

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

June 21, 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

Kathy Oliver (Chair), Lori Derflinger, Scott
Crawford, Dana Borum

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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



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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 June 10.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: JUNE 21, 2026

Sunday	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8
Monday	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/ Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/ Mt 6:24-34

GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

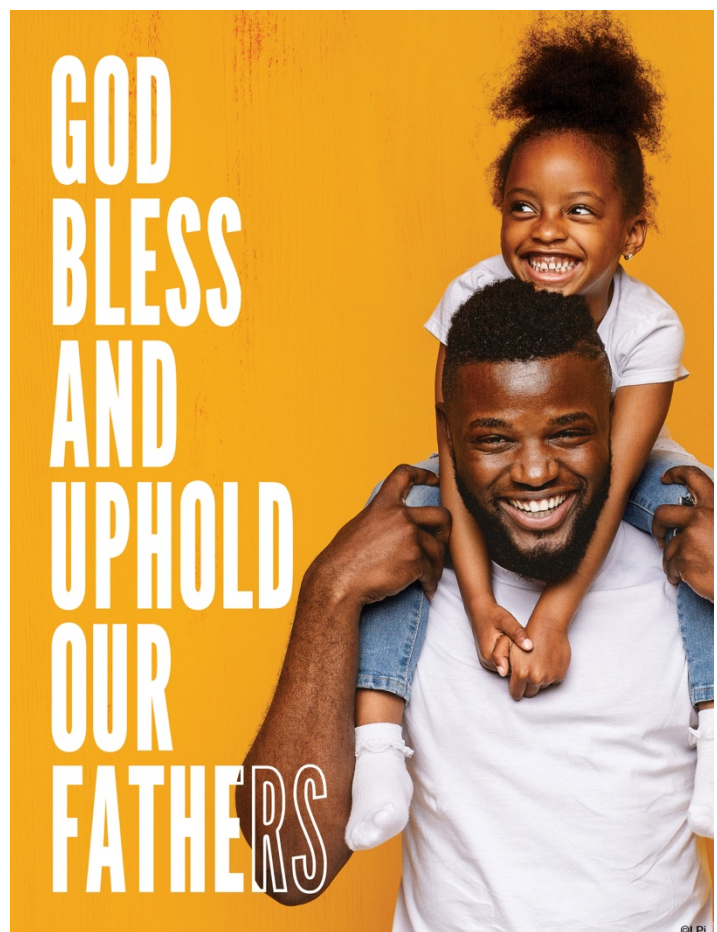
FAREWELL FR. RONNIE

As Father Ronnie prepares to conclude his ministry with us at the end of June, we invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude for his faithful service and dedication to our parish community.

A farewell covered-dish luncheon will be held in the Parish Center in Farmville on June 28 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. If you plan to join us, please consider bringing a covered dish to share as we gather to celebrate and thank Father Ronnie for his time with us.

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.



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	6/23	5:30 pm	†Ralph Wubber
Wed.	6/24	5:30 pm	†Preston Nowlin
Thurs.	6/25	9:00 am	†Patrick Mooney
Fri.	6/26	9:00 am	†Ann Marie Howard
Sat.	6/27	5:00 pm	†Peter Menting
Sun.	6/28	8:00 am	†Lois Gager
		10:30 am	Parishioners of the Cluster

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

A prayer meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Theresa Parish Center and will last 1.5 hours. All are welcome.

AFFABILITY, EXPLAINED!

There was a certain sister in the Carmelite convent who particularly tried the patience of St. Therese of Lisieux.

But instead of avoiding this person, St. Therese instead made a point of smiling at her whenever the two met.

“Charity must not consist in feelings, but in works,” wrote St. Therese. “I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most.” In doing so, she learned to see “Jesus hidden in the depths” of this woman’s soul.

St. Therese was growing in the virtue of affability when she did this. Affability is attached to justice, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, and demands “that we behave pleasantly to those among whom we dwell.” (*Sum.*, II:II, 114, Art. 2)

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. “How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one,” writes King David in Psalm 133.

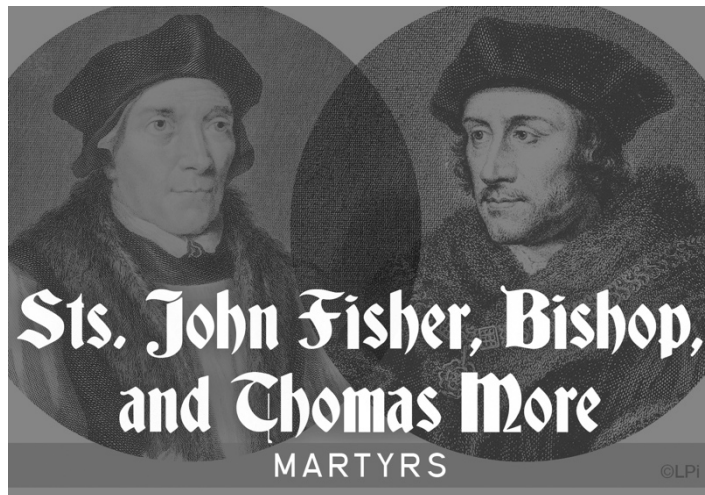
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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:

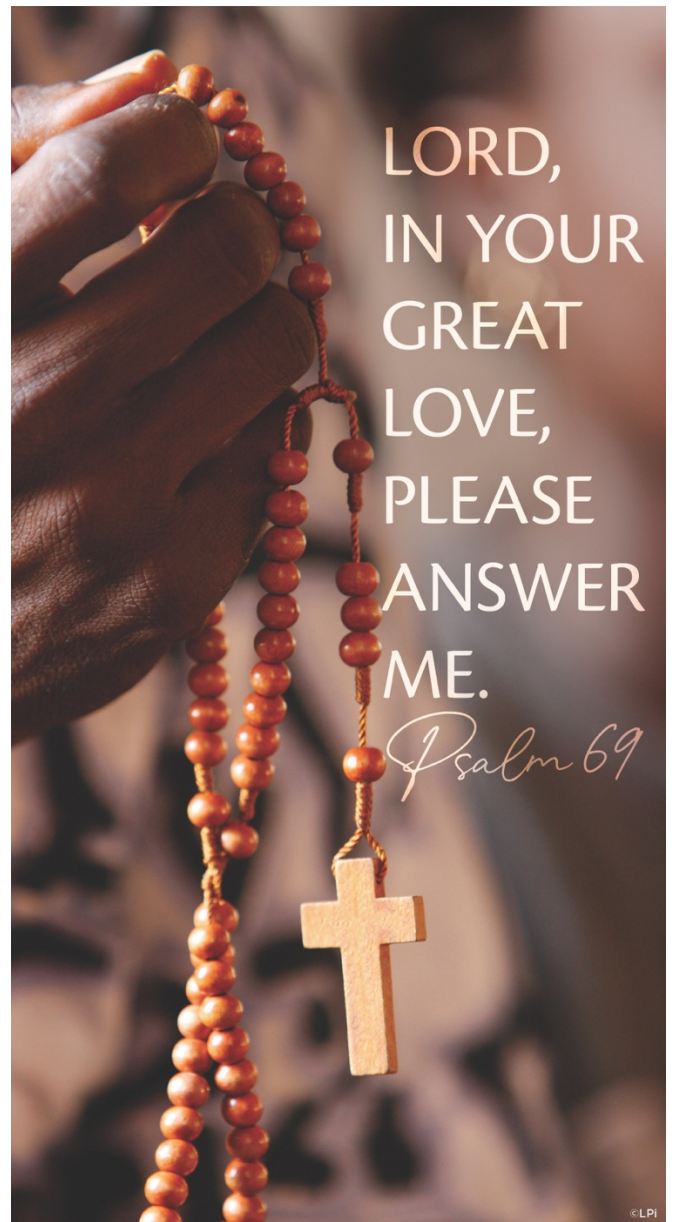
- August 28-30, 2026 - Bristow, VA
(lodging is on your own—
couples return home each night)
- October 23-25, 2026 - Hampton, VA
(lodging provided)
- November 6-8, 2026. - Emerald Isle, NC
(lodging provided)
- February 12-14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA
(lodging provided)

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



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Tuesday	
Wednesday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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.

ST. THERESA: Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Peg Giordano, Cecily Hill, Ed Slate, Nancy Pempel, Louis & John Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Anne Loveless, the Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Barbara Botts, Karen Karrow, 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, 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 McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Micael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Efren Aranzamendez, Ryan Aranzamendez, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Christopher Selig, Matthew Lepalm, Dawn Hollick, Deborah and Chris Goodman.

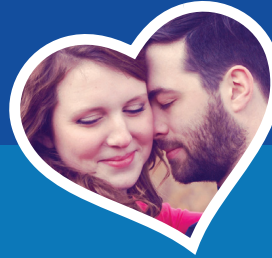
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