



Family Faith Formation News

Family Devotionals and Sacrament Schedule

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Anne's Chapel at
St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston
from Monday at 8:00 a.m. until
Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, Milaca following
Daily Mass each Thursday until
5:00 p.m. Except First Thursday.
Adoration closes after
Reconciliation.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

Confession at 3:00 p.m. in
Foreston and after 6:00 p.m.
Mass in Ogilvie.

Sundays

Confession upon request before
Mass in Milaca and Mora.

Second Friday of Each Month

Confession at St. Mary's, Mora
from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Thursday before First Friday

Confession at St. Mary's, Milaca
from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Family Rosary

Sundays at St. Mary's, Milaca at
6:00 p.m.

**Family Rosary on Sunday,
October 10 will be held at 3:00
p.m. to unite with those praying
around the country, "Rosary
Coast to Coast."

First Friday

Mass at St. Mary's, Mora each
Friday at 7:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Prayers and devotions on the
first Saturday of each month
held at St. Mary's, Milaca, 9:00
a.m.



October: Month of the Rosary and Feast of the Sixth Apparition of Our Lady's Appearance to the Three Children of Fatima and the Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

Traditionally each month of the liturgical year is dedicated to some mystery of the faith or special saint. October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the Feast of the Holy Rosary is October 7. Visit: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgically/ear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm for more information on the Month of the Holy Rosary.

October 13th is the Feast of the Sixth Apparition of Our Lady's appearing to the three children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917 and the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

The Message of Fatima is both a warning and a promise. In 1917, between May 13 and October 13, the Queen of Heaven appeared six times to three shepherd children in a small village near Fatima, Portugal to warn of impending chastisement, and offer mankind a sure way of safety and peace.

The general Message of Fatima is not complicated. Its requests are for prayer, reparation, repentance, sacrifice, and the abandonment of sin. Before Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children, Lucy, Francisco and Jacinta, the Angel of Peace visited them. The Angel prepared the children to receive the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his instructions are an important aspect of the Message that is often overlooked.

The Angel demonstrated to the children the fervent, attentive, and composed manner in which we should all pray, and the reverence we should show toward God in prayer. He also explained to them the great importance of praying and making sacrifices in reparation for the offenses committed against God. He told them: "Make of everything you can a sacrifice

and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication, for the conversion of sinners."

In his third and final apparition to the children, the Angel gave them Holy Communion, and demonstrated the proper way to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist: all three children knelt to receive Communion; and Lucy was given the Sacred Host on the tongue and the Angel shared the Blood of the Chalice between Francisco and Jacinta.

Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the Rosary in each of Her apparitions, asking the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace.

In order to move ever closer to Her, and therefore to Her Son, Our Lady stressed the importance of praying at least five decades of the Rosary daily. She asked us to wear the Brown Scapular. And we must make sacrifices, especially the sacrifice of doing our daily duty, in reparation for the sins committed against Our Lord and Our Lady. She also stressed the necessity of prayers and sacrifices to save poor sinners from hell. The Message of Fatima, to individual souls, is summarized in these things.

For more information, visit:
<https://fatima.org/about/fatima-the-message/>

<https://fatima.org/about/fatima-the-message/the-message-in-general/>

Please join us October 13th as we unite with children and youth of the world in praying for our families and the world.

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Join us for a candlelight Marian Procession, rosary and benediction in praying for peace in our families and world in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary and Fatima on **Wednesday, October 13 at 6:15 p.m.**

What is a Marian Procession?

Marian devotions are external aids to interior devotion to the Mother of God. As He hanged dying on the cross, Our Lord gave His mother to us, to be our mother. The Bible-based prayers, Hail Mary, and the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a meditation on the life of Christ, are the most frequently prayed devotions to her. Another traditional devotion is the public procession honoring her.

Why Should We Pray to Mother Mary?

Why Pray to Mary? Because Jesus has given us His Blessed Mother as *our* great spiritual mother (Rev.12:17), a heavenly advocate who intercedes for us.

Some Christians will ask, “Why pray to Mary when we can go directly to Jesus?” And yet they have no problem asking others here on earth to pray for them, instead of simply and solely praying to Jesus on their own. Indeed, St. Paul says that God grants blessings “in answer to many prayers” (2 Cor. 1:11). And if the prayer of a righteous man *on earth* avails much with God (Jas. 5:16–18), how much more would prayers from one who has finished the race and now reigns with Christ *in heaven*?

Scripture elsewhere speaks of the “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven” and “the spirits of just men *made perfect*” (Heb. 12:23, emphasis added). Given their heavenly perfection in Jesus, which would include perfection in charity and thus concern for their brothers and sisters in Christ on earth (see 1 Cor. 2:12-26), we should not be surprised that Scripture presents these holy men and women of heaven bringing our prayers to Jesus the Lamb (Rev. 5:8), and that from the early Church onward Christians have asked the intercession of the saints who have gone before them to heaven.

In this light, we see that the saints—as faithful disciples of Jesus—are His collaborators, not His competitors in interceding for us. Consequently, because Mary is the Mother of God and the disciple par excellence (see Luke 1:28, 38), we should not be surprised that she is our preeminent intercessor among the angels and saints. (catholic.com)

October is Respect Life Month
Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. (respectlife.org)

Box of Joy – October Outreach
Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the U. S. and facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Learn more at boxofjoy.org
Be sure to check out the flyer with more information in your family packet.

SOFTWARE - Monthly Picks

Life Teen - (www.lifeteen.com)
This is a blog that was created for teenagers and focuses especially on the Eucharist and the Church.

Catholic Mom - (www.catholicmom.com)
This site was built to celebrate Catholic moms and their efforts in society building via raising responsible and Catholic-minded individuals who pay attention to love, purity, family, and fun from a Catholic point of view. The goal is to encourage a closely-knit family relationship and relationship with others.

The Catholic Gentleman
(<https://catholicgentleman.com/about/>)
This site includes insightful articles to help Catholic men lead holy and fulfilling lives. You'll find posts about many saints, beer, dressing sharp, marriage, spiritual weapons & more.

FORMED - (www.formed.org)
The site offers thousands of movies, books, audio talks, documentaries, devotionals, and studies. There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Over 4,000 titles are available on almost any device including ROKU, Apple TV, Android and IOS. Visit formed.org and register today by using the Milaca zip code to find our subscription (paid for by St. Mary's and St. Louis).

Monthly Pick on FORMED:
The 13th Day –
Movie of the Fatima story



This Year's Theme

The beautiful image of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist along with the words, *Be Not Afraid! I am With You Always* is our theme this year. We chose this theme because it is an important reminder to all of us that we do not need to be afraid despite the times we live in. Jesus has promised to be with us always!

Saint Feast Days in October	
1	Therese of Lisieux
2	Guardian Angels
4	St. Francis of Assisi
5	St. Faustina
7	Our Lady of the Rosary
13	Miracle of the Sun and Sixth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima
15	Teresa of Avila
22	St. Pope John Paul II

This Month's Q&A

Q: Why do I have to go to Mass? I don't get anything out of it. Why can't I just pray alone?

A: “These are common feelings, especially among young people but among many adults as well. The great Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when conducting a retreat for teenagers, once gave a talk on the meaning of the Mass. He said, “If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it.” The Mass is not entertainment, he

said. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us. It is an opportunity to praise God and thank Him for all that He has done for us.

If we have a correct understanding of the Mass, Bishop Sheen said, it will become more meaningful for us. We will want to go to Mass. We will understand why the Mass is God's precious gift to us, and we wouldn't think of refusing that gift.” (catholiceducation.org)

8 Reasons to go to Mass: www.catholiceducation.org/en/marriage-and-family/parenting/8-reasons-to-go-to-mass.html

“School of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”
Parents and grandparents are encouraged to enroll their children in the “School of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.” This five easy step program can be found at: <https://childrenoftheeucharist.org/school-immaculate-heart-mary-2/>