

“CCW: CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITED IN PRAYER, STUDY & SERVICE”

“*Believe in me and do my works.*” John 14:12

2018 -2019

**Monthly occurrences: First Friday – attend mass
First Saturday – 5 first Saturday Rosaries; Pray to end Domestic Violence**

AUGUST 2018 MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION – Universal: The Treasure of Families That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug. 28-September 1 – NUDCCW Annual Convention, Pittsburg, PA

SEPTEMBER 2018 MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION – Universal: Young People in Africa That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 14, Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 25, Tuesday: Deanery #1 Fall Gathering at St. Mary’s Parish, Sleepy Eye

OCTOBER 2018 MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION – Evangelization: The Mission of Religious That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

DATES TO REMEMBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Oct. 7, Respect Life Sunday: (*ideas: bulletin insert; decorate sanctuary with w/c, stroller, bassinet, etc. Present a red rose. Hand out ribbon to pin over heart. Special intercessions, etc.*)

Oct. 14, CCW Sunday: (*ideas: print Bishop’s Proclamation in newspaper and bulletin; have women take parts in mass; special music; list CCW projects in bulletin; process commission chairman & officers to altar with representations of jobs before mass; special intercessions; blessing; lunch & fellowship; recognize & invite, etc.*) TOOT YOUR HORN!!!

NOVEMBER 2018 MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION – Universal: In the Service of Peace That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 1, Thursday, All Saints Day; (*ideas: group statues of saints in sanctuary; study lives of saints and portray living models while reading about their life at Mass*)

Nov. 2, Friday, All Soul’s Day: (*ideas: have family members process with candle up to sanctuary before Mass starts while name of those who passed away from parish in the past year; move votive candles to place of prominence; write names of recent deceased in memory book*)

Nov. 3, Saturday: NUDCCW Board meeting at St. Michael’s Parish, Morgan

Nov. 4, Sunday: Daylight Savings Time ENDS; set your clock back 1 hour

Nov. 4, Sunday, to Nov. 10, Saturday: National Vocations Week (*ideas: hand out prayer cards; prayer for vocations at mass; write letters to support seminarians; etc.*)

Nov. 11, Sunday, Veterans Day (*idea: pray for living and deceased veterans and their families; visit a veteran*)

Nov. 22, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day (*ideas: ecumenical thanksgiving service with community churches the night before; food donations to food shelf; offer to work at meal site or food shelf; meals to shut-ins; invite individuals to share dinner, etc.*)

DECEMBER 2018 MONTH OF THE NATIVITY AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

POPE'S INTENTION – Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Dec. 2: First Sunday of Advent (*ideas: print Advent calendar with daily ideas of action; give out prayer pamphlets; set up empty stable; children's activities; advent wreath; make a Christmas list of good works/gifts made with love rather than monetary value; etc.*)

Dec. 8, Saturday: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary (*ideas: prayers & songs of Mary; statue of Mary in prominent place*)

Dec 9: Second Sunday of Advent (*ideas – Advent activities; send out RELIGIOUS Christmas cards; do NOT use the abbreviation x-mas as this is “taking CHRIST out of Christmas; collect gifts for the less fortunate; take a child shopping for an item for a “giving Tree”; write a note to someone with a positive message; visit the shut-ins; Greet others with the words, “Merry Christmas”, not “Happy Holidays”; etc.*)

Dec. 16: Third Sunday of Advent (*idea: go caroling; have children draw card for senior citizens*)

Dec. 21, Friday: (Winter Solstice) First Day of Winter (*ideas: collect warm clothing for less fortunate; start an emergency fund for providing utility payments; assist with decorating sanctuary for Christmas*)

Dec. 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent (*idea: deliver gifts, baked goods to shut-ins; call someone you haven't had recent contact with; etc; assist with church decor.*)

Dec. 24, Monday: Vigil of Christmas (*ideas – keep Christ in Christmas; bake a birthday cake for Jesus*)

Dec. 25, Tuesday: The Nativity of Our Lord, Holy Day of Obligation (*ideas: go to church early to visit the crib; listen to religious Christmas music; relax and spend quality time with family*)

Dec. 30, Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (*do a family activity*)

JANUARY 2019 MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION – Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Jan. 1, Tuesday: New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and World Day of Peace (*idea: prayers and novenas to Mary, etc. and prayers for peace*)

January 6, Sunday: Epiphany of Our Lord

January 13, Sunday: Baptism of our Lord (*idea: look up baptism information on your family*)

Jan. 14, Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (*idea: pray for racial equality and justice*)

Jan. 19, Saturday: Deanery #1 Board meeting at St Board meeting at Cathedral, New Ulm: 9am

Jan. 20 to 26: Pray for Christian Unity Week (*idea: invite women from other denominations for coffee and fellowship*)

Jan. 21, Monday: Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade: (*idea: pray & contact politicians*)

Jan. 22, Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (*idea: highlight abortion issues; PRAY; write letters to congress, etc.*)

Jan. 27 to Feb.2: Catholic Schools Week (*idea: attend events; offer prayer & financial support*)

FEBRUARY 2019 MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION - Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 2, Saturday: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (*idea: encourage programs to improve self-worth of children and prevent bullying; compliment a child verbally or with a written note*)

Feb 3, Sunday: Feast of St. Blaise (*have throat blessed*)

Feb. 7 – 14 National Marriage Week (*idea: ask priest to bless marriages at Sunday mass; combine with Valentine activities of reaching out to those you love and those who may be alone.*)

February 9, Saturday: NUDCCW Board Meeting at Sacred Heart Parish, Franklin

Feb. 10, Sunday: San Lucas Valentine/Mission of Love (*idea: raise funds; have children make homemade Valentines and parishioners buy them*) AND World Marriage Day is Monday, Feb. 11th (*idea: have priest bless married couples at mass on Sunday*)

Feb 18, Monday, President's Day (*idea : pray for president; contact legislators*)

MARCH 2019 MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION – Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

DATES TO REMEMBER: NATIONAL FOOD SHELF MONTH

Friday, March 1, World Day of Prayer (*idea: join with community church women for prayer and fellowship*)

March 6th to April 14th – 40 Days for Life: (*idea: pray at abortion clinic or Planned Parenthood; take part in rally; pay for advertising against abortion; write politicians; pray*)

March 6, Wednesday: **ASH WEDNESDAY :Today and All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence;**(*idea: make plans for your Lenten journey: works of mercy; prayer; daily Mass attendance; visit the sick; take food to the needy, Stations of the Cross; Corporal & Spiritual works of Mercy; bible study, sacrament of Reconciliation*)

March 10, First Sunday of Lent: (*idea: THE HAND OF LOVE – write a letter to family or friend each day this week & let them know how much you appreciate them; do a random act of kindness every day; etc.*)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – SET YOUR CLOCK 1 HOUR AHEAD

March 17, Second Sunday of Lent: (*idea: THE VOICE OF LOVE – telephone 2 or 3 people each day this week to let them know how often you think of them, to say thank you, or to say I am sorry; compliment a family member; visit residents in a nursing home, assisted living facility or apartment complex; etc.*)

March 24, Third Sunday of Lent: *(idea: THE DEED OF LOVE – take something you have made or purchased to 2 or 3 people this week who mean a lot to you, but who you seldom let know how important they are to you – a pie, plant, book, etc. that has your love for a wrapping; continue bible study; thank the volunteers of your parish as well as pastor administrators, office assistants, deacons & priests; send Bishop LeVoir a thank-you note; etc.)*

March 25, Monday: Annunciation of Our Lord *(idea: do a kind deed for a pregnant woman)*

March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent: *(idea: THE HEART OF LOVE – make a list of 10 people you will pray for daily this week. Include friends and those who may not be so friendly. Forgive them if they have wronged you and ask forgiveness if you have wronged them; etc.)*

APRIL 2019 MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION: Universal For doctors and their humanitarian collaboration in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

DATES TO REMEMBER: NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent: *(ideas: THE MIND OF LENT – use this week to pray for yourself and look inward. Read the Gospel. Plan to go to Mass early on Palm Sunday to meditate and again examine your life)*

April 14, Palm Sunday *(ideas: THE VICTORY OF LOVE – This is a week of victory for us. God's love has been revealed in so many ways. Imagine you are there for the Passion of our Lord. Practice silence at some points during the week; take palms home and properly burn or bury old palms; teach younger parishioners how to weave palms; etc.)*

April 18, Holy Thursday *(idea: offer to set up and assist for services; etc)*

April 19, Good Friday: Day of Fasting and Abstinence *(idea: quiet introspection & prayer; offer to help with services; etc.)*

April 20, Holy Saturday *(idea: take Holy Water home & bring containers for other parishioners to take Holy water home; etc.)*

April 21, Easter Sunday *(idea: Rejoice & be glad; share your Easter dinner with someone less fortunate; enjoy family time; etc.)*

April 26, Friday: NUDCCW Board Meeting at St. Anastacia, Hutchinson

April 27, Saturday: NUDCCW Convention at St. Anastacia, Hutchinson

MAY 2019 MONTH OF MARY

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION - Evangelization: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Honor Mary daily *(idea: construct May altar with fresh flowers daily; rosary daily & on car trips; display pictures/statues of Mary; etc. Read about & pray to Our Lady of Fatima & Our Lady of Good Counsel)*

May 12, Sunday, Mother's Day *(idea: pray for all mothers; thank women of parish for being good role models; ask priest to bless all mothers)*

May 16 Thursday: NUDCCW changeover meeting at St. Catherine's in Redwood Falls at 4 pm

May 27, Monday: Memorial Day *(pray for all who serve our country, living and dead; decorate sacristy with wreath of poppies; visit Memorial Day services and cemeteries)*

May 31, Friday: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(idea; read about Mary)*

JUNE 2019 MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(idea: display a statue or picture of the Sacred Heart & keep fresh flowers there; offer prayers and novenas – this can be done all month.)

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION: Evangelization That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2, Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord *(idea: reach out to someone not regularly attending Mass; etc.)*

June 9, Pentecost Sunday: *(idea: pray for the Holy Spirit to assist you in everyday life and offer prayers of thanksgiving for help received; etc.)*

June 16, Sunday: Feast of the Most Holy Trinity *(idea: contact 3 friends you have not seen recently; etc.)* AND Father's Day *(idea: pray for all fathers; thank fathers; have blessings for fathers at mass, etc.; have special recognition of your priest)*

June 23, Sunday: The Body & Blood of Christ *(idea: contemplate the miracle of bread and wine; etc.)*

June 24, Monday: Nativity of John the Baptist *(idea: pray for priests and send card to your parish's Shepherd of the Field; etc.)*