

The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

## The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the sharing of the Blood of Christ?



## from the Deacon's Desk... July 2021 William Tell

Greetings all! Not much to report this month. Summer is here, and Summers are always quiet around St. William. But just a reminder that as we settle into the season of Ordinary Time, please do not get complacent. Remember, Ordinary Time is the season of growth and maturation where we are called to live the life of Christ. As things open up (slowly) and we are able to move about more freely, do not forget your home parish of St. Wil-



liam. We still have Mass in the Summer. If you are able to go on vacation as many of you already have, please remember there is always a Catholic church near where you are staying. There is even an app for that! Check out wwwmasstimes.org and it will list all of the Catholic churches with their Mass times near your vacation spot. Please be safe and enjoy your Summer!

Many of you have asked about the retreat I recently attended. It was wonderful! I came back recharged and refreshed. Our diocesan retreat center is now open, and I highly encourage all of you to take advantage of this wonderful facility. Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center is truly a blessing in our diocese. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement while I was on retreat.

I try to do two retreats a year. My alma mater St. Meinrad Archabbey in Southern Indiana is scheduled to open back up for retreats in the Fall. I will try to get another one in then. Another beautiful facility I encourage everyone to visit. Many of our parish youth have attended the One Bread, One Cup retreats there. Everyone I know that has been there has fallen in love with the place and cannot wait to get back. You can find out more about St. Meinrad and their retreat schedule at <u>www.saintmeinrad.org</u>.

Again, enjoy the summer. Be safe. God bless you all!

Peace,

Deacon Jimmy



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Knights of Columbus Vour Knights are very active supporting our primary values of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We did not have a lunch for the Homeless at St Patrick's for the month of June but we are scheduled to serve a meal Sunday, July 11th. We will serve BBQ plates. We have the pork lined up as well as the potato salad. What we lack is cole slaw and BBQ baked beans. If you'd

like to help you could commit to providing one of those items for us to serve. We feed approximately 50 homeless so we're looking for beans and cole slaw to feed 50 people. Ideally the dish would be in a foil pan, the beans cooked and ready to reheat and the cole slaw cold and kept that way. Providing for the Homeless is an excellent way to Love Thy Neighbors while also teaching our youth to do the same. Speaking of which, if you have a young lady or man you'd like to expose to this ministry, contact me and we'll arrange to have them there to help serve. It's an opportunity to teach and expose our youth to circumstances and valuable experiences to help develop their Christian Life.

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration for our Diocese, a Day of Service was held on Sunday, June 6th at St Angels in Dyersburg. Your Council was present to help prepare packages for the needy. Somebody wrote something about it:

# They were packing unmentionables but they were certainly not unmentionable.

Knights from St Williams With the Gospel inside

Traveled to St Angels To help with the tide.

A small church with big needs A place where some brood

To find peace and solace And get them some food.

The Knights heard the call The slight tug at their heart,

They answered with action Not staying apart.

To serve is to love That's ingrained in these Knights,

Poverty, hunger's The aim of their fight.

They toiled and they worked Their hearts set into heaven,

A great group of men The magnificent Seven.

Vivat Jesus!





## For **E**veryone From: **R**ite of **C**hristian Initiation for **A**dults

# The Precepts of the Church

Precepts are (as defined by Merriam-Webster dictionary) a command or principle intended as a general rule of action or an order issued by a legally constituted authority. Another definition says precepts are general rules intended to regulate behavior or thought. So, what does mean in light of our Catholic life?

We are blessed that since the beginning of the Church with the Apostles and early Church Fathers, the authority of the Church is within the Magisterium – the living, teaching office of the Church. The task of the Magisterium is to give as authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form (Sacred Scripture) or in the form of Tradition. The Magisterium ensures the Church's fidelity to the teaching of the Apostles in matters of faith and morals. *(CCC 85, 890, 2033)* 

The Catechism of the Catholic Church *(CCC 2041)* that the "Precepts are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor". It is important to note also that these are included in the Code of Cannon Law.

The first precept: You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor

This requires us as the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus as well as the principle liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Mother and the saints by participating in the Eucharistic celebration and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The second precept: You shall confess your sins at least once a year

This precept ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept: You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season This guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian Liturgy.

The fourth precept: You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church This precept ensures the times of ascesis (self-denial) and penance which help us to prepare for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart. The required days of abstinence are Fridays in lent, but the rule for every Friday to be a day of abstinence has not gone away. The required days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The fifth precept: You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

This means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her own ability. It is good to remember that what we as the faithful provide, affords the church whether at the parish level, dioceses and the general Church to carry out the good works to be Christ to those in need in the world, to spread the Gospel and to do the Work of God.



### St. Maria Goretti

St. Maria Goretti was born of a poor family in Corinaldi, Italy, in 1890. Near Nettuno she spent a difficult childhood assisting her mother in domestic duties. She was of a pious nature and often at prayer. In 1902 she was stabbed to death, preferring to die rather than be raped. (Office of Readings)

"It is well known how this young girl had to face a bitter struggle with no way to defend herself. Without warning a vicious stranger (actually Alessandro Serenelli who lived with his father in the same house as the Goretti's.) burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. In that moment of crisis she could have spoken to her Redeemer in the words of that classic, *The Imitation of Christ*: "Though tested and plagued by a host of misfortunes, I have no fear so long as your grace is with me. It is my strength, stronger than any adversary; it helps me and gives me guidance." With splendid courage she surrendered herself to God and his grace and so gave her life to protect her virginity.



and respect. Parents can learn from her story how to raise their God-given children in virtue, courage and holiness; they can learn to train them in the Catholic faith so that, when put to the test, God's grace will support them and they will come through undefeated, unscathed and untarnished.

"From Maria's story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God's help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer.

"Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces.

"So let us all, with God's grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven." Excerpted from a homily at the canonization of Saint Maria Goretti by Pope Pius XII

Imprisoned for murder she appeared to him in his cell and forgave him and he was subsequently converted. Most importantly, he sat next to her mother at the beatification, who also forgave him.

**Patron:** Against impoverishment; against poverty; children; children of Mary; girls; loss of parents; martyrs; rape victims; young people in general.

#### A Time of Regeneration

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.



July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and "preaching" Christ to everyone we meet.



# July

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01 2 Kings 18:13-19:37	Acts 21:1-17	Psalm 149:1-9	Proverbs 18:8
02 2 Kings 20:1-22:2	Acts 21:18-36	Psalm 150:1-6	Proverbs 18:9-10
03 2 Kings 22:3-23:30	Acts 21:37-22:16	Psalm 1:1-6	Proverbs 18:11-12
04 2 Kings 23:31-25:30	Acts 22:17-23:10	Psalm 2:1-12	Proverbs 18:13
05 1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17	Acts 23:11-35	Psalm 3:1-8	Proverbs 18:14-15
06 1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4	Acts 24:1-27	Psalm 4:1-8	Proverbs 18:16-18
07 1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17	Acts 25:1-27	Psalm 5:1-12	Proverbs 18:19
08 1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81	Acts 26:1-32	Psalm 6:1-10	Proverbs 18:20-21
09 1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40	Acts 27:1-20	Psalm 7:1-17	Proverbs 18:22
10 1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14	Acts 27:21-44	Psalm 8:1-9	Proverbs 18:23-24
11 1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18	Acts 28:1-31	Psalm 9:1-12	Proverbs 19:1-3
12 1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17	Romans 1:1-17	Psalm 9:13-20	Proverbs 19:4-5
13 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36	Romans 1:18-32	Psalm 10:1-15	Proverbs 19:6-7
14 1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17	Romans 2:1-24	Psalm 10:16-18	Proverbs 19:8-9
15 1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30	Romans 2:25-3:8	Psalm 11:1-7	Proverbs 19:10-12
16 1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32	Romans 3:9-31	Psalm 12:1-8	Proverbs 19:13-14
17 1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11	Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 13:1-6	Proverbs 19:15-16
18 1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34	Romans 4:13-5:5	Psalm 14:1-7	Proverbs 19:17
19 1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30	Romans 5:6-21	Psalm 15:1-5	Proverbs 19:18-19
20 2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17	Romans 6:1-23	Psalm 16:1-11	Proverbs 19:20-21
21 2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11	Romans 7:1-13	Psalm 17:1-15	Proverbs 19:22-23
22 2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10	Romans 7:14-8:8	Psalm 18:1-15	Proverbs 19:24-25
23 2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19	Romans 8:9-25	Psalm 18:16-36	Proverbs 19:26
24 2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22	Romans 8:26-39	Psalm 18:37-50	Proverbs 19:27-29
25 2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14	Romans 9:1-24	Psalm 19:1-14	Proverbs 20:1
26 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34	Romans 9:25-10:13	Psalm 20:1-9	Proverbs 20:2-3
27 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37	Romans 10:14-11:12	Psalm 21:1-13	Proverbs 20:4-6
28 2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21	Romans 11:13-36	Psalm 22:1-18	Proverbs 20:7
29 2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28	Romans 12:1-21	Psalm 22:19-31	Proverbs 20:8-10
30 2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27	Romans 13:1-14	Psalm 23:1-6	Proverbs 20:11
31 2 Chronicles 29:1-36	Romans 14:1-23	Psalm 24:1-10	Proverbs 20:12

# Bible in a Year

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, holding in her hand a scapular, and directed him to found a Confraternity whose members should wear this scapular and consecrate themselves to her service. The Sabbatine privilege will then insure their early release from Purgatory on the Saturday after their death.



## FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE

"We are blessed to be meeting in person again. ALSO, we have a virtual meeting over Zoom, as well. The in-person Prayer Cenacle will meet in the Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45am (between the masses), all while keeping socially distanced with a mask. The virtual Prayer Cenacle will be over the internet on Zoom, at 2pm on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Contact Teresa Elliott at 901-604-7225. Newcomers are welcome! Please, join us!

"My Adorable Jesus,

May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony.

May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.

May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen."







Our Lady's Promises "With this Flame you will light all hearts in the world. This Flame will become a fire, and with its shining Light, this fire will blind Satan."

Our Lord's Promises "The Renewal of the Earth will take place through the power and imploring force of the Blessed Virain Marv."

Come deepen your faith and prayer life! Learn about and pray the devotion "Flame of Love" given by Jesus and Mary to Elizabeth Kindelmann of Hungary between 1961 and 1983 as written in her diary. The Flame of Love Movement has the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Francis, was encouraged by Pope John Paul II, and received the Imprimatur number 494-4/2009 from Cardinal Peter Erdo, Archbishop of Estergom-Budapest and Primate of Hungary. Since then the diary has received the Imprimatur by numerous bishops in various jurisdictions including Archbishop Charles Chaput in Philadelphia, the Fountainhead of this Movement in the United States. The Diary will be provided to participants. PLEASE JOIN US ! Call Teresa Elliott for any questions at 901-604-7225

### **BUNCO RESUMES AGAIN IN AUGUST**

Please join us for Bunco on the third Friday of each month. We meet at 7:00 start rolling at 7:30. NO WOR-RIES if you have never played! No skill involved, just a desire to have a good time and get to know your fellow parishioners. Call Debbie Breckenridge with any questions or if you need a ride 901-359-7063.



## The Holy Father's Intentions for the

## Month of July 2021

**Social Friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



#### 3 ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE Study: Lectio: Evangelization Watch: Lost Gospels or False Gospels? Listen: Right Here, Right Now 4 BL PIER GIORGIO

Study: YDisciple: Follow Me, Session 5: The Cost

Watch: Cat Chat Season 1, Ep 4: Building the Kingdom Listen: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Man of the Beatitudes

4 ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Read: The Young people's Book of Saints 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (UNITED STATES)

Study: The Wild Goose, Segment 12: The Spirit's Freedom

Estudiar: The Wild Goose Doblado en Español, Segmento 12: La Libertad del Espíritu Listen: Put Not Your Trust in Princes 6 ST MARIA GORETTI

Watch: Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Watch: Maria Goretti

Listen: St. Maria Goretti

8 STS AQUILA AND PRISCILLIA

Listen: Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season

11 ST BENEDICT

Study: Lectio: Prayer, Session 2: Guigo's Ladder

Read: The Young People's Book of Saints 12 STS LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN

Read: Married Saints and Blesseds Through the Centuries

13 ST TERESA OF THE ANDES

Watch: St. Teresa of the Andes: The Story of the First Chilean Saint

14 ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Watch: St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Lily of the Mohawks

Listen with kids: St. Kateri Tekakwitha 16 OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL Study: Footprints of God: Mary Study: 33 Days to Morning Glory Watch: Mary of Nazareth Read: Mary: God's Yes to Man Listen: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God Listen: Audiobook: The World's First Love Escuchar: El Infierno Que Existe/El Verdadero Misterio

Escuchar: Viviendo el Mensage

# FORMED: Monthly Liturgical Calendar

18 ST SIMON OF LIPNICA

Listen: Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season

22 ST MARY MAGDALENE

Listen: Right Here, Right Now 25 ST JAMES THE APOSTLE Study: Lectio: Evangelization Watch: The Way of Saint James Read: The Young People's Book of Saints Listen: Right Here, Right Now Listen: Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season

26 STS JOACHIM AND ANNE

Watch with kids: Lukas Storyteller: Saints Anne and Joachim Ver con niños: Lukas Storyteller: Santa Ana y San Joaquín Study: Beloved: Living Marriage Estudiar: Amado: Viviendo el Matrimonio Study: YDisciple: Hot Topics, Session 6: Christian Dating Read: The Little Oratory Listen: Pruebas de Fuego Listen: Counting Your Blessings Listen: Discipline that Lasts a Lifetime Listen: Feminine Genius Listen: Al Rescate de la Familia Listen: Defeating Satan's Deadly Weapon Against Men Listen: What Every Couple Should Know Listen: How to Keep Your Kids Catholic 28 ST ALPHONSA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Read: Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season 28 ST PEDRO POVEDA Watch: Saint Pedro Poveda: Priest, Educator, and Martvr Ver: San Pedro Poveda: Sacerdote, educador y mártir **30 BL SOLANUS CASY** Watch: Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet **31 ST GERMANUS OF AUXERRE** Read: The Young People's Book of Saints **31 ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA** Watch: Ignatius of Loyola Read: The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

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