

IMMACULATE  CONCEPTION  
– Catholic Church –

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**“When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!” - MK 6:2**

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July 4, 2021

14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

**Mass Schedule**

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	7:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 12:00 pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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**San Damiano Chapel**

Eucharistic Adoration open  
to scheduled adorers only.



**Our Mission**

*The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.*

# From the Pastor's Desk

## God Bless America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ — Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! How are you doing? On this day we commemorate the founding of our country and remember that our national motto is, “In God we trust.” We are blessed to have so many freedoms enshrined in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They are not freedoms from responsibility or exemptions from caring for our neighbor but the means by which we are able to live out our civic and religious duties.



At the same time, in all humility, we can recognize that we are not a perfect country and that there are injustices committed here on a daily basis. However, from a faith perspective, we do not rely merely on ourselves or our own efforts. As the Lord shared with St. Paul in his time of weakness, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). With the Grace of Christ at work within the depths of our souls we can indeed make the United States more United and a place where, “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” is experienced and cherished by all. As we celebrate our “one nation under God” we pray that the Lord Jesus would bless us and our labors with perseverance and charity now and always.

May God continue to bless you and may God bless America!

Fr. James



## This Week's Readings and Observances

**Sunday, July 4,** *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Independence Day*

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**Monday, July 5,** *St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday, July 6,** *St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday, July 7**

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday, July 8**

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday, July 9,** *St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday, July 10,** *BVM*

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday, July 11,** *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

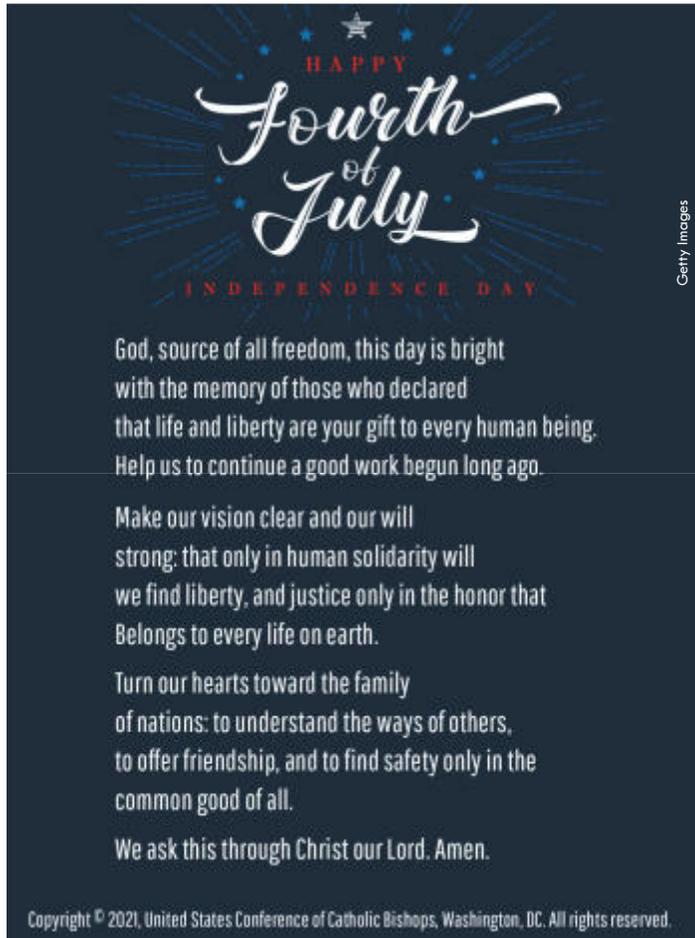
Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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## Faith Formation

### A Totus Tuus Thank You

Totus Tuus, our summer youth program, just celebrated its seventh year—and what a week it was! This year we had 29 day program participants and 17 in the evening program.

We are grateful to all who **very generously** supported us this week! We thank:

- Fr. James, Mary Scott, our host families Judie Collodora, and Sarah and Colby Buntin.
- Our wonderful volunteers without whom the program could never happen. You gave us your time for this whole week and we were blessed by it: Chris Ruback, Candida Eugenio, Kathyne Chiqui, Sue Nyvold and our youth volunteers Aria Ruback, Kadence Ruback and Ginah Eugenio.
- The women of CCW for their generous donation to the program!
- Those who provided us with meals and snacks. Those who made cash donations and gave giving tree items.
- Our local Fire Department for bringing their truck and making it a real water fun day!
- This year's *Saint Maximilian Kolbe* Totus Tuus team—Peter Romens, Maggie La Fond and Thomas Curry for bringing the love of the Lord and the beauty of our faith to the hearts of our youth!
- Finally, we thank our Lord Jesus, His Mother and St. Joseph for the blessings of the week — we are *Totus Tuus* — totally yours!



Mary Nawrocki  
Faith Formation Director

## Discipleship

### The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | ©LPi

## Eucharistic Adoration

***“Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.”*** (Matthew 11:28)

We are now able to relax some of the Covid restrictions pertaining to our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Beginning July 6, we are opening the chapel to more adorers. We want to keep adorers healthy, so please continue to follow CDC guidelines. Masks will be optional.

We are asking people to sign up for a preferred hour and we are welcoming back partner adorers. Visitors are also welcome; however, you will need the door code to enter the chapel. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am.

If you would like to register and schedule an adoration hour, or if you are an adorer unable to attend your scheduled hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Volunteers are needed to cover Tuesdays at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Wednesdays at 7:00 am, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, and Fridays at 9:00 am. We also have evening hours available.

**Note:** The chapel will be closed on Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 am.



# Pastoral Ministry

## Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

## In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call 763-788-9062. For private prayer (eight individuals offer confidential prayer for requested needs) call Larene at 763-789-4246.

## Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially all who have died from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

## Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain, Paul Bona, Robin Crisp, Mary Fredenburg,  
 Art Harris, Stacey Drews Kochmann, Linda Kosloski,  
 Gerald Krawiecki, Jeff LaFontaine, Steven Lauinger,  
 Tom Leight Sr., Dennis Lind, Janet Mihalik, Teddy Miller,  
 Gina McMartin, Shawn Moulzolf, Katie Oftedahl,  
 Diane Redmann, Greg Sery, Martha Stwora, Elaine Thunstrom,  
 Sandra Tabor, Lois Weyers, Germaine Wolsfeld,  
*and all those on our prayer chain*

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

## Dear Visitor

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki 763-788-9062 x 212.

# The Week Ahead

## Monday, July 5

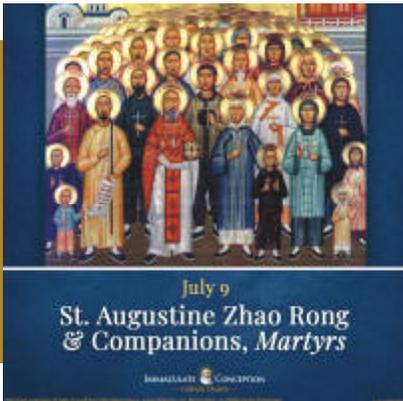
*Independence Day Holiday — Parish Office Closed*

## Friday, July 9

Intercessory Prayer Ministry ..... 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Saturday, July 10

Wedding..... 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
 Spanish Bible Study..... 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



**Daily Admission Pricing**  
 Purchase tickets online at [ICSummerJam.org](http://ICSummerJam.org)  
 or call Jami Bridgeman at 763-788-9062  
**Thursday, Friday, Saturday**  
 Only 500 tickets sold for each day.

- \$15.00 Advance Sale Ticket (Limit 4 tickets for each day)
- \$25.00 Ticket at the Door (if available)

**Sunday—Free.** No ticket required.  
 See website for ticket and entry policies.

## TRIBUTE FEST!

Food • Schell's Beer Tent • Pull Tabs

### THURSDAY Hosted by Lisa Miller 92 KQRS



5:00 pm

### Starlette's Web

Tribute to Women in Pop Rock, Country & Groove



7:30 pm

### Free Fallin

A Tribute to Tom Petty

### FRIDAY Hosted by Candace Wheeler 92 KQRS

From the KQ Morning Show



5:00 pm

### Transit Authority

Tribute to the music of Chicago



7:30 pm

### Xpedition

Tribute to Journey • Foreigner • Kansas • Styx

### SATURDAY Hosted by Ray Erick 92 KQRS



5:00 pm

### Beatles Tribute Band Rubber Soul



8:30 pm

### The Crown Jewels

Tribute to Queen

### SUNDAY Family Day - Free Admission!

Bingo • Car Show • Kid's Games & More!

## Big Buck Raffle!

Grand Prize \$10,000.00 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$5,000.00

Raffle tickets \$10 each. Purchase in the parish office during the week or at IC Summer Jam!

## Silent Auction Online Beginning August 1

[ICSummerJam.org](http://ICSummerJam.org)

Th: 4:00-10:00 pm | Fri: 4:00 - 10:30 pm  
 Sat: 4:00 - 10:30 pm | Sun: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Free City Ramp & Lot Parking—see website for details  
*Chairs not provided, please bring your own.*

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# Reflections

## Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** *Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?*

**Answer:** Ask any mom about her children and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

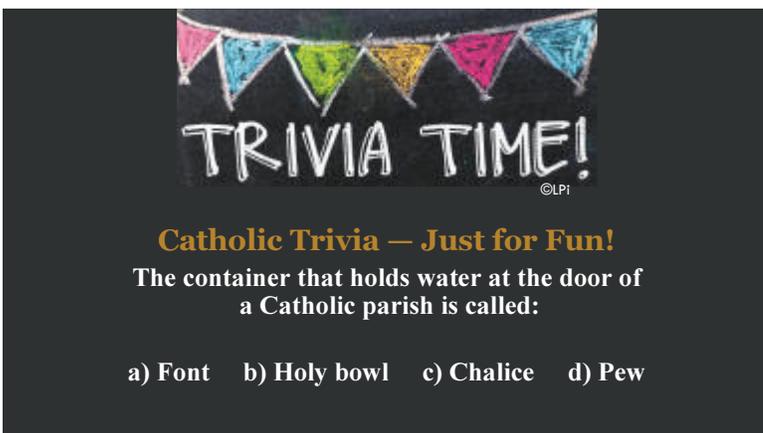
## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

## Word of Life

"O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."

—USCCB "Prayer for Religious Liberty"



**Catholic Trivia — Just for Fun!**  
The container that holds water at the door of a Catholic parish is called:

a) Font   b) Holy bowl   c) Chalice   d) Pew

Answer: a

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 4

8:00 am Parish Slovak Fraternal Societies  
10:00 am +Sheila Prokott  
12:00 pm IC Parish

### Tuesday, July 6

7:30 am +Deceased Members of CCW,  
Steve Lauinger, +Mary Ward

### Wednesday, July 7

7:30 am +David Schmeling

### Thursday, July 8

7:30 am +Joe & Ginny Guzik

### Friday, July 9

7:30 am +Walter, Carol, Katie, David  
and Mark Guzik

### Saturday, July 10

5:00 pm +Lawrence & Margaret Wodziak

### Sunday, July 11

8:00 am Rita Matheny  
10:00 am +Phyllis Anderson  
12:00 pm IC Parish

+Deceased

## Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) .... 763-788-9062 (#9)

### PARISH

Parish Office.....	763-788-9062
(Open Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 pm)	
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<b>Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott</b> .....	x 208

### SCHOOL

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School Fax.....	763-788-9066
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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Norma Coto Tom Herschbach Charles Karanja  
Marcus Paulson Stacy McVary*

*Fr. James Peterson (Pastor)  
Jane Bona (School Principal)  
Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)*

*Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available  
in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the church.*

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available.  
Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

## Parish Support

### Received Through June 27

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 6,996.00
Plate.....	2,608.00
WeShare Online Giving.....	402.50
<b>Total Collection</b> .....	<b>\$ 10,006.50</b>

*Thank you!*

## Gospel Meditation



### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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## Newman Connection



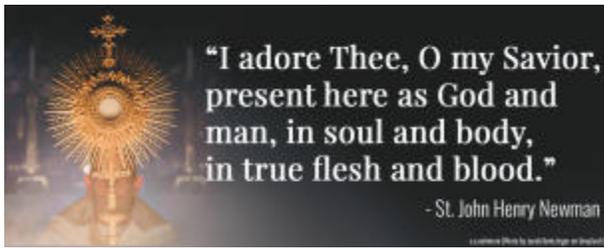
High School graduates, staying connected to your faith when you are away at college is as easy as 1,2,3. New this year, the Newman Connection has an app to help students locate the nearest church or campus ministry program and find out about upcoming events and connect with fellow students. The Newman Connect app can be downloaded for free from the app stores on either an iPhone or Android. To find more information about the Newman Connection program go to [newmanconnection.com](http://newmanconnection.com) or [newmanministry.com](http://newmanministry.com).

## Pray for the Synod

**Tuesday, July 6, 6:30-8:00 pm**

**St. Michael Church, 11300 Frankfort Pkwy NE, St. Michael**

All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month through Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for the July daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer at St. Michael in St. Michael!



July 4, 2021

## John Paul II in America: Uniting a Continent

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

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## School

### School News

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are given an assignment near the end of the year to share their own ICS Story and offer advice to the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The students' essays are inspirational. I often use many quotes from their written word to put together a talk delivered at the graduation Mass. Please enjoy these thoughtful quotes from our graduates who are now beginning high school! And, thank you to their fine teacher, Megan Toninato, for instructing them in language arts and religion. And continued blessings to our graduates of 2021!

*"Many people throughout my years here at ICS have taught me many things. A lot of teachers have given me great advice that I will carry on with me for the rest of my life. I am so thankful for all of the people here who have shown support in the classroom and out of the classroom. Some of the few notable people are Ms. Toninato, Mr. Weeks, Mrs. Pender, Mr. and Mrs. Bona, and Mr. Couillard. They have left a lot of great lessons with me that have shaped me to be the person I am today. One of my favorite words of wisdom I have ever received is that being a leader will get you far in life. I work hard and try my best to fulfil this statement and live by it."* **Andrew**

*"The life lessons I've learned here is to treat others how you want to be treated ... Now I know to treat people with kindness no matter what, even if it takes a bit of courage."* **Naomi**

*"In fifth grade, I grew in my faith and academics. I started to pray a lot more and I felt closer to God..... During online school, I missed having sports and seeing friends. If I could tell anybody going into 8th grade advice, I would say to do your schoolwork and cherish your friends because it could be the last time seeing them."* **Xavier**

## Saint of the Week



## Blessed Mary Teresa Ledochowska

**Feast Day – July 6  
1863-1922**

Born in Austria to a Polish count and his Swiss wife, she gave up her position as lady-in-waiting to a Tuscan grand duchess to devote her literary and organizational skills to the African missions and anti-slavery movement. In 1894 she founded the Institute of the Sisters of St. Peter Claver, which was formally approved in 1899. She stressed the importance of lay involvement, promoted literacy among Africans, and produced Bibles, catechisms and periodicals in African languages. She died in Rome at her order's generalate and was beatified in 1975.

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