

| Month     | Gospel Value  | From the IWBS Charism...   | Scripture   | In the words of Jeanne de Matel...   |
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| August    | Community     | We are called to live in community with one another in union with the Incarnate Word.  | "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17<br>"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them." Mt. 18:20  | "Geographic distance and breaking of ties do not separate nor distance spirits united by holy love."   |
| September | Eucharistic   | We experience the presence of the Incarnate Word in our lives especially through the Eucharist and with Him we worship the Father in the Spirit. Because the celebration of the Eucharist is central to our lives, we adore the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament, reverence Him present in all of creation, and serve Him in others.  | "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die" Jn. 6:48-50   | "You are not going to carry this cross. It is the cross that will carry you."  |
| October   | Marian        | Through Mary's total surrender to God expressed in her "Fiat," the Word first became Incarnate. Mary's central role in the Incarnation of the Word, her nurturing presence to her Son, her receptivity to the Holy Spirit, all inspire us to acknowledge her as our model. We honor her especially in the mystery of the Immaculate Conception as model and prototype of the Church.   | "For with God nothing will be impossible. And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Luke 1: 37-38   | "Have no dread of anything that springs from Love."  |
| November  | Liturgical    | Knowing that the liturgical year was for Jeanne de Matel a continual source of inspiration for her prayer, we, too, try to enter into the mysteries of Christ's life. In our liturgical prayer, we gather as an ecclesial community to celebrate the Paschal Mystery and to strengthen our union with the whole Church through word, song, silence, sign, and gesture.   | "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms." Ps. 95:2   | "My Divine Consoler, what can I offer you in gratitude for all the graces You continually give me?"  |
| December  | Ecclesial     | True to the spirit of Jeanne Chezard de Matel, we rejoice in being daughters of the Church. We commit ourselves to share in the building up of the Reign of God for the People of God and our fidelity to the magisterium of the Church.   | "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Mt. 6:33   | "Since the Incarnate Word chooses various paths which are always merciful and true, I will let myself be led by the Wisdom of the Incarnate Word." |
| January   | Biblical      | We are nourished by daily encounter with Jesus in contemplation of the Word. We seek especially to live the spirit of the Beatitudes, expressed in the Sermon on the Mount, which Jeanne considered to be the center of our spirituality and our rule of life. Attentive to the movement of the Spirit Who speaks to us through Holy Scripture, we continually deepen our knowledge of it, adhering to it in the obedience of faith. | Beatitudes, Mt. 5: 3-11   | "Love leads to holy audacity."   |
| February  | Trinitarian   | We center our lives in the Person of Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate. With Him, we live for the glory of the Father in the love of the Holy Spirit. This Trinitarian relationship is the basis and model of our consecrated life.   | "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." 1 Cor. 12:4-6 | "The Holy Spirit came down to earth to prepare hearts so that the Incarnate Word could dwell in them."   |
| March     | Incarnational | In the words of our Foundress, the Incarnate Word calls us to be "an extension of the Incarnation." We are called to be bearers of the Word, to take the light of Christ to the ends of the earth, and to teach people to love as the Incarnate Word loved. We are sent to extend the Reign of God and to be in the world as loving proclamation of the Gospel by our words and by the testimony of our lives.                       | " And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." Jn. 1:14  | "Does your heart belong entirely to me as mine is wholly yours? ( <i>the Incarnate Word to Vn. Jeanne de Matel</i> )"                              |
| April     | Contemplative | The living out of this contemplative dimension calls us to an attitude of continuous and humble adoration of God's presence in people, events and things as a loving proclamation.   | "Cease striving and know that I am God..." Ps. 46:10  | "In trust and in silence should you await the Divine Savior."  |
| May       | Apostolic     | The ideal of combining contemplation with apostolic love is reflected in our congregational mission: to adore the Incarnate Word and to proclaim the mystery of the Incarnation.   | "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mk. 16:15  | "The time has come for you to take the Incarnate Word into the world..."   |