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OCT 18, 2026

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
903 S Main Street
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IHM Parish Council
David McKenna, Norma Ruiz, Lauro Ramirez, Allen Queen, Susan Castro, Althea Mattos, Geneseli Ramirez

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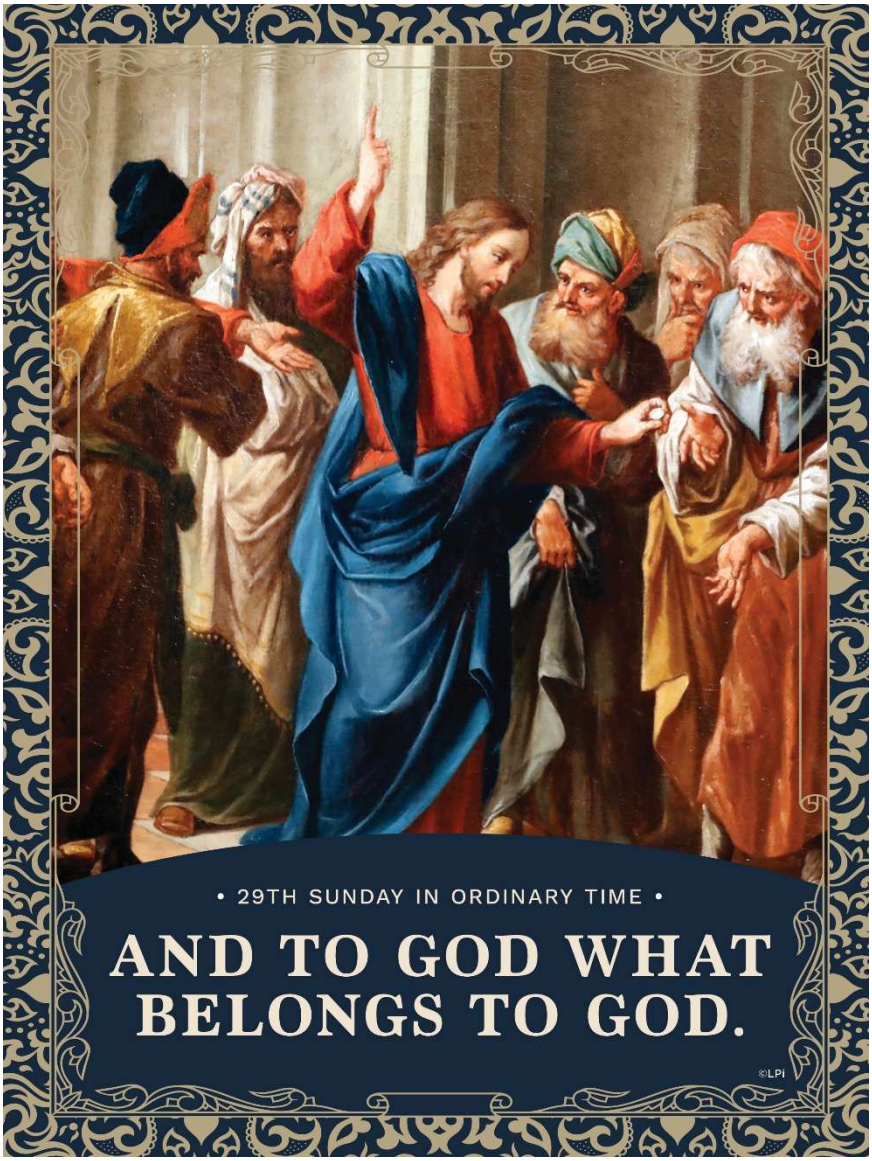
SACRED HEART
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council
Kathy Oliver (Chair), Lori Derflinger, Scott 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 Sunday10:30 am

St. Theresa Parish Council
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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 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. 69 people were served on Oct 7th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: OCT 18, 2026

Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

DAILY MASS AND ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:00 a.m., followed by Adoration
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m., followed by Adoration
1st Saturday: 9:00 a.m**.**

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

POTATO BAR- OCTOBER 24

Join us for a Potato Bar Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.!
Come enjoy a delicious baked potato bar while supporting a great cause. All donations will benefit the Alive in Christ Fundraiser and will go toward debt reduction.
Please consider joining us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and support for our parishes. Your generosity makes a difference**!**

BABY SHOWER FOR LIFE- OCTOBER 25

Each of our parishes will host a Baby Shower after Masses on Oct 24th and 25th, which will support our local pregnancy center! Parishioners are invited to help by donating essential items.
A list of needed items can be found in the bulletin insert. Please bring your donations and leave them at the designated collection location at your parish.
Please also remember that following Masses, there will be a brief 8-minute discussion providing more information about how we can offer spiritual support to families through the Works of Mercy and learn more about legal protections for life.

ADULT ED CLASSES

Join us for Adult Education every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (except holidays) in the basement of the Parish Center. Each week, we'll watch a brief video offering a summary on the Sunday Scripture readings. 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.

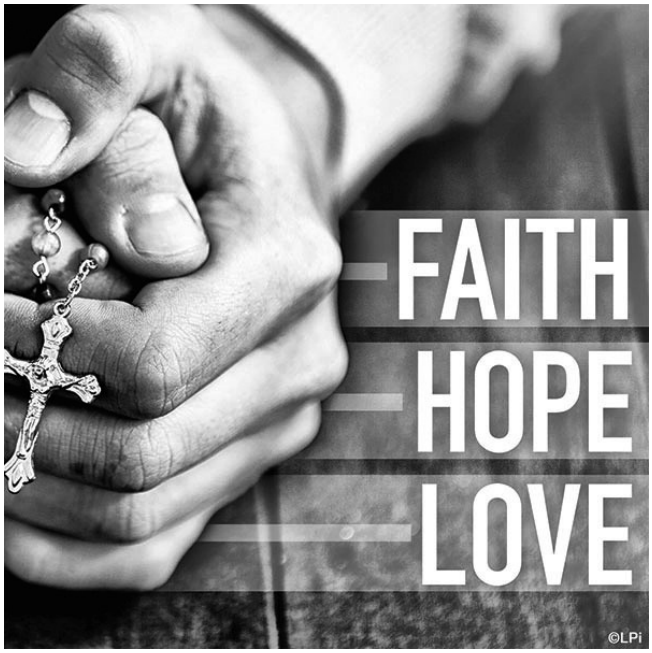
Tuesday, October 20
5:30 pm † Betty O'Linger

Wednesday, October 21
5:30 pm † Genevieve Trunko

Thursday, October 22
9:00 am † Fr. Bernie Tickerhoff

Friday, October 23
9:00 am † Dorothy and Bill Porterfield

Saturday, October 24
5:00 pm † Tom Mayo
Sunday, October 25
8:00 am † Angelo Aldi
10:30 am † Dudley Suave



COOKBOOKS NEEDED

St. Theresa's Parish Events Committee is looking for donations of gently used cookbooks to be sold at our Annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Friday, November Sixth and Saturday, November Seventh. Please drop off your donations in the kitchen area at the church or the parish center. Thank you so much for your continued support.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Take time this month to pray the Rosary and draw closer to Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



FY 2027 – 1ST QUARTER SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

Parish	YTD Collections	YTD Collection Budget	Overage / (Shortage)
STT	$54,745.36	$68,750.00	**($14,004.64)**
IHM	$28,504.00	$18,875.00	**$9,629.00**
SH	$11,192.00	$11,879.50	**($687.50)**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message: "**One in Christ, united in mission**."- USCCB



World Mission Sunday collection supports missionary dioceses with the basic resources needed to serve their communities. It helps provide homes for priests and sisters, catechesis for children, and places for pastoral work and Mass. It helps fund the construction of churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. Over 900 infrastructure projects are supported by World Mission Sunday each year. - WMS

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

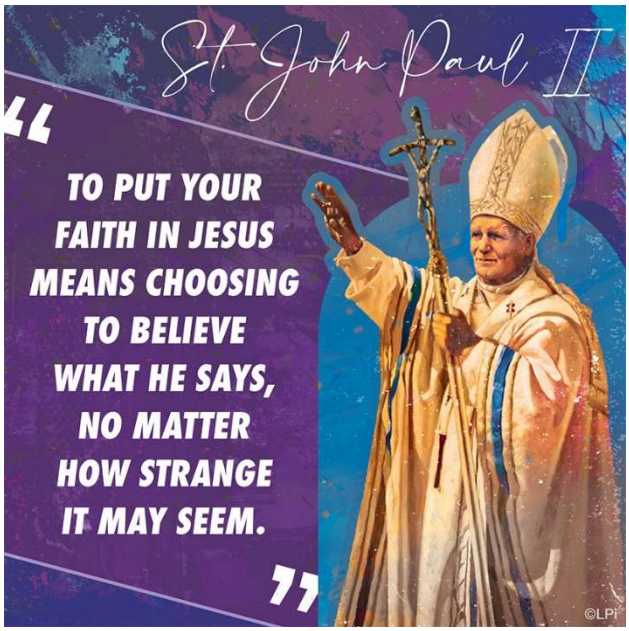
Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wednesday:	-
Thursday:	St. John Paul II, Pope
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

World Mission Sunday

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THURSDAY- OCTOBER 22
SAINT JOHN PAUL II



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 Drebick, 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 Gillispie, 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, Chris Goodman, Steve Bobko, Jennifer O'Reilly, and Ann Burks

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