

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

July 19, 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, Ann Mayo, Victor Cruz, Lynn
Skakum, Cindy Scheu

16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Matthew 13:30

"Déjenlos crecer juntos hasta la cosecha; y al tiempo de la cosecha diré a los segadores: Recojan primero la cizaña y átenla en manojos para quemarla, pero recojan el trigo en mi granero". Mateo 13,30

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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 48 people on July 8th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: JULY 19, 2026

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **“It’s supposed to be God’s Kingdom on earth,”** he said, **“but it’s full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can’t the Church just be better?”** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus’ parables in today’s Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,”** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God’s reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God’s quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church’s flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

WELCOME FATHER MATT KELLY



Fr. Matt is a Catholic priest from Virginia and has served in parishes and schools all over the Diocese of Richmond. He draws life from visiting our monasteries, reading the Bible and the writings of the Saints, cleaning, and walking around. Fr. Matt received the sacrament of Holy Orders in 2025.

PARISH REGISTRATION NOW ONLINE

Have you been thinking about becoming a registered member of one of our cluster parishes? You can now register online by simply scanning the QR code. If you prefer a paper registration form, those are also available. Please contact the cluster office, and we'll be happy to provide one.



SACRED HEART PERPETUAL FUND ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Sacred Heart Perpetual Fund Association will hold its meeting on Sunday, August 2, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

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, July 21

5:30 pm † Mildred Ridenour

Wednesday, July 22

5:30 pm † Ralph Wubben

Thursday, July 23

9:00 am † Elory Jones

Friday, July 24

9:00 am Parishioners of the Cluster

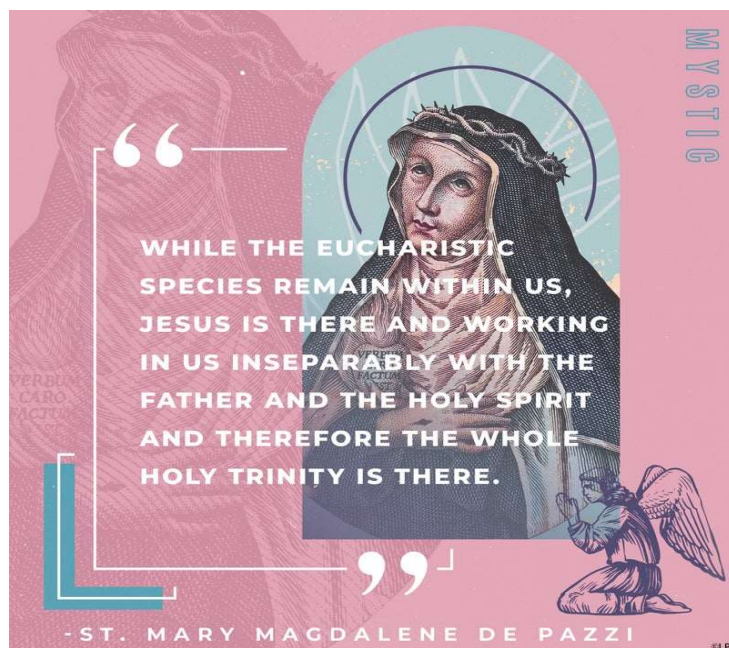
Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm † Thomas Osborne

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am † Rosemary Osborne

10:30 am † Mildred Ridenour



KIDS CORNER- JULY 19TH

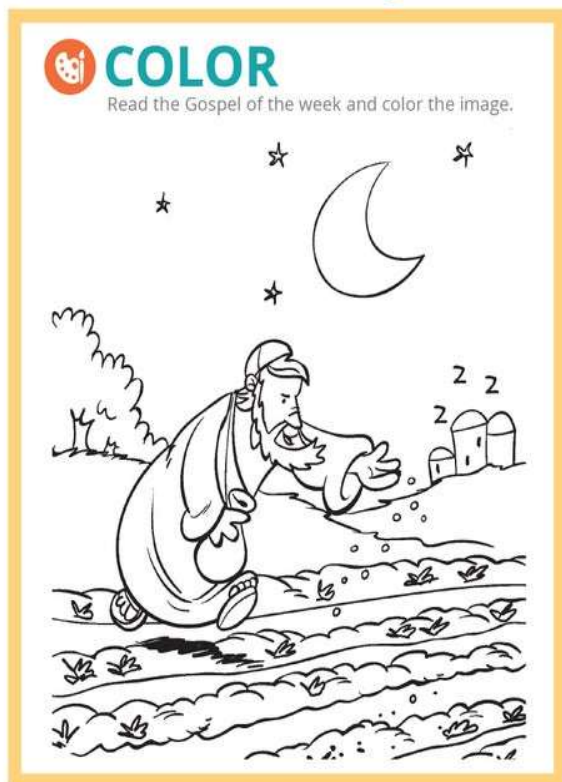
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that He is patient with us as we grow in faith. Every kind word, prayer, and good deed is like planting a seed that helps God's love grow in our hearts.

Saint Spotlight: St. Thérèse of Lisieux

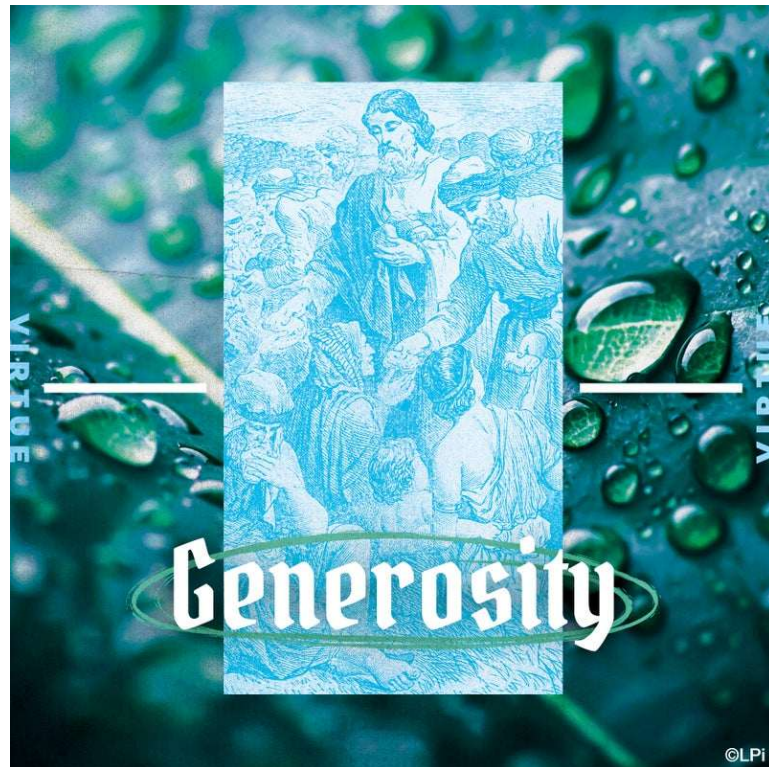
St. Thérèse believed that even the smallest acts of love can make a big difference. She showed that we can become saints by doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

Challenge: Do one small act of kindness each day this week and ask St. Thérèse to help you grow closer to Jesus.

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE A



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:24-43



FINAL FY26 SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

IHM Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6514.35	88,554.01	\$69,270.76	\$19,283.25
SH Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4044	\$41,795.50	\$43117.88	(\$1322.38)
STT Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17309.00	\$265,959.11	\$260209.04	\$5,750.07

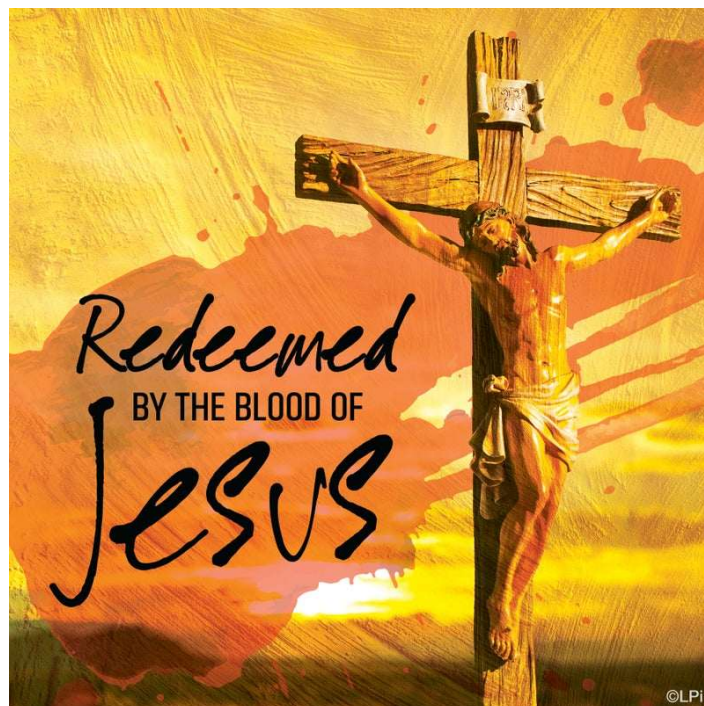
This fiscal year there will be a Sunday Collection Report at the end of each fiscal quarter to keep our cluster informed about our offertory giving. Our first quarterly report will be published on October 11th.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Saturday: St. James, Apostle

JULY DEVOTION-THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. We invite you to deepen your faith by praying the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.



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, 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, 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, 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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