**Word of Life: August 2018**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Intercessions for Life**

**August 5th                                                       Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For married couples considering adoption:

May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment,

grant them peace, and make possible his holy will;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**August 12th                                                       Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For young people:

May they discover the freedom and peace

that comes from following Jesus’ call to purity;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**August 19th                                          Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the times we are pressured

to compromise respect for human life:

May the Lord strengthen

our courage and resolve;
*We pray to the Lord:*

**August 26th                                    Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

May friends and families of women

who are unexpectedly pregnant

provide loving, life-affirming support

for both mother and child;

*We pray to the Lord:*

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**Bulletin Quotes**

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| **August 5th** **Special Feature!**Adoption Prayer and Educational Resources[www.usccb.org/adoption-resources](http://www.usccb.org/adoption-resources)“We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him. ... Andrew\* is two years old now, and... we can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew.”\*Name changed for privacy.“An Adoption Love Story,” 2014-15 Respect Life Program USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities |
|  **August 12th** “[W]e know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it.”“10 Surprising Tips for Love the Culture Won’t Tell You” 2015-16 Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities |
| **August 19th** “Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!”Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their “Ad Limina” Visit, February 3, 2001 © 2001 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. |
| **August 26th** “‘Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?’ Learn more at [www.usccb.org/support-her](http://www.usccb.org/support-her).” “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”2015-16 Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities |

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**Bulletin Art**

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**Sunday, August 12th, 2018**

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**Sunday, August 26th, 2018**

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