

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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JULY 26, 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, Norma Ruiz, Lauro
Ramirez, Allen Queen, Susan Castro,
Althea Mattos, Geneseli Ramirez

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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
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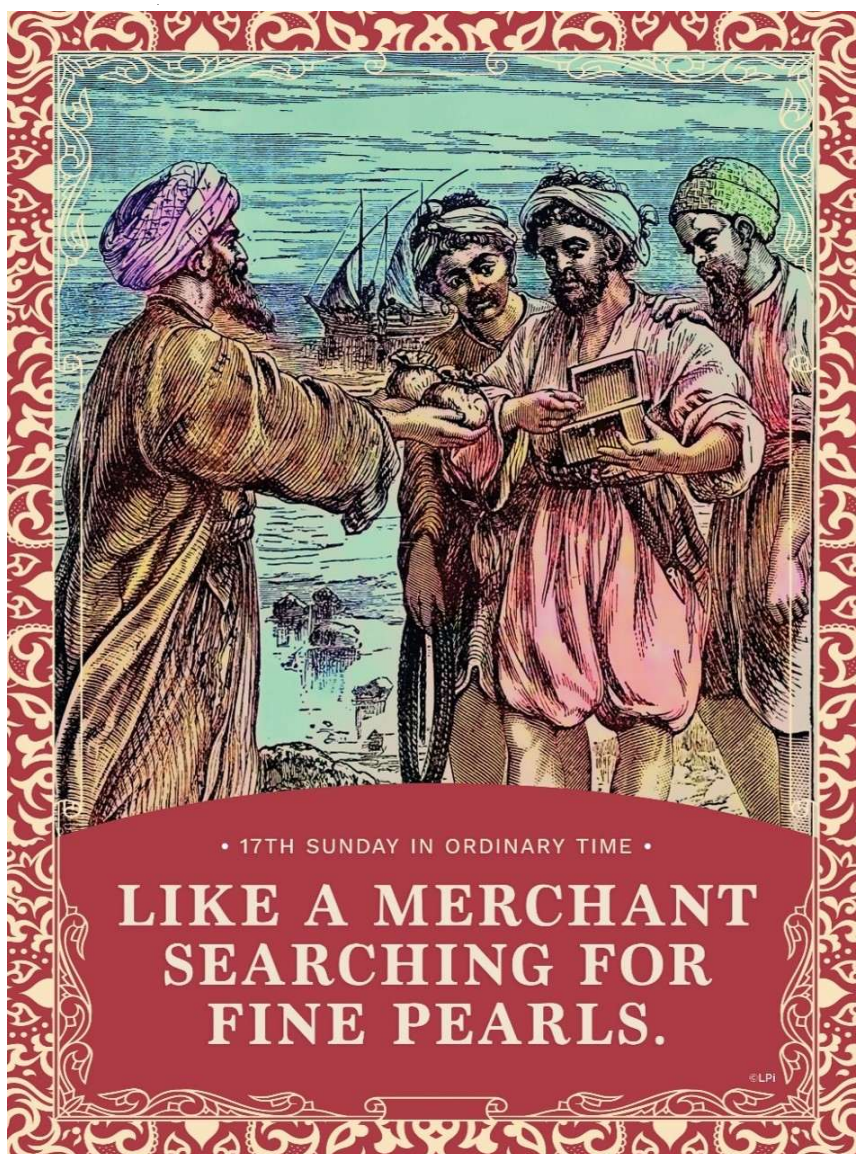
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ST. THERESA

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, Sarai Blincoe, Tracy
Carilli, Ann Mayo, Victor Cruz, 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 45 people on July 15th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: JULY 26, 2026

Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "**The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.**" He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

OCIA

Begins: Sunday, September 13
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Parish Center Basement

Adult Ed

Begins: Sunday, September 20
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Parish Center

If you need more information about OCIA or Adult Ed please contact the cluster office.

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 28
5:30 pm Shirley and Ken Farley

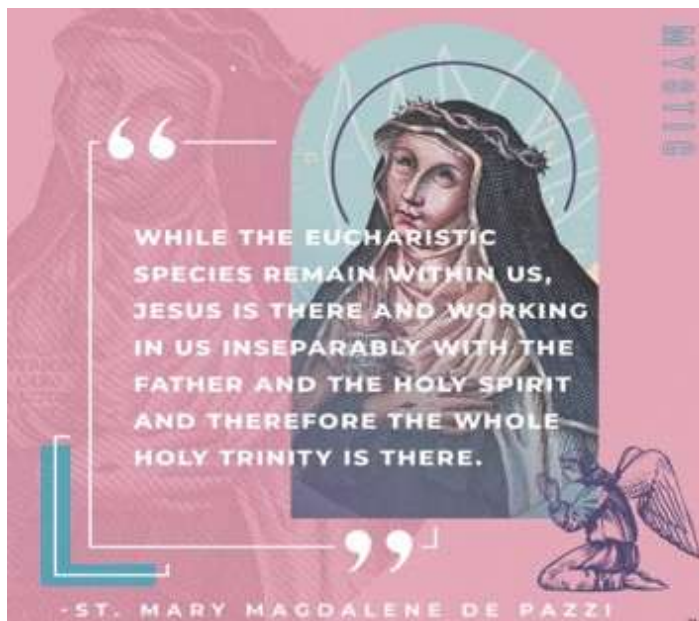
Wednesday, July 29
5:30 pm Dudley Sauve

Thursday, July 30
9:00 am † Peter Menting

Friday, July 31
9:00 am † Lois Gager

Saturday, August 1
5:00 pm † Theresa Capezza

Sunday, August 2
8:00 am † Bob Varner
10:30 am Parishioners of the Cluster



KIDS CORNER- JULY 26TH

The Greatest Treasure-

Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure we can ever find. Nothing is more valuable than knowing, loving, and following Him.

Treasure Challenge: Every day this week, spend 5 minutes with your greatest treasure-Jesus! Talk to Him in prayer or visit Him at Mass.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM	HIDDEN	PEARLS
HEAVEN	FIELD	SOLD
TREASURE	FOUND	BOUGHT

T N F H D E O K M I O
H B O U G H T E F A V
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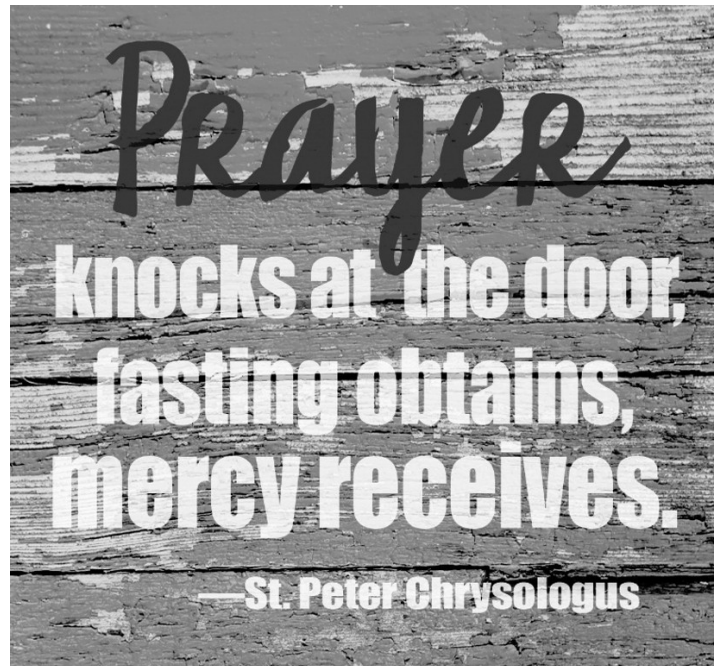
MISSION

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.



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.



JOIN US FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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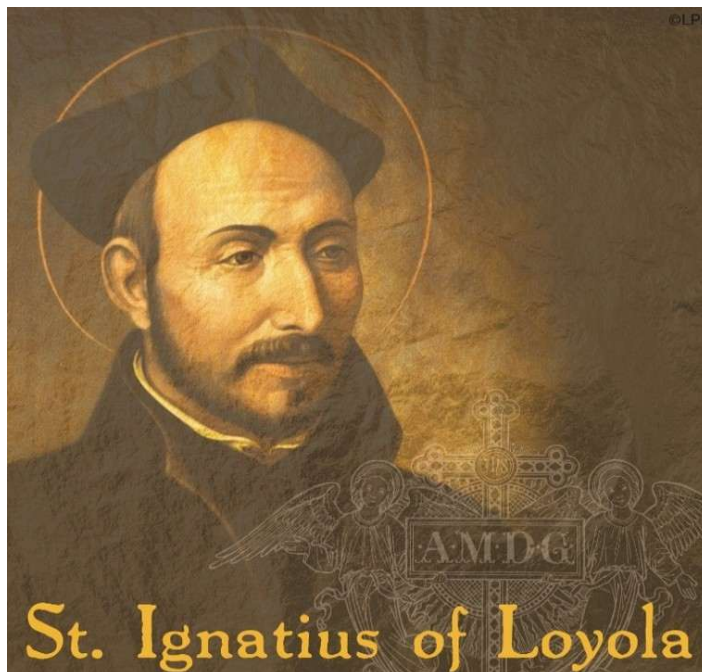
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come unto Thee,
That with all Thy saints,
I may praise thee
Forever and ever.
Amen.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: -
Tuesday: -
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



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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