

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

July 5, 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

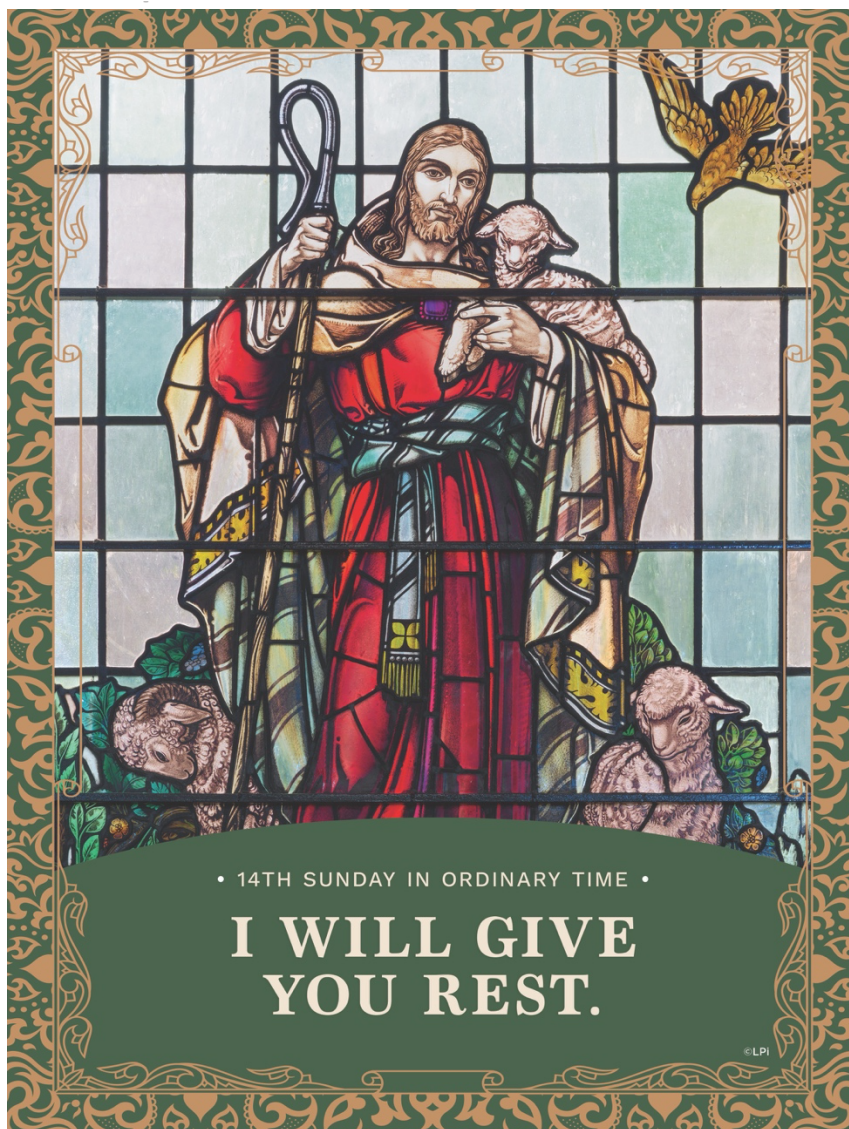
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ST. THERESA

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, Sarai Blincoe, Tracy
Carilli, Victor Cruz, Ann Mayo, Lynn
Skakum, Cindy Scheu



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 74 people on June 24.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: JULY 5, 2026

Sunday	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **"They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'"** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use donated boxed and canned food. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated packages. Many thanks to those of you who have given generously.

SATURDAY NEWSLETTER & EMAIL ALERTS

If you are not yet receiving the Cluster newsletter in your inbox each Saturday afternoon, please text "SALVE" to 84576 to join our email list. Alerts about inclement weather, funerals, or cancelations are also sent to this list.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th. More news to follow in the weeks to come!

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

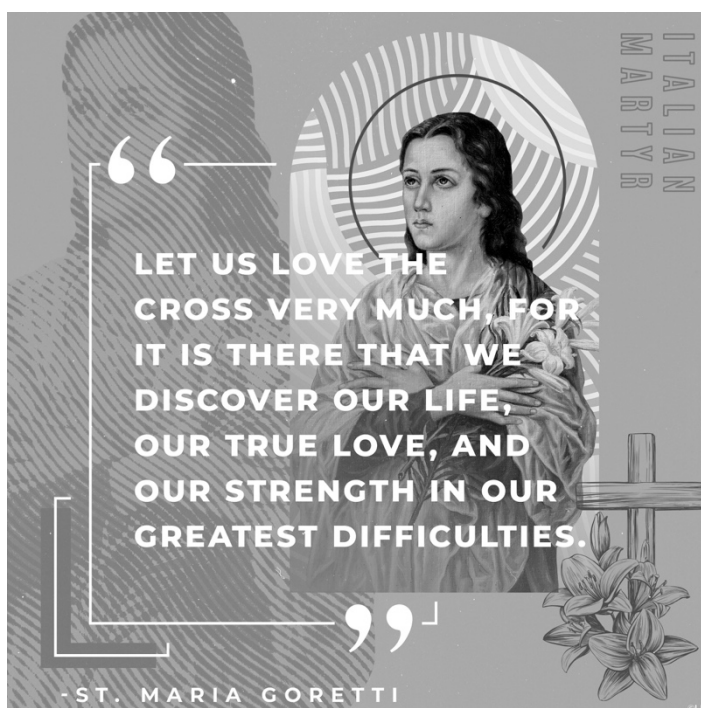
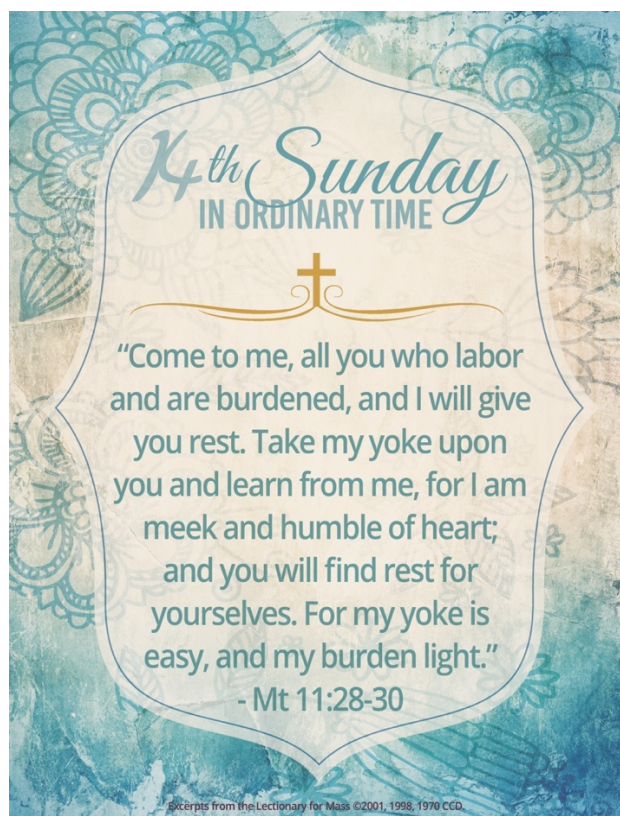
Mass intentions may be requested for loved ones, for special occasions, or in memory of someone who has passed away. A donation is suggested with each Mass intention. To schedule an intention, please visit or call the Cluster office. Requests and donations may also be submitted through the Sunday collection.

Tuesday	7/7	5:30 pm	†Thomas Osborne
Wednesday	7/8	5:30 pm	†Peter Menting
Thursday	7/9	9:00 am	†Robert Pope, Jr.
Friday	7/10	9:00 am	†J. Ghara
Saturday	7/11	5:00 pm	†Gerald Smith
Sunday	7/12	8:00 am	†Mildred Ridenour
		10:30 am	†Pam Angello

BLESSING FOR OUR COUNTRY

Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love. We are at our best when we're close to You.

Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision, that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You. Amen.





QUARTERLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

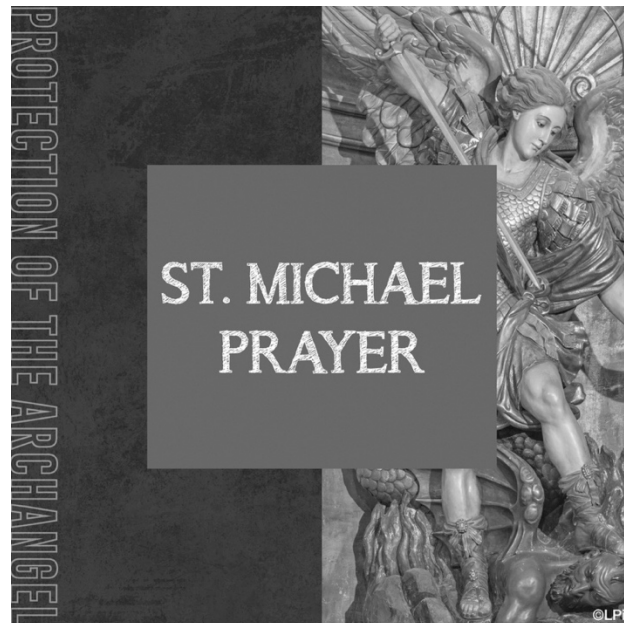
IHM Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4873.00	\$74,809.66	\$57,281.59	\$17,528.07
SH Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3824.50	\$33,483.50	\$35,655.17	(\$2174.67)
STT Monthly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

BENDICIÓN PARA NUESTRO PAÍS

Querido Dios,

Bendice esta tierra que amamos, una tierra que tú creaste, con amor. Estamos en nuestro mejor momento cuando estamos cerca de Ti.

Por favor, inspira, guía y gobierna a nuestros líderes y nuestra visión, para que nuestra grandeza se funde en Ti y se defina en ti. Amén.



ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

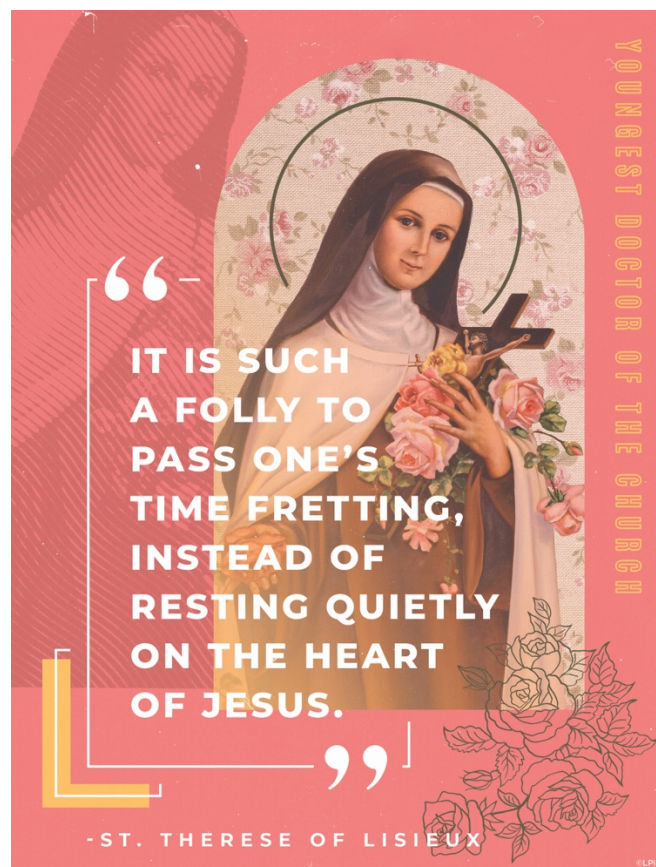
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday	
Saturday	St. Benedict, Abbot

POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

JULY: For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



PRAYER LIST

O Lord, look with favor upon those commended to our prayers. Deliver them from adversity, grant them health of mind and body, and surround them with Your saving grace. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and all the saints, hear our prayer. 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, Lynne Lee.

IMMACULATE HEART

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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