

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

June 7, 2026

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

903 S Main Street
Blackstone, VA 23824
Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00am

IHM Parish Council

David McKenna (Chair), Esther Sablan, Dr.
Tracey Jones, Norma Ruiz, Eduardo Perez

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SACRED HEART

2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council

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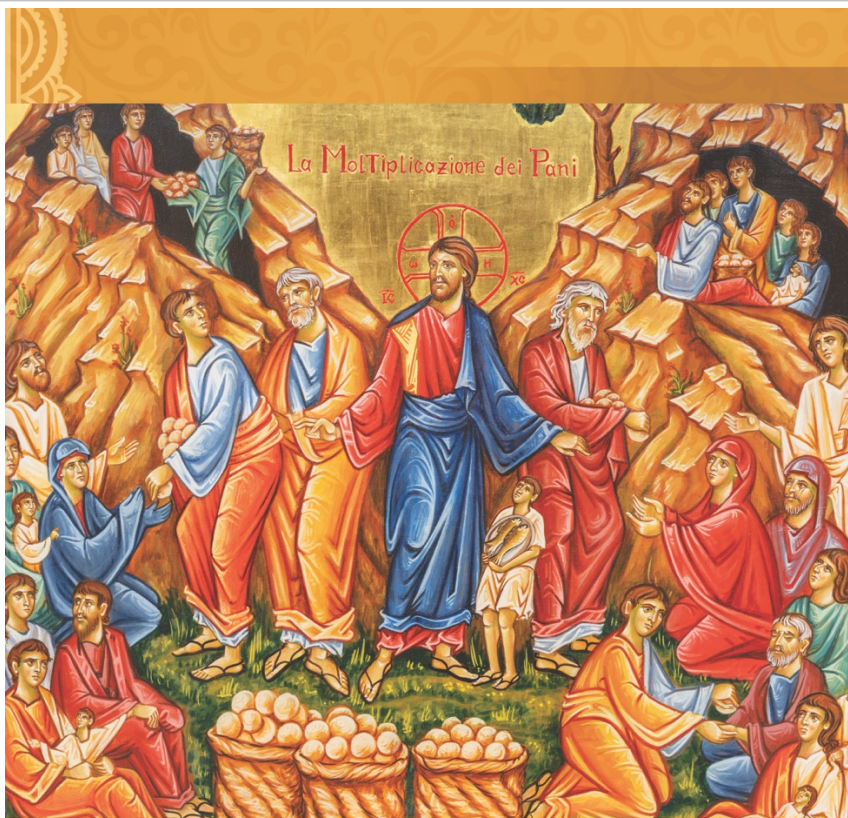
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ST. THERESA

709 Buffalo Street
Farmville, VA 23901
Mass:
Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am, and Sunday 10:30 am

St. Theresa Parish Council

Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com
Dottie Zimolong (Chair), Victor Adaniel,
Steve Biernesser, Pat Brandt, Tracy Carilli,
Gene Donovan, Victor Cruz, Lynn Skakum,
Cindy Scheu



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven.'" John 6:51

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 OCIA classes.

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 to the community.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, and every Tuesday after the 5:30 pm Mass.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45 pm and Tuesday after 5:30 pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appointment.

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 Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use donated items, especially: canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit or fresh fruit, tuna, rice, spaghetti, green beans, baked beans, and mac & cheese. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated items. We served 57 people on May 27.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: JUNE 7, 2026

Sunday	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday	1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/ Mt 11:25-30
Saturday	1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 7, 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

John 6:51-58

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: "**My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.**" (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: *the Eucharist*. We say: *the Body and Blood of Christ*. We say: *the Real Presence*. We say: *the Most Blessed Sacrament*. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

— *Father John Muir*

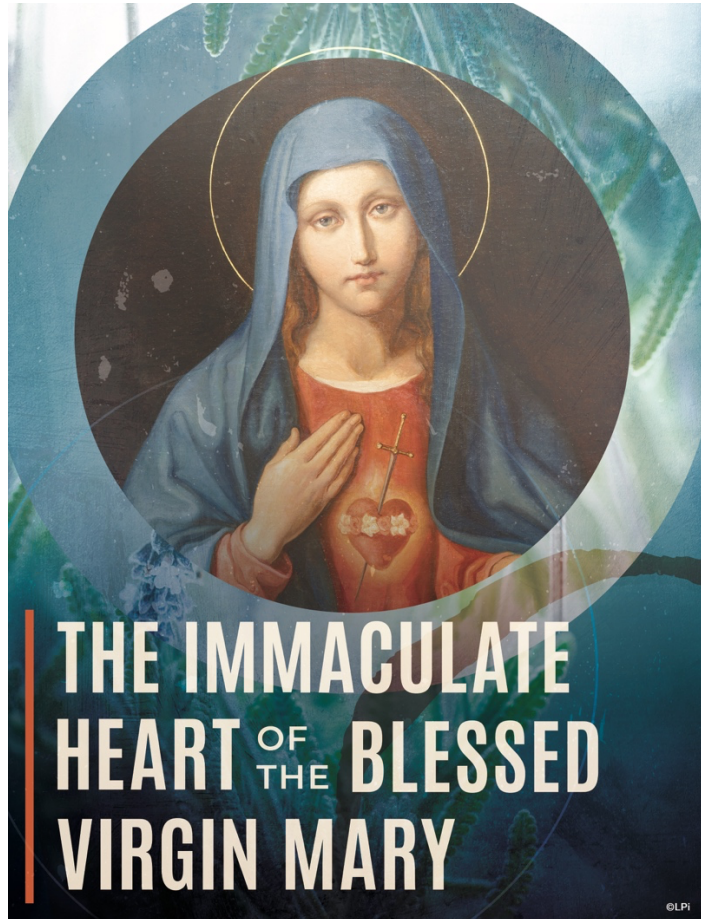
ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

St. Theresa's Parish Events and Hospitality Committees invite all ladies and guests from the parish cluster to attend "A Mad Hatter's Tea Party." The event will take place on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm at the St. Theresa Parish Center. Seating is limited, so advance sign-up is required. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass. Parishioners from Sacred Heart and IHM may also reserve a spot by calling the cluster office.

PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Parish Events Committee at St. Theresa is requesting donations of items needed for our jams/jellies sales at our Christmas bazaar: sugar, powdered pectin (Sure-Jell), jelly jars (half pints), lids & screw bands. Please leave items in the church kitchen area at St. Theresa. Monetary donations are also welcome. Call Jean Algeier 434-401-7995 with questions.



ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	6/9	5:30 pm	†Lois Gager
Wed.	6/10	5:30 pm	Dudley Sauve
Thurs.	6/11	9:00 am	†Carmela P.
Fri.	6/12	9:00 am	†Diane Ford
Sat.	6/13	5:00 pm	Michael Beattie
Sun.	6/14	8:00 am	†Ronald Jamerson
		10:30 am	Parishioners of the Cluster

ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

The Ice Cream Social at St. Theresa has been rescheduled to Friday, June 19, from 6:00–8:00 pm at the Parish Center. All donations will go to the "Alive in Christ" campaign.

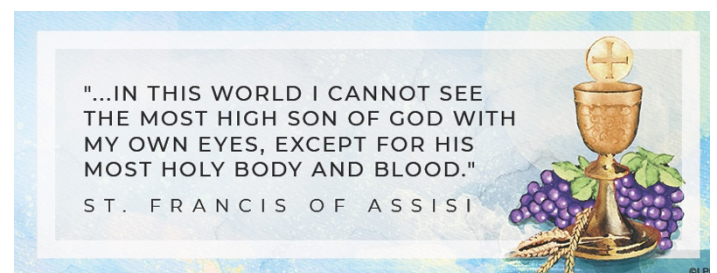
MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

A prayer meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 30th at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Theresa Parish Center and will last 1.5 hours. All are welcome.

OFFICE UPDATES

The Cluster office has resumed regular hours from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

The office also will be sunsetting the Cluster's Gmail account in favor of Outlook. This change will help simplify and consolidate the multiple email addresses currently being used within the Cluster. Gmail accounts will remain active (for now), but emails will be forwarded to the Outlook inbox. The best email address for the office is now: busmgr@centralvacatholiccluster.org.



FATHER'S DAY PICNIC

The Knights of Columbus invite all the members of the Cluster to the Father's Day Celebration that is going to take place at the Sacred Heart Picnic Pavilion, Meherrin, on Sunday, June 21 starting at 1:00 pm. There will be music, food and games for all the family. See the cluster website, newsletter and Facebook page for more details.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

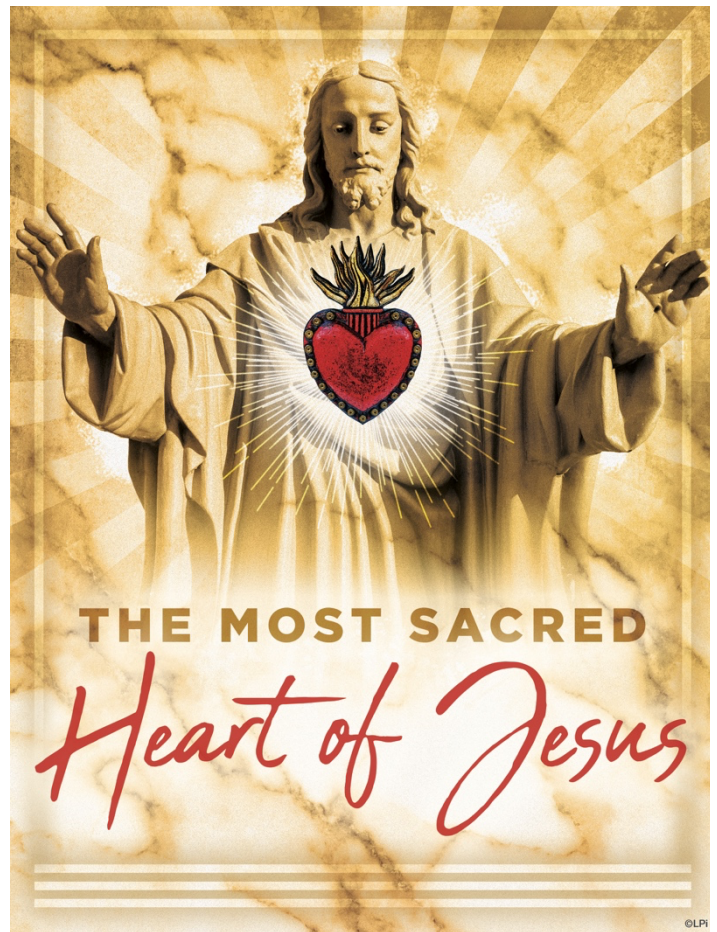
Married couples: If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. And, it is now Vatican approved! Space is limited. Upcoming experiences are:

- August 28-30, 2026 - Bristow, VA (lodging is on your own— couples return home each night)
- October 23-25, 2026 - Hampton, VA (lodging provided)
- November 6-8, 2026. - Emerald Isle, NC (lodging provided)
- February 12-14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA (lodging provided)

For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

QUARTERLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

IHM Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4873.00	\$74,809.66	\$57,281.59	\$17,528.07
SH Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3824.50	\$33,483.50	\$35,655.17	(\$2174.67)
STT Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$20,347.82	\$230,293.11	\$215,172.86	\$15,120.25



CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the month of June?

Answer: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an ancient practice. We can see its Scriptural origins in Jesus' own references to His Heart. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest ... for I am meek and humble of heart"* (c.f. Matthew 11:28, 29).

The devotion received a surge of popularity in the late 1600s. Jesus appeared several times to a French religious sister, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pointing to his heart. During this time, the Jansenist heresy had risen in France, which preached limited predestination for salvation. When appearing to Margaret Mary, Jesus affirmed his love for all mankind: *"Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing."* He asked for a special feast celebrating his Sacred Heart on the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi. Over time, June has become known as the month of the Sacred Heart.

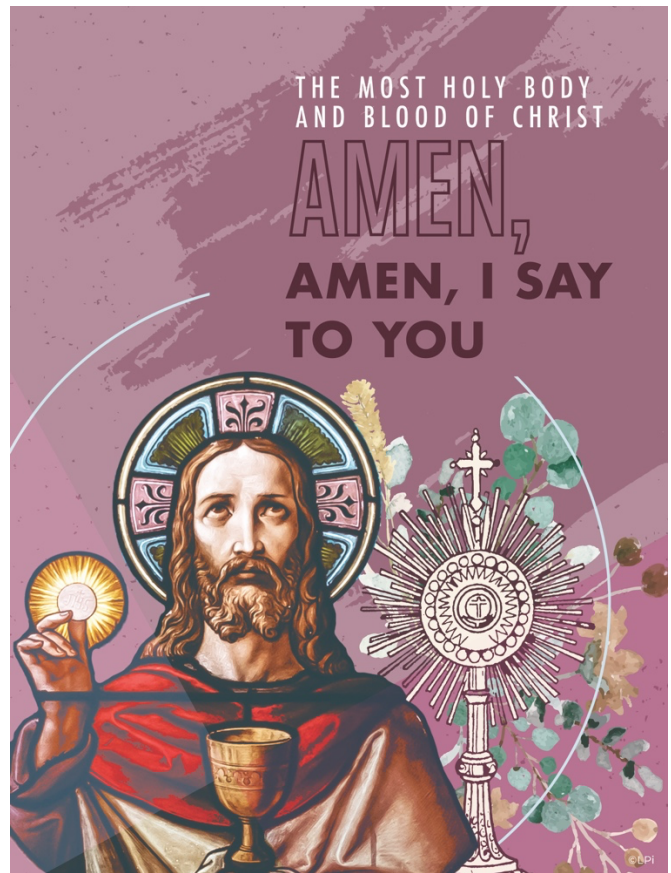
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday	
Tuesday	St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday	
Thursday	St. Barnabas, Apostle
Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	The Immaculate Heart of Mary

POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

JUNE: For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



PRAYER LIST

Heavenly Father, we lift up those on our prayer list today. Surround them with Your peace, comfort them in their needs, and grant them strength for each new day. May Your presence be felt in every moment. Amen.

SACRED HEART: Mary Hind, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman, Teresa Holdren, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman, Tibis Davis, Elliott Levonian.

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OF MARY: Diane Menting, José Luis Ruiz, Jr, Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Maria Fuentes, Angel Velez-Ortiz, Josef Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Tine & Christina Van

Wart, Naleen Cordle, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna, Devie Misorski.

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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, the Blake family, Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind Jr, Taylor Anctil, Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurray, Fritz Julian, Micael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Efre Aranzamendez, Ryan Aranzamendez, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Christopher Selig, Matthew Lepalm, Dawn Hollick, Deborah and Chris Goodman.

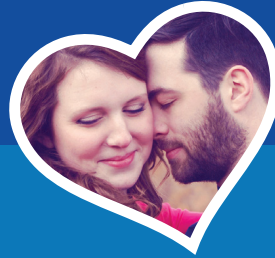
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