

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sept 6, 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
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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



23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

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 needs donations, especially: spaghetti sauce and pasta, cereal, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, rice, applesauce, canned fruit, baked beans, and tuna. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated items. We served 54 people on Aug 26th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: SEPT 6, 2026

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:15-20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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

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.

CLUSTER PICNIC AND 2ND ANNUAL PASTOR'S CUP CHALLENGE- SEPT 20TH (See Cluster Website or Visit table after Mass for details)

2nd Annual Pastor's Cup Catechism Challenge

Held at the Cluster Picnic
Each Parish & CCM Field a Team
Four Teams, One Champion
Defending Champions: CCM



Please See the Cluster Web Site or Visit the Picnic Table After Mass for More Details

Central Virginia Catholic Cluster Annual Picnic

Featuring: 2nd Annual Pastor's Cup Competition
Interactive Family Games
Chili Cook-off
Good Food and Fellowship



Sunday, September 20, 2026
Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Shelter

Please See the Cluster Web Site or Visit the Picnic Table After Mass for More Details

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, September 8
5:30 pm Billy Brown

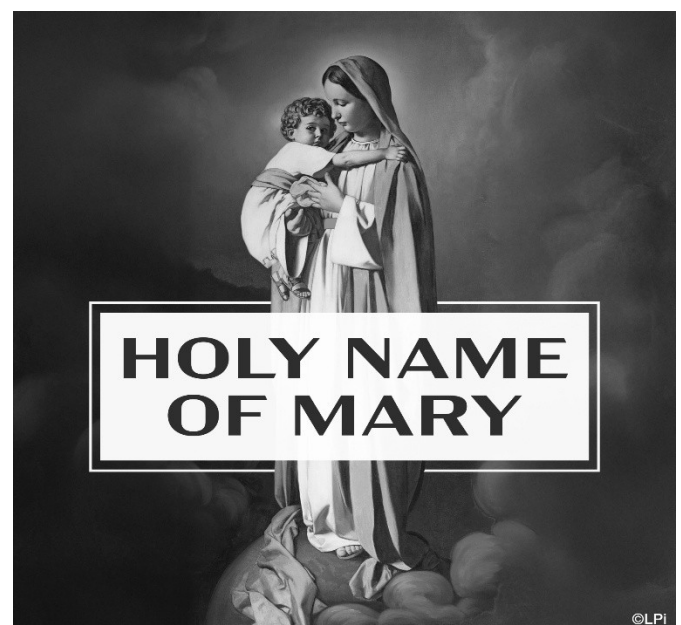
Wednesday, September 9
5:30 pm Valerie Ponce

Thursday, September 10
9:00 am Barbara & Jim Arieti

Friday, September 11
9:00 am † Victims of 9/11

Saturday, September 12
5:00 pm † James Royce Dunn

Sunday, September 13
8:00 am † Pam Angello
10:30 am † Aurora & Andree



IHM FALL FUNDRAISER-SPAGHETTI DINNER

IHM will host their Fall Spaghetti dinner on September 18th

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Bethany House Parking Lot

903 S. Main Street, Blackstone

(Rain location: Bethany House porch)

Please park in the church parking lot.

Enjoy Fr. Chris's and Sue McKenna's outstanding meatballs with spaghetti & sauce, garlic bread, salad, and a beverage! A Gluten Free option is available! Pre-orders are recommended—only a limited number of dinners will be available that evening.

Adults & ages 11+: \$15

Ages 3–10: \$10

Ages 2 & under: FREE

Don't forget to visit the bake sale table for a variety of desserts!

To reserve your dinner, contact Grace McDonald at 434-607-9410.

SH FALL FUNDRAISER- STEW

SH will host their Fall Stew on September 19th

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Sacred Heart Church Pavilion - 2597

Bruceville Road, Meherrin

Chicken Stew will be available for pickup by the quart for \$10 or dine-in for \$10. Dine-in includes a bowl of stew, crackers, dessert, and a drink.

Pre-ordering quarts is recommended.

Raffle tickets are also available for \$10 each, with a \$500 grand prize! Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold.

See Lori or Tammy to pre-order quarts of stew or purchase a raffle ticket.

SH encourages you to do the Walk for Life and then head over to the church to enjoy a bowl of stew!

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Join us for Morning Prayer each Wednesday at 7:00 am at St Theresa. Morning Prayer, also called Lauds, is designed to sanctify the morning and recall the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paper copies from the Liturgy of the Hours will be provided for anyone unfamiliar with this universal prayer of the Church. All are welcome.

WALK FOR LIFE

The Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia's Walk for Life will take place in Farmville on Saturday, September 19th at 8:30 am. Please consider joining our Central Virginia Catholic Cluster team by walking with us on that day or making a donation.

These funds help the Center to continue offering the following: pregnancy testing, peer counseling, referrals when needed, post-abortive support, limited STI testing, abortion pill reversal, prenatal vitamins, limited-obstetric ultrasound, classes to help new parents, baby clothes and supplies. Let's help them walk with our local moms and dads in need

To register or make a donation, please see a Life Ministries Member after Mass or scan the QR code below.



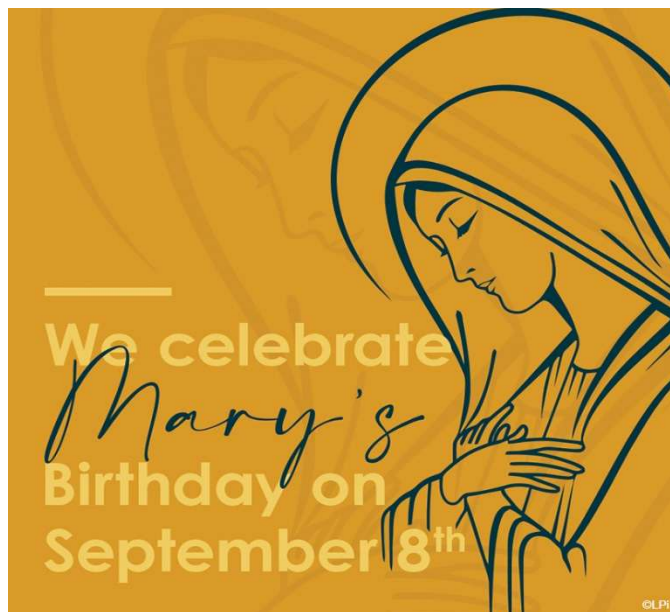
Come One, Come All and let the Knights of Columbus serve you at our Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, October 17, from 3 to 7 pm at the St. Theresa Parish Center. \$12 per ticket with all proceeds going to benefit our Catholic Campus Ministries chapter. Come enjoy the meal and bless our college ministry at the same time. There also will be a 50/50 raffle if you are feeling lucky. Ask a Knight or pick up a ticket before or after Mass. Thank you for your support.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: *Labor Day*
 Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Thursday: -
 Friday: *Patriot Day*
 Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary



TUESDAY- SEPTEMBER 8TH THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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: Sean Irvine, Mary Hind, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman, Teresa Holdren, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Billy Brown, Warren Wade, Tibis Davis, Elliott Levonian, Lynne Lee.

IMMACULATE HEART

OF MARY: Libby Smith 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, 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, 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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