



*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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General Information

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the **3rd 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

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| Monday <u>6:30 pm</u> | August 22– St. Mary's Living and Deceased Members of the 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus |
| Wednesday <u>7:00 pm</u> † | August 24– St. Mary's Adam & Mazie Berend by Betty Humpert |
| Thursday <u>8:15 am</u> † | August 25 – St. Boniface William and Lena Fleitman by Mildred Lindemann |
| Friday <u>7:25 am</u> † | August 26 – St. Mary's Frances Veitenheimer by John Wolfs |
| Saturday <u>5:00 pm</u> † | August 27– St. Mary's Shannon Lindemann by Geraldine Lindemann Parishioners (Spanish Mass) |
| <u>7:00 pm</u> | |
| Sunday <u>8:00 am</u> † | August 28 - St. Boniface Helen Martinka by Dorothy Meurer |
| Sunday <u>10:00 am</u> † | August 28 - St. Mary's Duke Veitenheimer by Brendon Sternadel Family |

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
Monday Aug. 22, 2016 – Sunday Aug. 28, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sat. 5:00 pm Greg & Patricia Vieth
 Sun. 10:00 am David & Sis Green

LECTORS

Mon. 6:30 pm Jerry Anderle
 Wed. 7:00 pm Krista Vieth
 Fri. 7:25 am Florence Anderle
 Sat. 5:00 pm Judy Koetter & Gina Wolf
 Sun. 10:00 am Chuck King & Jody McCall

SERVERS

Mon. 6:30 pm Caleb & Conner Schroeder
 Wed. 7:00 pm Coby, Caleb, & Conner Schroeder
 Fri. 7:25 am Koda & Koen Sternadel
 Sat. 5:00 pm Coby, Caleb, & Conner Schroeder
 Sun. 10:00 am Emily, Nathan & Thomas McCann

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm Betty Wolf/Hosts, Beverly Lindeman/
 Hosts, Richard Schreiber, Margaret
 Beaman, Leo Hoff, Donna Hoff,
 Michael Schroeder/Choir Hosts, June
 Schroeder/Choir
 Sun. 10:00 am Weston Schlumpf/Hosts, Ted Neeb/
 Hosts, Mark Veitenheimer, Kristi
 Veitenheimer, Melinda Schneider,
 Joyce Wolf, Kate Syrus/Choir Hosts,
 Sherry Berend/Choir

USHERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Eddie Luig, Arthur Litteken, Roy
 Koetter, Jerry Anderle
 Sun. 10:00 am Terry Schroeder, Trey Berend, Jay
 Meurer, Dalton Anderle

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 5:00 pm James Vieth Jr. Family
 Sun. 10:00 am David McCann Family

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Sun. August 28th Donald & Laurie Veitenheimer
 Sun. Sept. 4th Maria Carcaño

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Sun. August 28th Mary Wolf & Marsha Anderle
 Sun. Sept. 4th Ann Hertel, Brooke Schreiber, Sydney
 Wolf

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. August 23rd Alfred Berend Jr., Margaret Schroeder,
 JoAnn Hoff

SUPPORT-Sunday Envelopes \$3696.21, Loose \$399.00,
 Children \$7.00, Building Fund \$75.00, Assumption \$94.00,
 Priest Care Fund \$250.00.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,
Monday Aug 22, - Sunday Aug. 28, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:00 am Austin Berend & Taylor Humpert

LECTOR

Sun. 8:00 am Patsy Stallcup

SERVERS

Sun. 8:00 am Cassidy & Jenna Veitenheimer

USHERS

Sun. 8:00 am Mark Luig & Joe Hoff

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:00 am Grady Schenk Jr. Family

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sun. 8:00 am Keith & Cindy Teichman, Cole &
 Elizabeth Hemi

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. August 28th Pat Hemmi, Kenneth Veitenheimer,
 Vivian Rice

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$705.00, Loose \$96.00,
 Children \$5.00.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week for a successful
 school year for students, teachers, school personnel, and
 parents as requested by Donor.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Butch & Pat Humpert will
 receive the Chalice on **August 27th at the 5:00 p.m.**
Mass. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for
 vocations.

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

9-10 Leroy & Caroline 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 22nd – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

August 17th – Adoration, Benediction, Devotion 6:00
p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Confessions after Mass.
Wednesday evening Adoration Intentions are for World
Peace.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Monday,**
August 22nd after 6:30 p.m. Mass.

THE NURSING HOME PARTY sponsored by the Catholic
 Daughters will be held on **Tuesday, August 23rd.** Those
 wishing to carpool should meet at the Parish Hall by 9:15 a.m.

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, August**
23rd in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and games.

WINDTHORST COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – will be
Wednesday, August 24th from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the
 Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information call Frosty
 Hoff at 423-6648.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host a Blue Mass on
Wednesday, August 31st at the 7:00 P.M. Mass. All Knights
 are urged to attend. We will honor all Firemen, E.M.T.'s, First
 Responders and Law Enforcement Personnel. For more
 information call Mike Schreiber.

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL will meet **Thursday,**
September 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

ST. MARY'S IMPROVEMENT FUND- Many thanks to
 Margaret Beaman & Charles & Glenda Schroeder for their
 donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in Memory of
 Charles Meurer. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!

ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week for health and welfare of all Altar Society Members and their families as requested by the Altar Society.

CHALICE FOR VOCATION: **Grady & Rhoda Schenk Family** will receive the Chalice on **August 28th** at the **8:00 a.m. Mass**. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

9-4 Bill & Pat Hemmi
9-11 Agnes McDonald

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS; For Berniece Lyle, may she find the grace of God to conquer again by Geraldine; In Thanks for financial help by Donor; Health and safety of my family and friends by Donor; Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary Mom and Dad, may you be blessed with good health and happiness by James and Gwen; For Bailey, Chuck, my family and me, come to our aid Lord by Geraldine; In Loving Memory of your birthday, Kristy Rose by Richard and Evelyn Krahl; 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.

THANK YOU NOTE: "Thank you very much for awarding me the church scholarship. It is such a blessing to be given it. It will help me pay for my schooling. Respectfully yours," Logan B. Veitenheimer

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.

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 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 **Floyd & Mildred Hilbers** the week of **August 28th**. They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

9-4 Leroy & Caroline Anderle
9-11 Bill Wolf Family

C.C.D. UPDATE FROM CLARA —Please pray so that we will have all the C.C.D. Teachers/Catechists we need for the upcoming year.

Class for Kindergarten through 5th Grade starts Tuesday, August 23, at 7:20 a.m.

Many thanks to all of you have said 'yes' and will be helping with the children this year including Church Helpers.

Parishioners: If you come to Church Thursday and Friday would you please sit behind the 4th grade and help the children so they will not be a distraction to others? Thank you.

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 and they will be happy to arrange a meeting time and place.

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. Thanks.

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Union Branch #30 of Windthorst and
Branch #36 of Scotland

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, Cathey 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, Dorthy 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), 1st 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 by Lorine Wolf; Charles Meurer Family, speedy Recovery for Robert Krahl, Happy Birthday JoAnn, In Thanksgiving, Safe and Successful School Year by Frank & Joyce; Our Family, Tanya & Mike, Mary Ann & Bill, Robert & Edna, All the sick, Happy 80th Birthday JoAnn, Special Intentions by the Paul Schenks; Barbara Meurer Family, Stella & Bill, Ralph & Clara, Sick of the parish, Bill Vieth & JoAnn by Alfred & Cordella; Judy, Annette & Jess, Gail Schroeder, Chuck King Family Tanya Rueschenberg, Happy Birthday JoAnn, Willie & Pauline Hoff, Angel Veitenheimer, Gerald, Our Family by Gerald & Deb; Barbara Meurer and her family, The Toft Family, Frances Hoffman, Gene Anderle, Joey & Gail Schroeder, Gerry & Annette & Jess, Judy & Russell, Our Family by James & Pat; Charles Meurer Family, Judy, Our Family by Charles & Glenda; **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 Beman; 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.

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.