

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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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.

August 3, 2025

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

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 August 3, 2025

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *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

3 de agosto de 2025**XVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

A todos nos gusta hacer planes, tener metas y llegar a ellas. Eso nos pone contentos porque nos va bien en la vida y pensamos: "Qué bien, he luchado tanto que ya puedo disfrutar de lo que tengo". Pero nos olvidamos de lo más importante: en las metas nunca contamos contigo. Nos olvidamos de que sólo Tú, Señor, nos darás la auténtica libertad y felicidad. No está la vida en poseer bienes. *"Eviten con gran cuidado toda clase de codicia, porque, aunque uno tenga todo, no son sus posesiones las que le dan vida"* (Lucas 12:15).

Vale preguntarnos: ¿Cuál es el centro de tu vida? ¿Cuál es la meta en tu vida? ¿Está tu felicidad en lo que posees, en tu estatus social, en lo que dirá la gente de ti? Cuidado, nos advierte Jesús: *"Esta misma noche vas a morir. ¿Quién se quedará con lo que has preparado?"* (Lucas 12:20).

"Jesús percibe nuestros problemas, nuestras debilidades, nuestras necesidades; invita a convertirnos a la fe en la Providencia, saber compartir lo poco que somos y tenemos, y no cerrarnos nunca en nosotros mismos" (Papa Francisco). El tener muchos bienes y prestigio no es malo, lo que Dios desea es que aprendamos a ser desprendidos, es decir, generosos. No equivoquemos el proyecto de nuestra vida; la abundancia es pasajera, todo se queda al morir. Solo las riquezas espirituales serán eternas. *"Esto vale para toda persona que amontona para sí misma en vez de acumular para Dios"* (Lucas 12:21).

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, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman

Schedule of Ministers—August 10

Reader—Nancy Fothergill

Ushers— Dennis Queensberry/

Warren Wade

EM —Pat Irvine

Altar—Peggy Dunegan

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 started on
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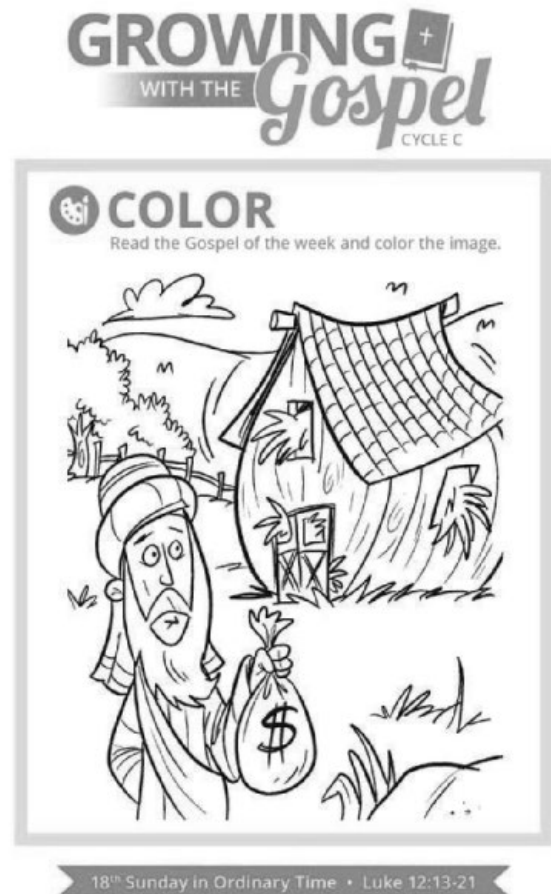
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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Christian Initiation of Adults is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming new members to the faith. It is a period of learning about the faith by exploring our beliefs, traditions, and practices. We begin on Sunday, September 7, and following Sundays at 9 am at the Parish Center. For questions and information please contact the office, Fr. Chris or Fr. Ronnie, or Deacon Emmett.

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 AUGUST 3

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Teresa Miller

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Paul & Pat Monahan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Teresa Borelli

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby

SATURDAY AUGUST 9

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †William Brandt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Sydney Stafford
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Deacon Peter Menting

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3—AUGUST 10 WEDNESDAY,

- 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 September 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, Harry Roman

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 50 people on 7-23.

*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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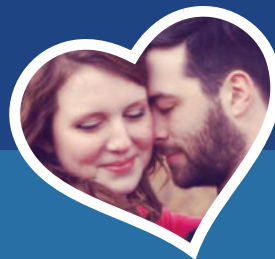
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