes, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Helen Hemetec,, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz,Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE	
Aril, 2025	
Monthly Regular Collection::	\$ 8,459.00
YTD Collected Sep. 2024:	\$73,909.37
YTD Collection Budget:	\$56,333.44
Overage or (Shortage):	\$17,575.93

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



BIKING FOR BABIES

IHM will again this year be hosting the Biking for Babies team. There are nine people coming this year and the current plan is for them to be here on Monday, July 14th. St. Theresa's will be providing dinner for them and we have been asked to provide breakfast on the morning of July 15th. We are also looking for air mattresses, linens and towels for the group to use during their visit. Please contact Grace McDonald if you have any of these items we could borrow or if you can help with breakfast. Please pray for these young men and women as they complete this missionary experience.

Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin
Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office.
Mary Hind, Scott Crawford, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman , Teresa Holdren, Terry and Tiffany Reynolds

Schedule of Ministers—July 13
Reader– Pat Irvine
Ushers– Dennis Queensbury/
Richard Hinchey
EM–Judy Guy
Altar–Peggy Dunegan
M/Counters--Beth Gregory/
Bernard Marquis

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,885.00	\$35,999.05	\$36,259.75	(\$260.20)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair
Parish Council, Dana Borum,



‘CLUSTER NEWS’

Funeral for Deacon Peter Menting

July 12

Visitation at St. Theresa Parish 10-12 pm

Funeral Mass 12:00

Reception to Follow at Parish Center

July 13

Burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery

Meherrin

Following 11 am Mass (around noon)



St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church. The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

BIKING FOR BABIES

The Life Ministry Committee will be hosting the Biking For Babies National Ride

At The Bethany House on July 14th. If you

Have an air mattress to lend for the night,

along with sheets, blankets, a pillow, and a

Towel please let Heather know at:

sttheresalifeministries@gmail.com

To arrange pickup

La finalidad de este domingo es anunciar el Reino de Dios. Por ello, Dios envía a los discípulos de dos en dos. De esa forma es como se forma una comunidad misionera. Jesús los entrena para la misión, para ir, para salir fuera y mirar a los hermanos y hermanas en la periferia. ¿Qué necesitan? ¿Cómo viven? Es urgente que nos demos cuenta para participar en esta misión encomendada. La cosecha es abundante y los misioneros, pocos.

“Rueguen, pues, al dueño de la cosecha que envíe obreros a su cosecha” (Lucas 10:2).

Esta petición de Jesús sigue en pie y nos invita a orar por nuestros sacerdotes, seminaristas, religiosos y religiosas que día a día trabajan para que el Reino de Dios crezca y reine la paz en sus comunidades. También tengamos presente en nuestra oración a los misioneros y misioneras laicos que luchan en silencio por esparcir la semilla del Evangelio entre los suyos. *“Siempre debemos orar al dueño de la mies, que es Dios Padre, para que envíe obreros a trabajar en su campo, que es el mundo. Y cada uno de nosotros lo debe hacer con el corazón abierto, con una actitud misionera; nuestra oración no debe limitarse solo a nuestras peticiones, a nuestras necesidades: una oración es verdaderamente cristiana si también tiene una dimensión universal” (Papa Francisco).* Nosotros, como bautizados, formamos parte de ese grupo misionero de Jesús. ¡Atrévete a ser un misionero comprometido!

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ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6

TUESDAY, JULY 8

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †John Kenney

THURSDAY, JULY 10

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Hali Yun

FRIDAY, JULY 11

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Sydney Stafford

SATURDAY JULY 12

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Nick Bailey

SUNDAY, JULY 13

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Sydney Stafford

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6—13 WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am No Adult Education

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

There will be a First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be August 2.

CLOTHING MINISTRY

Please—no more donations to the clothing ministry.

We are full!!

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, Cecily Hill, Ed Slate

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, 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, Dennis Maglione

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, Matthew Lepalm

St. Theresa Finance Council

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel, Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck, Paul Duers

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$24,172.89	\$206,338.99	\$215,518.58	(\$9,179.59)

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 62 people on 6-25.

*Please - if anyone has extra garden veggies—the Food Pantry will take any fresh extra veggies you might have. Please leave in the refrigerator at the church or bring to the pantry on Wednesday morning. Thank you!!!

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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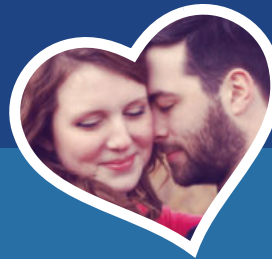
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