



*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 **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

Monday <u>8:15 am</u>	†	June 20 – St. Mary's Carol Hudak by James Zotz Family
Wednesday <u>7:00 pm</u>	†	June 22– St. Mary's Tom Green by Geraldine Lindemann
Thursday <u>8:15 am</u>	†	June 23 – St. Boniface Reinhold & Josephine Lindemann by Mildred Lindemann
Friday <u>10:30 am</u>	†	June 24 – St. Mary's Gary Horn by Brandon Sternadel Family Closing Mass for Vacation Bible School
Saturday <u>5:00 pm</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	†	June 25 – St. Mary's Jerome Ostermann by Donald Browns Parishioners (Spanish Mass)
Sunday <u>8:00 am</u>	†	June 26 - St. Boniface Mom & Dad Stallcup by Harold Stallcups
Sunday <u>10:00 am</u>	†	June 26 - St. Mary's Bertha Wolf by George Hoff's

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
Monday June 20, 2016 – Sunday June 26, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sat. 5:00 pm Ricky & Whitney Schreiber
Sun. 10:00 am Marsha Frazier & Mike Schreiber

LECTORS

Wed. 7:00 pm Mark Veitenheimer
Fri. 10:30 am Florence Anderle
Sat. 5:00 pm Michael Schroeder & Judy Koetter
Sun. 10:00 am Weston Schlumpf & Margie Berend

SERVERS

Mon. 8:15 am Caleb & Conner Schroeder
Wed. 7:00 pm Larson Vieth, Koda & Koen Sternadel
Fri. 10:30 am Grayson Steinberger & Noah Koetter
Sat. 5:00 pm Max Anderle, Kensley Vieth, Bri Hoff
Sun. 10:00 am Lindy McCall, Brenae Hoff, Clay Hoff

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm Betty Wolf/Hosts, Beverly Lindeman/Hosts, Margaret Beaman, Ricky Schreiber, Whitney Schreiber, Mitzi Veitenheimer, Leo Hoff/Choir Hosts, Donna Hoff/Choir
Sun. 10:00 am Tommy Schlumpf III/ Hosts, Shelley Schlumpf/Hosts, Craig Anderle, Max Anderle, Hannah Anderle, Sydney Wolf, Diane Hubbard/Choir Hosts, Sis Green/Choir

USHERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Arthur Litteken, Doug Wolf, M. J. Geis, Jerry Anderle
Sun. 10:00 am Donnie & Jesse Fleitman, Adam Wolf, Trey Berend

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Jay & Cheryl Pope
Sun. 10:00 am Brian Anderle Family

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

June 26th Bert & Elizabeth Hoff
July 3rd Leon & Melinda Schneider

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

June 26th Mary Wolf & Marsha Anderle
July 3rd Leon & Melinda Schneider

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. June 20th Arthur Litteken, Darla Schroeder, Pat Zotz

SUPPORT-Sunday Envelopes \$3822.89, Loose \$277.10, Children \$21.25, Building Fund \$145.00 Appalachia Missions \$720.00.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,
Monday June 20, – Sunday June 26, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:00 am Jerry & Margaret Smith

LECTOR

Sun. 8:00 am Missy Brown

SERVERS

Sun. 8:00 am Lyndon & Kacee Teichman

USHERS

Sun. 8:00 am Grady Schenk Jr., Terry Berend

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

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

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:00 am Bryan Hemmi Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. June 26th Pat Hemmi, Vivian Rice, Debbie Krahl

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$1110.00 Loose \$67.00, Children \$0., Appalachia Missions \$203.00.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week in honor of all Fathers living and deceased as requested by Donor.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Joey & Angel Veitenheimer will receive the Chalice on **June 26th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

7-3 Don & Benita Essler 10:00 a.m. Mass

7-9 Donnie & Cindy Frerich 5:00 p.m. Mass

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS.

CHURCH NURSERY- We have opened the church nursery 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:

June 22 – Adoration, Benediction, Devotion 6:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Confessions after Mass.

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, June 21st**, in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and games.

LOST AND FOUND – A rosary was left after Bertha Wolf's Vigil Services, and it is a special rosary with special meanings to the person who left it on the pew of our Church. If you have found it, please turn it in to the Church Office, as this person would love to have it back. Thanks so much.

LOST - A man's silver wedding ring was lost when the person was at our Picnic Celebration. If you found it, please call the Church Office at 423-6687. Thanks.

PICNIC NEWS – Thanks everyone for working together to make the 124th Birthday Celebration a big success. A report will be coming soon. If anyone has bills please turn them in as soon as possible. Thanks.

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL will meet **Thursday, June 23rd** in the Meeting Room of the Parish Hall.

THE ELMER SCHROEDER FAMILY would like the community to join them **Saturday, June 25th**, in celebrating Elmer's 90th Birthday!!! Cake and drinks will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. No gifts please. Your company is gift enough!"

WINDTHORST VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S FISH FRY will be **Saturday, June 25, 2016** in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a wonderful meal. Donations accepted by the Fire Department.

ST. MARY'S IMPROVEMENT FUND – Many thanks to the Joey Schroeder Family for their donation to the Improvement Fund in memory of Carol Hudak. Also thanks to John & Maxine Veitenheimer for their donation to the Improvement fund in memory of Mazie Berend and Carol Hudak. All of the donations are very much 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;

June 26, 2016	Inside Sunday Mass
July 10, 2016	Outside Mass
Aug. 14, 2016	Inside Sunday Mass
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.

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?

THANK YOU NOTE: "Dear Father Michael, Deacon Brown and St. Mary's Catholic Church, Thank you so much for awarding me the St. Mary's Scholarship. I am so thankful for your assistance which will allow me to continue my education at U. N. T. St. Mary's has always been a big supporter of me in all that I do throughout the years and I greatly appreciate it. Thanks again for this award." Chandler King

ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week for Father Michael, Deacon Don and all Fathers living and deceased as requested by the Altar Society.

CHALICE FOR VOCATION: Art & Helen Ann Hemmi will receive the Chalice on **June 26th** at the **8:00 a.m. Mass**. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

7-3 Grady & Cherry Schenk
7-10 Wayne & Laverne Lindeman

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS; Welfare of Royce Gilmore by Bertha Mae; Special Intention by Robert & Gina Stallcup; 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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – will start **Tuesday, June 21** and finish on **Friday, June 24, 2016**. There is no registration fee. Donations are accepted. Closing Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

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

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE- will be in the home of **Art & Helen Ann Hemmi** the week of **June 26th**. They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

7-3 Mary Jo Russe

7-10 John & Lillie Wolf

KEY FOUND after Mazie Berend funeral, please call the office to identify.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND JUNE 25/26, 2016 will be for the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. Your help is appreciated.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!

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.

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, Diane Borgman, **Paula Bradley**, Deacon Don Brown, David 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, 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, Patricia Schroeder Kainer, Judy Koetter, Braylen Lavy, Annette Lemley, Joe Lindeman, Jim Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, George Martin, 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, Dustin 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, Wendy Wilson, 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), Rock Schenk (Army), 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – This summer, the 940 Catholics/Theology on Tap Team is planning a plethora of fellowship and faith opportunities for the young catholic adults in our area. The first meeting will be a night of food, fun and music at Fuzzy’s Taco Shop in Wichita Falls this Friday, July 24, from 8 – 11 PM. We hope to see you there. For more information contact Sarah Merlau at 281-732-7280.

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.

IS IT I LORD? IS GOD CALLING ME? Join other Catholics who want to know, Friday through Sunday **June 24 – 26**, at the **2016 Vocation Awareness Program**. It’s a weekend event for single Catholic men and women, **ages 18-40, to learn about life as a Priest, Brother, Sister, or Consecrated Lay Woman**. The Vocation Awareness Program will be held at the University of Dallas, Irving, (a Catholic University). For further information, contact Fr. James Wilcox at the Fort Worth Diocese, 817-945-9320, fwilcox@fwdioc.org, or visit <http://www.vapinfo.org>. The Vocation Awareness Program is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the Dallas and Fort Worth Dioceses in conjunction with the Diocesan Vocation Offices of Dallas and Fort Worth. No pressure...No Cost...No Obligations.

THE GIFT OF TIME

TIME- Life’s great common denominator! King or peasant – rich or poor; each son of Adam and daughter of Eve has the same ration of hours and minutes. 60 minutes an hour, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The years add up to a life-time!

For everything there is:

A time to be born - a time to die,
A time to plant – a time to reap,
A time to laugh – a time to speakso states the writer of Ecclesiastes:

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of time.” Eph 5:15-16.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Recovery of Caroline, quick recovery for Cathy Anderle, For all the sick, Happy Father's Day to all Fathers by Leroy & Caroline; Marlene & Donnie by her parents; Floyd by Mildred; Our sons & sons-in-law by Floyd & Mildred; Mildred by Floyd; Special Intention by Donor (Okla.); For health & well being of Annette Meurer, For health & well being of Judy Koetter by Suzette & Richard Schreiber; A Special Intention for Family by Donor; Recovery & healing for Judy & Annette by Gail & Beaver & Family; For help and my intentions by donor; Ernie & Billie Mae, Bertha Mae & Royce, Ernie & Jolene, Henry & Mildred, Our family by Willie & Pauline; Margie & Jerry Vieth, Judy Koetter, Annette Meurer, Ernie & Billie, Royce & Bertha Mae by Alfred & Cordella; Healing for Judy and Annette, Ernie & Billie Hoff, Cathy Anderle, Safe delivery and healthy baby for Nichole Schroeder by Butch & Diane; Our Children, Our Grandchildren, In Loving Memory of my Dad, Andy Roewe on Father's Day, In Memory of Urban J. Veitenheimer on Father's Day, In Memory of our Grandfathers on Father's Day, In Honor of Kevin Pace, For the Cooper family that lost everything in the fire, For Ernie & Billie Mae Hoff, Annette Meurer, Judy Koetter, Uncle Willie & Aunt Pauline Hoff, Aunt JoAnn Hoff, For all the sick & suffering, For World Peace, Special Intention by John & Maxine Veitenheimer; Our Family, Mom and Daddy "Happy Father's Day to Daddy, Shane, Jay, Kurt and Seth, Steve Rueschenberg, Mike & Tanya, All the sick & hurting, Special Intentions by the Lenny Berends; Henry Pennartz, Agnes Loran by Ralph & Clara; Our Family, Judy, Annette, Successful surgery for Annette Lemley, Ernie & Billie 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 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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL!!!

May our heavenly Father grant many blessings to you and your family.



**Blessed is the Father
who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,
whose faith brings his family courage,
Whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children still stand and honor him.**

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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 JUNE ARE:

Universal: That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find – even within the huge cities of the world – opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

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.