

August 2017



*In the Spirit of
St. Camillus*

Notes from Pastoral Care

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of August

The artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Although it is not mentioned in scripture, the Assumption of Mary has been a solidly held belief of our Catholic faith since apostolic

times. It has been celebrated liturgically since the 6th century AD.

The Assumption of Mary was declared a dogma (a divinely revealed truth) of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950 when he proclaimed, in a document entitled *Munificentissimus Deus*, "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

Prayer for the Assumption

Almighty and eternal God, who hast taken up into the glory of Heaven, with body and soul, the immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy son: grant us, we pray, that we may always strive after heavenly things and thus merit to share in her glory. Amen.



August's Thoughts to Ponder

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement.

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine.

Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go on.

Blessed are those who see the hand of God in the haphazard, inexplicable, and seemingly senseless circumstances of life.

The cheerful man will do more in the same time, will do it better, will preserve it longer, than the sad or sullen.

Significance is not found in the number of our days, but in what our eternal God says about how we have used them.

Wherever we are and whatever we are doing, God wants to be a part of it.