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Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy Church, on the Supreme Pointiff, and on all the clergy. Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten infidels, bless our parents, friends, and benefactors, assist the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your love.

– *Indulgence of 300 days, once a day - Pope Pius X, 16 June 1906*

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

– *Priests of the Sacred Heart*

From the depth of my nothingness, I prostrate myself before Thee, O Most Sacred, Divine and Adorable Heart of Jesus, to pay Thee all the homage of love, praise and adoration in my power.

Amen.

– *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

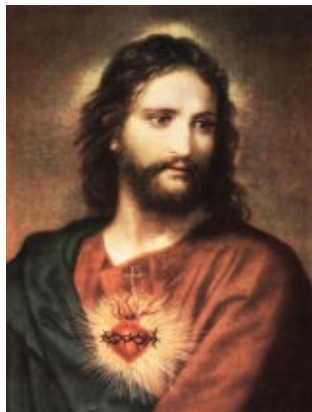
Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can

reflect that we celebrate the feasts of Corpus Christi (June 2), the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 7) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 8).

God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men. Appropriately June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity.

Following Pentecost, the Church begins her slow



descent from the great peaks of the Easter Season to the verdant pastures of Ordinary Time, the longest of the liturgical seasons. She pauses briefly, to praise the Holy Trinity — Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; and then the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. Like the lush June growth all around us, the green of the liturgical season points to the new life won for us by the Redemption of Jesus Christ, the new life of Charity. For Our Lord came to cast the fire of His love on the earth, and to that end, sent His Holy Spirit at Pentecost in the form of tongues of fire.

Therefore, the close of the Easter season marks not the cessation but rather the beginning of Ordinary Time is the commencement of the Church's activity. Ordinary Time is the hour to "go out to all the world and tell the good news." The feasts of June highlight this expansion of the Church. At least ten times, the Church vests in the red of the martyrs whose blood is the very seed of her growth. She also celebrates the feasts of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and the birth of St. John the Baptist, proto-disciple and prophet.

We, too, are called to be witnesses like the apostles and martyrs. May the Heart of Jesus inflame our hearts so that we may be worthy of our Baptismal call to holiness. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Symbols of the Month

St. Boniface

The Archbishop of Mentz established the foundation for Christianity in Germany. His emblem refers to his defense of the Gospel as he met the blow of death while confirming baptized converts.



St. Barnabas

One of the Apostolic Fathers, whose feast day in olden times was celebrated by young lads and clerks bedecked with roses. This shield is divided.

St. Peter & St. Paul

The interwoven symbols of Sts. Peter and Paul are used at Winchester, where the cathedral church is dedicated to these saints.



The Trinity

The triquetra is one of the many symbols that clearly express the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity.

Feasts for June

1. Justin, Memorial
2. CORPUS CHRISTI, Solemnity
3. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Memorial
5. Boniface, Memorial
6. Norbert, Opt. Mem.
7. SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Memorial
8. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial
9. TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Solemnity
11. Barnabas, Memorial
13. Anthony of Padua, Memorial
16. ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
19. Romuald, Opt. Mem.
21. Aloysius Gonzaga, Memorial
22. Paulinus of Nola; John Fisher & Thomas More, Opt. Mem.
23. TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
24. NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Solemnity
26. Josemaría Escrivá, Opt. Mem.
27. Cyril of Alexandria, Opt. Mem.
28. Irenaeus, Memorial
29. STS PETER & PAUL, Solemnity
30. THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June

For migrants leaving their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Grand Knight's Digest

Brother Knights,

As we reflect on the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are reminded of the boundless love and compassion that our Lord extends to us all. This special time encourages us to deepen our devotion, seek forgiveness, and embrace the love that Jesus offers so freely. Let us, as Knights, renew our commitment to live by His example, showing charity, unity, and fraternity in all that we do.

This month, we also had the distinct honor of welcoming the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to our beloved city of La Crosse. This pilgrimage was a profound testament to our faith and a momentous occasion for our community. As we hosted pilgrims from across the nation, we opened our hearts and homes, embodying the hospitality and kindness that defines us as Knights of Columbus. This pilgrimage not only strengthened our faith but also united us in a common purpose, reinforcing the bonds that hold us together as a brotherhood.

The missions of the Knights of Columbus are deeply intertwined with the spirit of the Sacred Heart and the essence of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We are called to

serve our parishes and communities, support our priests, and uphold the dignity of every human life. Through our charitable activities, we make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need, reflecting the love of Christ in our actions. Our commitment to supporting the Church, defending religious freedom, and promoting the sanctity of life remains steadfast and unwavering.

In this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, let us reaffirm our dedication to these noble missions. Let us strive to be beacons of hope, faith, and love, inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the example set by our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact, bringing the light of Christ to all corners of our community.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus guide and bless us in all our endeavors, and may we always find strength and inspiration in His divine love.

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- **Go to our Website and share it with friends!**
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- **The Gavel is Now Entirely Electronic:** The physical copy of the Gavel has been deprecated due to rising costs and the larger societal move toward a more online desire for news and information. The electronic copy of the Gavel will continue as before.
- **Honor Guard** (Bishop Battersby's installation, Diaconate Ordination, The ANSWER--Eucharistic Rally, Eucharistic Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe), upcoming Priesthood Ordination 6/22
- **Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2024 Intellectual Disabilities Campaign (Tootsie Roll Drive).** Council 839 completed the campaign on the last weekend in April, and a final report was rendered at the Council meeting in May. Despite being limited to just one storefront this year, we had significant increases in donations collected at all five of our Parishes. With your help, Council 839 raised \$3,050.00 for people with special needs in our community!

Community Notes

- **Ultrasound Initiative:** Hope's Door Pregnancy and Family Resource Center merger with Alliance Women's Center of Kenosha/Racine, WI on May 9th. La Crosse location: 600 3rd St. N., La Crosse. Ultrasound machine has been secured through Pre-Born.
- Next Council-sponsored Blood Drive will be Mon. June 24 from 11 AM to 4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish.
- **Pilgrimage to St. Maximilian Shrine:** Bus Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown in Libertyville, IL on Sat. July 27th. Widows, widowers and veterans are guests of the Assembly (no charge). A donation of \$25 per person is requested of all others to cover bus travel and lunch. Contact: SK Charlie Peters 612-760-6192 or cjpeters2011@gmail.com
- **Alliance Family Resource Center Fundraiser event at First Free Church on Tuesday, June 25th, 7-9 PM. KC Presence**
- **Volunteering at AirFest and Country Boom:** Would you like to help? Free admission! Contact Charlie Peters.

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JUNE 2024 Activity Calendars JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	3pm Chaplet Volunteer	6	7
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9	10 Rosary & Council 839 Meeting	11	12	3pm Chaplet Joe Znidarsich	13	14
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16	17	18	19	3pm Chaplet Volunteer	20	21
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23	24 Blood Drive at BSP	25	26	3pm Chaplet Bill Jaekel	27	28
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7	8 Rosary & Council 839 Meeting	9	10	3pm Chaplet Kent Stein	11	12
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14	15	16	17	3pm Chaplet Volunteer	18	19
20						
21	22	23	24	3pm Chaplet Henry Althoff	25	26
27						Pilgrimage to MI Shrine
28	29	30	31	3pm Chaplet Charlie Peters		