

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

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—Karel Bailey

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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 27, 2025

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17th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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 July 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— *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	

27 de julio de 2025
¿Te has preguntado alguna vez cuál es la mejor manera de hacer oración? Quizá la respuesta sea "de muchas maneras". A lo mejor explicarás las diferentes formas de hacer oración. Cada persona tiene su experiencia de oración. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su número 2564, nos ayuda a comprender mejor lo que es orar: *“La oración cristiana es una relación de Alianza entre Dios y el hombre en Cristo. Es la acción de Dios y del hombre; brota del Espíritu Santo y de nosotros, dirigidas por completo al Padre, en unión con la voluntad humana del Hijo de Dios hecho hombre”*. Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, en sus manuscritos autobiográficos, decía sobre su experiencia de oración (C25 r.): *“Para mí, la oración es un impulso del corazón, una sencilla mirada hacia el cielo, un grito de agradecimiento y de amor tanto desde dentro de la prueba como desde dentro de la alegría”*. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su número 2759, nos enseña: *“Estando él [Jesús] en cierto lugar, cuando terminó, le dijo uno de sus discípulos: ‘Maestro, enséñanos a orar, como enseñó Juan a sus discípulos’”* (Lucas 11:1). *En respuesta a esta petición, el Señor confía a sus discípulos y a su Iglesia la oración cristiana fundamental. San Lucas da de ella un texto breve (con cinco peticiones [Lucas 11:2-4]).* El Padrenuestro es fundamental para todo cristiano. Recémoslo siempre con fe.

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 27
Reader—Dana Borum
Ushers— Richard Hinchey/ Dan Derflinger
EM —Dona Selig
Altar—Tammy Hinchey
M/Counters--Beth Gregory/Tammy Hinchey

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, Kathy Oliver



'CLUSTER NEWS'

Mastering English as a Second Language **Class**

*A new Adult ESL is starting on
July 11th at 6:30 pm.
At the IHM Bethany House*

FREE!

905 S. Main St, Blackstone, VA

Please register with Kathy Oliver
NCLP Director
434 645 9594
Or click on link:
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Celebrating World Day **For** **Grandparents and the Elderly**



GOSPEL

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for loving me and listening to me.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall semester. If you are interested in helping, or if you have any questions please contact:

Dan Holland
farmvilleccm@gmail.com



ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Pedro Elias Hernandez

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Charles Palmer III

THURSDAY, JULY 31

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Parishioners of the Cluster

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Jim McGrory

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Bob Varner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Pete & Angelo Aldi
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Mary Jo Bergen

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27—AUGUST 3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 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 2nd.

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 Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, 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, Bill Krout

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, LTC Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez (retired), 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 63 people on 7-16.

*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!!!

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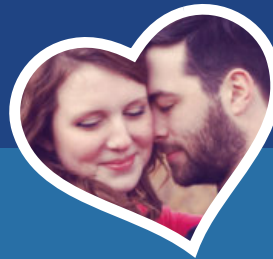
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