

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor

Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar

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—Karel Bailey

Director of Campus Ministry— Dan Holland

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 31, 2025

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

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 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table” (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— *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, 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, Alex Ruiz,Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna, Devie Misorski, Margaret Brooks

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE	
August 2025	
Monthly Regular Collection::	\$ details to come soon!
YTD Collected Sep. 2025:	\$
YTD Collection Budget:	\$
Overage or (Shortage):	\$

IHM Finance Council

Grace McDonald, Chair, Paul Semtner, Patty York, Norma Ruiz, Tito Perez, Roger Leon

IHM Spaghetti Dinner!

Our Fall Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
will be Friday, September 19th
From 5-7 pm

Donations of food and help for the day of
the event will be most appreciated.

More details to come soon.



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-September 7
Reader—Pat Irvine
Ushers—Richard Hinchey/Bernard Marquis
EM —Dona Selig
Altar—Peggy Donegan
M/Counters—Bill Brown/Lori Derflinger

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**Religious Ed!**

Religious Ed registration is taking place in the Commons after all of the Masses. Please stop by and register your kids after Mass.

Classes begin Sept 14th at 9 am at the St. Theresa Parish Center

Hope to see you there!

**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 14, 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.

If you are interested in volunteering as an Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for the homebound Catholics in our community area, please contact Deacon Emmett or Consuelo Alvarez. Please write your information in the folder located on the credenza. We will contact you for information and training. Thank you!!

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*To sign up for the parish newsletter:
Please text SALVE to 84576
Or visit this address: CentralVACatholicCluster.flocknote.com/everyone
For weekly newsletter or announcements*

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*



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 31**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Joseph Mark Pope

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Joseph Mark Pope

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 am Mass offered for
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †The Maile family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:00am Mass offered for Anthony Escoto
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Ardell Hoff

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 24—AUGUST 31
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 6th.



ALL DAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday September 5th

After the 9 am Mass and continuing until

9:30 pm

*Please sign up for an hour on the sheet in the
Great Hall*

*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 & John 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 Antil, 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

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 60 people on 8-20.

*The Clothing Ministry would love donations of Fall and Winter Clothing.
Thank you so much!!

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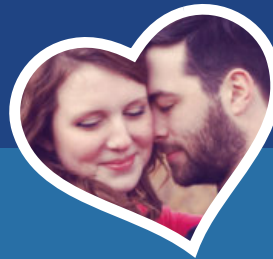
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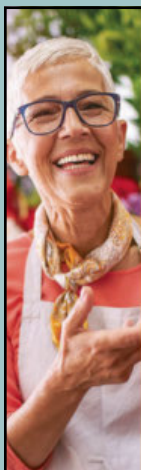
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