

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



**CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901**

*Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor*

*Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar*

*Deacon Emmett McLane*

*Secretary—Tanya Stinson*

*Director of Religious Education*

*—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.

**September 7, 2025**

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## **23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?  
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

*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](mailto: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 September 7, 2025**

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

### **September 7, 2025**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Luke 14:25-33**

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— *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):	\$

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

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***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.***

***\$15 per dinner for age 11 and up***  
***\$10 for 10 and up***  
***Free for 2 and under***



***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 14**  
Reader-Sharon Pettus  
Ushers—Warren Wade/Dennis Queensberry  
EM —Pat Irvine  
Altar—Nancy Fothergill  
M/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/ Beth Gregory

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

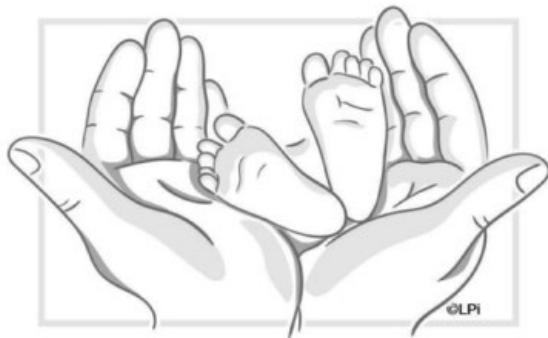


**‘CLUSTER NEWS****Religious Ed!**

*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!*

**Walk for Life**

***Please support the Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia On their Walk for Life Along the High Bridge Trail at 9 am on Saturday September 20th***

*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!!*

*ermclane @embarqmail.com*

*alvarezcj@longwood.edu*



*To Sign up for the Parish email newsletter please text SALVE to 84576 or visit this Address: [CentralVACatholicCluster.flocknote.com/everyone](http://CentralVACatholicCluster.flocknote.com/everyone). This will update you on upcoming events and on the Sunday readings.*

**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 SEPTEMBER 7**

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Sharon Hamby  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Louis & John Wunnenberg & Liese Wells

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †William "Bill" James Neu SR
- 10:30am Mass offered for †William "Bill" James Neu SR

### **ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7—14 WEDNESDAY,**

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
Adult Education & CCD

### **FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

There will be a First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be October 4.

### **CLOTHING MINISTRY**

*The Clothing Ministry is now in need of Fall and Winter items. Thank you for your assistance with this ministry!*

*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 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

### **St. Theresa Finance Council**

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

<b>Monthly Regular Collection</b>	<b>YTD Collected April. 25</b>	<b>YTD Coll20ection Budget</b>	<b>Overage or (Shortage)</b>
\$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.

\*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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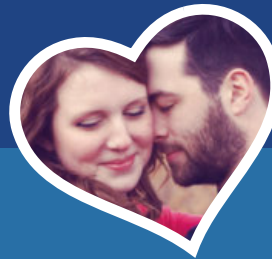
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