

JOYFUL NOISE

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“During the summer, we have more free time in which to gather our thoughts and reflect, and also to travel and spend time with each other. Let us make good use of this, by leaving behind the whirlwind of commitments and worries in order to savour a few moments of peace, of reflection, taking time as well to visit other places and share in the joy of seeing others...” - Homily of Pope Leo XIV

August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which may seem odd, since we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Heart on June 28th this year. For a brief time, we did honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary with a feast in August, but our modern Church calendar has changed. [Click here](#) for a primer on why August is still associated with the Immaculate Heart even though the feast has moved. Indeed, the traditional devotions of our liturgical calendar continue to offer ample opportunity for family catechesis. [Click here](#) for ways to talk about and honour Mary's Immaculate Heart with kids this month. But you don't need little ones at home to learn more about your own faith. [Click here](#) for ideas on how to enter more deeply into relationship with Mary, the usual heart-themed crafts optional.

We still have two Marian feasts this month: the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) and Feast of the Queenship of Mary (August 22). Why not take Pope Leo's above advice and use the final weeks of summer to slow down, reflect, and spend some joyful time with our Lady? Deirdre from the Kindling Wild blog offers a number of ideas on how your family can do just that using this month's Marian feasts as a starting point. [Click here](#) for her list.

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Summer Programming Continues at the Refuge With opportunities for family time, a seniors' day, an iconography workshop and more, there's something for everyone at St. Mary's Refuge this August. [Click here](#) for full list of events.

Intentional Accompaniment workshop Aug 7 [Click here](#) to register for a FREE 90 min workshop by CCO.

An Evening for the Separated & Divorced Aug 13 A free night of support, healing, and encouragement via zoom, offered by Abounding Joy Ministry. [Click here](#) to register. Do you need more support? A 12-week, workshop begins Sept 11 (cost to register). [Click here](#) to learn more. NOTE: this is an US-based ministry with USD prices and time zone.

Catechesis 101 Workshop Sept 6 Introduction to the foundational concepts of catechesis. All current and prospective catechists are encouraged to attend. [Click here](#) for poster.

The San Damiano Foundation The SDF operates youth centers in the Eastern Deanery under a model that could be replicated in your area. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Have a question or need support? Want to share about your parish's ministry initiatives? Just want to chat?



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