



*St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary's / St.  
Boniface  
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ and  
promote  
His teachings  
through Worship,  
Education,  
Training, Service,  
and  
Community  
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Scotland, TX*

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., Parochial Administrator, and  
Donald Brown, Deacon**

**Mailing Address for Both Churches**

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm  
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**General Information**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month at 8:45 A.M.  
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

**Marriage Preparation**

contact the office at least **six to nine months prior** to  
wedding date

**RCIA**

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

**Funerals**

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the  
office as soon as possible.

**Ministry to the Sick**

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone  
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

**Confession**

St. Mary's every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and  
every Wednesday after evening Mass.  
(or by appointment at the office.)  
St. Boniface – First Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

**Hispanic Ministry**

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent  
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

**Mass Schedule for the Week**

**Sunday**

**August 14 – St. Mary's**

**6:00 pm**

Frances Veitenheimer by John Veitenheimers

**Monday**

**August 15– St. Mary's**

**7:25 am**

† Carol Hudak by Joann Hoff & Bill Veith

**Wednesday**

**August 16– St. Mary's**

**7:00 pm**

† Jerome Berend by Family

**Thursday**

**August 17 – St. Boniface**

**8:15 am**

† Marco Ramos by Sis Smith

**Friday**

**August 18 – St. Mary's**

**8:15 am**

† Alvina Veitenheimer by Kenny Wolfs

**Saturday**

**August 19– St. Mary's**

**4:00 pm**

Steinberger/Chavez Wedding

**7:00 pm**

Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

**Sunday**

**August 20 - St. Boniface**

**8:00 am**

† Dwain Moer by Cathy Hoff

**Sunday**

**August 20 - St. Mary's**

**10:00 am**

† Becky Schreiber by David Schreiber

**ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**  
**Monday Aug. 15, 2016 – Sunday Aug. 21, 2016**

**HOSPITALITY**

Sat. 4:00 pm Wedding  
 Sun. 10:00 am Brad & Jessica Hoffman

**LECTORS**

Mon. 7:30 am Florence Anderle  
 Wed. 7:00 pm Suzette Schreiber  
 Fri. 8:15 am Gloria Schroeder  
 Sat. 4:00 pm Wedding  
 Sun. 10:00 am Weston Schlumpf & Margie Berend

**SERVERS**

Mon. 7:30 am Madelyn Anderle, Colby Wolf  
 Wed. 7:00 pm Larson Vieth, Koda & Koen Sternadel  
 Fri. 8:15 am Caleb & Conner Schroeder  
 Sat. 4:00 pm Wedding  
 Sun. 10:00 am Madelyn, Brenna & Drew Anderle

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Sat. 4:00 pm Wedding  
 Sun. 10:00 am Tommy Schlumpf III/Hosts, Shelley Schlumpf/Hosts, Craig Anderle, Hannah Anderle, Sis Green, Sydney Wolf, Donald Veitenheimer/Hosts Choir, Laurie Veitenheimer/Choir

**USHERS**

Sat. 4:00 pm Wedding  
 Sun. 10:00 am Donnie & Jesse Fleitman, David McCann, Joey Veitenheimer

**GIFT BEARERS**

Sat. 4:00 pm Wedding  
 Sun. 10:00 am Brandon Sternadel Family

**COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Sun. August 21<sup>st</sup> Leon & Melinda Schneider  
 Sun. August 28<sup>th</sup> Donald & Laurie Veitenheimer

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

Sun. August 21<sup>st</sup> Gwen Teichman & Hannah Anderle  
 Sun. August 28<sup>th</sup> Mary Wolf & Marsha Anderle

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Wed. August 17<sup>th</sup> Arthur Litteken, Bill Veith, Darla Schroeder. St. Mary's money counters are asked to come in on Wednesday at 9:15. Thanks.

SUPPORT-Sunday Envelopes \$8042.50, Loose \$308.00, Children \$9.50, Building Fund \$150.00, Priest Care Fund \$1127.00.

**ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,**  
**Monday Aug 15,-Sunday Aug. 21, 2016**

**HOSPITALITY**

Sun. 8:00 am Harold & Patsy Stallcup

**LECTOR**

Sun. 8:00 am Rhoda Schenk

**SERVERS**

Sun. 8:00 am Lyndon & Kacee Teichman

**USHERS**

Sun. 8:00 am Bernard Hilbers & A. J. Schreiber

**GIFT BEARERS**

Sun. 8:00 am Harold & Patsy Stallcup

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Sun. 8:00 am Robert & Debbie Krahl, Sarah Krahl, Debbie Rodgers

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Sun. August 21<sup>st</sup> Chris Hemmi, Sis Smith, Bernice Hoegger

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$1305.00, Loose \$88.00, Children \$8.00, Priest Care Fund \$312.00.

**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn this week for Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings for Willie Hoff and JoAnn Hoff as requested by Margaret Beaman and Charles & Glenda Schroeder.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:** Mary Ann Schroeder will receive the Chalice on **August 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** She, as well as all of us, is asked to pray for vocations.

8-27 Butch & Pat Humpert 5:00 p.m. Mass

9-3 Lester & Florence Anderle 5:00 p.m. Mass

**CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS.**

**CHURCH NURSERY-** The church nursery is open for ages 1 – 3 years of age. Drop off time will start at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday 10:00 a. m. Mass ONLY.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Mass at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary's. Church Office closed.**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> – Adoration, Benediction, Devotion 6:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Confessions after Mass. Wednesday evening Adoration Intentions are for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> - Adoration from after 8:15 Mass till noon for the ACTS retreatants.**

**Note: Mass on Saturday, August 20, 2016 will be at 4:00 p.m.!!!**

**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> IS THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** and a Holyday of Obligation. Since the feast is on Monday this year it is not an obligatory Holyday. **Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 6:00 pm. Sunday and 7:25 a.m. on Monday.**

**Office will be closed on Monday due to the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are held once a month on a rotating basis. Alternating months the baptisms will be done during the Sunday Mass and the next month the baptisms will be on a Sunday after the Mass. Baptisms will be held on the following dates;

Sept. 11, 2016 Outside Mass

Oct. 9, 2016 Inside Sunday Mass

Nov. 13, 2016 Outside Mass

No Baptisms during Advent or Lent unless an emergency.

**WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS** meet **Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and games.

**ST. MARY'S IMPROVEMENT FUND-** Many thanks to Pauline Wolf, Charlie & Joyce Vieth, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Jim & Lois Wolf, and Barney & Dianna Oliver for their generous donations to St. Mary's in memory of Mazie Berend. Your kindness is appreciated.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH** has several items that someone may be interested in having in their possession. Some of these are the cabinets that were removed from the kitchen in the Parish Hall, hot water heaters, and doors. For more information please call Mark at 423-6277 or Cliff at 423-6201 or the church office at 423-6687.

**UPCOMING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ACTS RETREATS** – St. Mary's will be having ACTS Retreats for the men and women of our parishes. **The men's retreat will be August 18-21**, at the Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center, with **the Women's being September 15-18** at Bridgeport as well. The retreat begins at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. and ends with the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The purpose of the Retreat is to provide an opportunity to bring parishioners closer to each other and to Christ through **Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service**. Sign-up for this retreat by contacting the Retreat Directors, Craig Anderle (940-507-1985) or Karen McCann (940-632-6006). You will also find Registration forms at the back of Church that may be turned in to any ACTS member. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to attend an ACTS Retreat. God is good!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!**

**ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**—will burn this week in memory of Mindy Daffern as requested by Sis Smith.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATION:** **Kenneth Veitenheimer Family** will receive the Chalice on **August 21<sup>st</sup>** at the **8:00 a.m. Mass**. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

8-28 Grady & Rhoda Schenk Family  
9-4 Bill & Pat Hemmi

**ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS:** For the welfare of Chuck Berend, For the welfare of Robert W. Krahl by Robert & Debbie Krahl Family; Recovery for Chuck Berend & Robert Krahl Sr., For the welfare of Geraldine Moore & Gail Schroeder by Harold & Patsy; For the welfare of Robert W. Krahl & Chuck Berend by the St. Boniface Christian Mothers; Special Intention by Donor; For Special Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

**SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS** – will meet on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** at noon to share a meal and to play dominoes. All seniors are welcome to come to the K of C Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES**

**APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL** – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment. Or you may e-mail Father at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net).

**CONFESSIONS: Confessions on First Saturday afternoon at St. Boniface.** – Father Michael will have Confessions every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:40 at St. Mary's, and on Wednesdays after evening Mass at St. Mary's. Confessions at St. Boniface will be on the first Saturday of the month from 3:15 to 3:45 pm. If you are unable to make those times, please call the office at 423-6687 or e-mail Father Michael at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net) for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael

**NOTE:** Those people going for elective surgeries in the coming weeks are encouraged to consider coming to confession on Saturday afternoon (4:00 – 4:40) and return for an anointing of the sick following Mass.

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**- will be in the home of **Joyce Ostermann** the week of **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. She is asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

8-28 Floyd & Mildred Hilbers - 9-4 Leroy & Caroline Anderle

**SPECIAL NOTICE** – We are in need of catechists. If interested, please apply at the Church Office 423-6687 or to Clara at 423-6402. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers teach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:25 – 7:55 a.m. \*(see below)

If you think God is calling you to help in this ministry come forth and say "Here I am Lord, send me"!

\*Wednesday evenings 5:45 to 6:45 please call Shelley at 237-6676 for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade on up.

**PRAYER FOR MEN'S ACTS RETREAT** –On **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** there will be Adoration in Church after 8:15 Mass to 12 noon for all the ACTS Retreatants. Thank you and God Bless You All!

**NEW MEMBER OF THE TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE TEAM AT ST. MARY'S/ST. BONIFACE** – We are pleased to announce that **Mr. Jay Pope** has completed his training at the Diocese of Ft. Worth to be a new team member of the **Tribunal Advocate position** for our parishes. He, Deacon Don Brown along with Father Michael Moloney are the recognized Advocates for our parishes by the Tribunal in Ft. Worth.

For Those Seeking an "Annulment" of a previous marriage, or information about the process of "annulment" of a previous marriage, please contact either **Deacon Don Brown** or **Mr. Jay Pope**. If you are wanting your present marriage recognized by the church, please contact **Fr. Michael Moloney**. These are the recognized Advocates for the Tribunal for St. Mary's and St. Boniface. They are available most anytime to try to work out any problems you may have in this area. Please call Deacon Don Brown at 903-850-5215 or Father Michael at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net) and they will be happy to arrange a meeting time and place.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** –St. Paul encourages us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus". When we focus on Jesus and continue to develop a deeper relationship with him we become transformed. Let His love transform your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 19-21 and November 4-6, 2016. Dates fill fast. To apply visit our website at <http://www.dfwme.org/apply> For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.seccion15org/>

**REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

Caroline Anderle, Zack Andrus, Conner Berardi, Andy Berend, Nellie Berend, Don Bilbrey, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Daphne Borgman, Diane Borgman, Paula Bradley, Deacon Don Brown, David Carcaño, Maria Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, Sue Conrady, Freida Day, Brad Dennis, Karen Edge, Royce Gilmore, Marlene Ermis Marshall, Jeanne Fischer, Margie Frazier, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Kimberly Fulford, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Cathy Heitman, Floyd Hilbers, Mildred Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Wilfred A. Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Bill Hoffman, Chris Hogue, Beth Holovak, Libby Ingram, Casey Jeter, Judy Koetter, **Robert W. Krahl**, Braylen Lavy, Jim Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Loretta Meurer, Frank Moer, Kathleen Moer, Anna Moloney, Geraldine Moore, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Steve Munchrath, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Lena Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Henry Pennartz, Troy Pennartz, Gina Phillips, Michelle Hubbard Riddles, John Rife, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Gerald Schreiber, Mike Schreiber Jr., Nelda Schreiber, Gail Schroeder, John (Hans) Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Margie Vieth, Paul Wachsman, Richard Wachsman, Don Windham, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Anton Wolf, Dorothy Dell Wolf, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kellar Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Lorine Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Chuck Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office. **Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST** – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Jess Martinez (Army), Blake Newby (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS:** Nathan Pechacek by Aunt Margaret; Marlene & Donnie Marshall by her parents; Special Intention by Donor (Okla.); A Special Intention for Family by Donor; Recovery & healing for Judy & Annette by Gail & Beaver & Family; For help and my intentions by Donor; Good health & well being for Annette, Good health & well being for Judy by Suzette & Richard; For improved health for Gail Schroeder by Mom and Brothers and Sisters; Safety of Ben Wolf, Safe trip for Abby Wolf, Get well Judy Koetter by Lorine Wolf; Happy Birthday JoAnn, Congratulations Brian & Andrea, For all the sick by Leroy & Caroline; Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday JoAnn Hoff, For all the sick by Ralph & Clara; For all the Men's ACTS retreatants and leaders, Healing for Daphne, For all those battling cancer or other illnesses, Our Kids, Special Intentions by Frank & Joyce; Our Family, Tanya & Mike, Mary Ann & Bill, Steve Munchrath, Chuck & Inez, All the sick, Special Intentions by the Paul Schenks; **YEARLY LIGHTS:** The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For World Peace and the safety of all our military, especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman (Army), Ethan Hoffman (Air Force) and Maj. David Ogura (Army) by Grandmommy; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; For our Military Personnel by V. F. W. Auxiliary Post #267; For Students of W. I. S. D. & C. D. A. #296 Members by C. D. A. #296; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse and Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; In loving memory of Rusty & Shannon and all dear departed of Lindemann & Green Families, For my Children & Grandchildren to always stay faithful to the Church and its teachings, don't fall away and to keep God in their lives, For peace, our beloved country, and all the brave military, For the sick & elderly of our parishes and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me, For all the faithful Priests and Religious and for more vocations by Geraldine Lindemann; For the Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Mary Lindeman Family, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran & Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer; For my Family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; For my Family by Elmer Schroeder; For our Family by Henry & Mildred Pennartz; For the safety and welfare of Blake Newby (Army) by Grandma Dorothy V. Wolf; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; Janice, Ed & Catherine and Lois Luig and Geraldine's health by Eddie Luig; For our Family by Marvin & Elsie Hoff; Floyd Humpert by Betty; Sick and hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mothers Society by St. Mary's Christian Mothers; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30.

**This bulletin compliments of Catholic Life Insurance  
Union Branch #30 of Windthorst and  
Branch #36 of Scotland**

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES** – Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning: it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. The couple to Couple League offers Natural Family Planning classes at Sacred Heart! They teach the symptom-thermal method in a series of three classes. This is a safe, healthy method of family planning that is over 99% effective in postponing pregnancy. It is also very effective when used to achieve a pregnancy. To learn more or register for a class, please visit [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) or call Lauren Morath at 940-631-1798.

**DIVORCED AND RE-MARRIED?** If you are divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church without a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity, or if you are a Catholic and are married outside of the Catholic Church, you may not partake of the Sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion. Until it is shown otherwise through the ministry of the Tribunal, no person is free to enter into another marriage without the appearance or occasion of serious sin. However, a divorce alone does not affect or hinder in any way, your participation in the Sacraments. A divorced Catholic is free to receive the sacraments. However, if you are divorced and have remarried, or if you are divorced and in a new relationship, or if you are living with someone without a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity (and your former spouse is still living) you may not partake of the sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion). Consider seeking a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity which will enable you to return to a full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information please Contact Father Michael at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net). Thanks.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA** - We are proud to present a new evangelization opportunity here at St. Mary's. Lighthouse Catholic Media offers a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith, and share their Faith! We all have friends or family members who have fallen away from the Church, or loved ones who are searching for answers about their Faith and want to increase their knowledge and understanding but don't know where to begin. Now you can reach out to them by offering a wonderful learning tool – a Lighthouse CD. Whether in the car or at home, people can deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith when they listen to inspiring talks given by some of the best Catholic speakers in the world. In the back of the church, you will see a display offering several different CD titles, pamphlets and books. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD, \$.50 per pamphlet and \$4.00 per book so that we may continue this program. Won't you reach out and help bring someone home?

#### **CATHECHISM IN A YEAR**

**When is a Catholic obliged to confess his serious sins?  
How often should one go to confession?**

Upon reaching the age of reason, a Catholic is obliged to confess his serious sins. The Church urgently advises the faithful to do this at least once a year. At any rate one must go to confession before receiving Holy Communion if one has committed a serious sin. By "the age of reason", the Church means the age at which one has arrived at the use of reason and has learned to distinguish between good and bad.

**Can I make a confession even if I have not committed any serious sins?**

Confession is a great gift of healing that brings about closer union with the Lord, even if, strictly speaking you do not have to go to confession. In Taizé, at Catholic conferences, at world Youth Day celebrations- everywhere, you see young people being reconciled with God. Christians who take seriously their decision to follow Jesus seek the joy that comes from a radical new beginning with Go. Even the saints went to confession regularly, if possible. They needed it in order to grow in humility and charity, so as to allow themselves to be touched by God's healing light even in the inmost recesses of their souls.

**PLENARY INDULGENCE:** The remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST ARE:**

**Universal:** That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

**Evangelization:** That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith honesty and love of neighbor..

**The four conditions to receive a Plenary Indulgence** after going through the Door of Mercy in a designated Church are: Praying the Apostles Creed, Praying for the Intentions of the Holy Father, Going to Confession within a couple of weeks, and receiving Holy Communion weekly.

**Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and have told us that whoever sees you sees him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal: and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD:** A common term for the practice of contraception or, when this fails, of abortion. Also the organized policy of governments and international cartels to coerce people by means of economic or other sanctions to practice contraception or abortion, or submit to sterilization.

**PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY**

O Lord, I dare to stand before the throne of Your mercy, not because I am worthy but because You are Love. Cover me, dear God, with your wings of compassion, bind my wounds, relieve my sorrow, and fill me with Your peace.

You know my past and You know my pain and these too I commend to Your most merciful heart, confident you will hear and answer me. You who are all knowing forgiving and kind shower me now with Your grace.

Lord, You became human and shared our life that we might one day share Yours. Turn Your eyes of mercy toward us once again and see us whom You created in Your image that all the world may come to know You as the One, True and Most Merciful God. Amen.

**THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:**

- 1 Give drink to the thirsty.
- 2 Clothe the naked.
- 3 Shelter the homeless.
- 4 Visit the sick.
- 5 Visit the imprisoned.
- 6 Bury the dead.
- 7 Give alms to the poor.

**THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:**

- 1 Counsel the doubtful.
- 2 Instruct the ignorant.
- 3 Admonish sinners.
- 4 Comfort the afflicted
- 5 Forgive offenses.
- 6 Bear wrongs patiently.
- 7 Pray for the living and the dead.

**PRAYER FOR LIFE**

Lord Jesus, come to our aid and bring an end to the horror of abortion and all the evils that flow from it. May every human being love and honor all human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death; May we, Your disciples always choose the Gospel of Life. Through the Eucharist, the great sacrament of life, let us be Your instruments in bringing an end to the culture of death. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of Inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever Amen.