



## Family Devotionals & Sacrament Schedule

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Anne's Chapel at  
St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston  
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 the Thursday  
before First Friday, then  
Adoration closes after  
Reconciliation at  
5:45 p.m.

St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie one hour  
following the Tuesday 7:00 a.m.  
Daily Mass.

St. Mary's, Mora each Friday  
from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### 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 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

#### Thursday before First Friday

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

### Family Rosary

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

### First Friday

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

### First Saturday

Rosary at 8:30 a.m.; Mass at  
9:00 a.m.; followed by prayers  
and devotions on the first  
Saturday of each month through  
October at St. Mary's, Milaca



**May God Bless  
Fr. Derek on  
His Birthday  
(July 5)**

# Family Faith Formation News



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## July is Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color of green, the symbol of hope, life, and anticipation. The season of Ordinary Time is focused on the Lord's three-year public ministry, His teachings and miracles, and is a reminder that the mission of the Church is to share Christ's hope and life with the world.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it." (Pope Pius IX)

"Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world." (Pope Clement)

"To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood, means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood. (Excerpted from *The Precious Blood of Christ*, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.)

### July 1: First Friday

The First Friday devotion arises from the private revelations of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690). One of the promises Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary is as follows:

*I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.*

Dr. Robert Stackpole, Director of the John Paul II Institute for Divine Mercy, makes clear that we can't simply make the devotion once and presume that we'll get to Heaven when we die without any further conversion or repentance.

"Christ promises to pour out the grace of final perseverance on those who perform this devotion with the proper dispositions of faith and love - but the soul must still cooperate with that grace at the time of death, for God's grace will never compel anyone to surrender to His love." So, make this devotion a part of your life of prayer, frequent reception of the Sacraments and works of mercy. Receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays with the intention of honoring the Sacred Heart and obtaining the graces Jesus promised."



*"Welcome the presence of the Heart of Christ, entrusting your home to Him. Seek to draw from this open heart the saving and healing love that is so necessary for families today in order to build a civilization of love." St. John Paul II*

**July 2: First Saturday of Reparation** - During the apparitions at Fatima in 1917, and also in a vision to Lucia several years later, our Blessed Mother requested that First Saturday devotions be made in reparation for the sins of the world. The devotion is to be practiced on the First Saturday of five consecutive months. To practice the devotion, on each Saturday you should: *Go to confession - Receive Holy Communion - Say five decades of the Rosary and spend fifteen minutes meditating on the Rosary*

A special grace of this devotion is that Our Lady will be present at the hour of death with the grace of final perseverance.

**July 4: Independence Day** - The Patriotic Rosary dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional Catholic Rosary to each state of the United States and asks God's protection of and guidance for the nation. The Patriotic Rosary is prayed for all souls in each state, for the nation as a whole, and for governing officials at all levels of government. ([www.patrioticrosary.com](http://www.patrioticrosary.com)) May God Bless America!

**July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha** - St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin woman who had been captured in a raid and integrated into the Mohawk way of life. Kateri converted to Catholicism and took a vow of chastity and promised to marry only Jesus Christ. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be canonized a saint.

**July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - Our Lady of Mount Carmel gave the Brown Scapular (a miniature habit of the Carmelite Order) to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite, on July 16, 1251, and made the promise: "whosoever dies in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire." The Brown Scapular is a symbol and a sacramental of the deeper understanding and reality of our Blessed Mother clothing and protecting us with her mantle, a symbol of her guidance. The Brown Scapular is a sign of living for Jesus, following the example of the Blessed Virgin. Wearing the Brown Scapular is not a magical charm, nor is it an excuse to live in a way contrary to the teachings of the Church. It has been approved by the Church for over seven centuries and is a sign of one's decision to follow Jesus as did His mother, Mary. Any baptized Catholic may be invested/enrolled in the Brown Scapular by a Catholic priest. (National Catholic Register)

**July 26: St. Joachim and St. Anne** - Saints Joachim and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. They were good, faithful parents that raised Mary with a love and devotion to God. Joachim and Anne are role models for parents and deserve to be honored and imitated for their own devotion to God. They are patron saints of grandparents and infertile couples.

**What is Reparation and Why is it so Important?** In the summer of 1916, in the second apparition of the Angel to the children at Fatima, he asked them to offer every suffering as an act of reparation to God. On three occasions, in May, July, and October of 1917, our Lady instructed the children to make reparation for the sins against God and the sins against our Lady's Immaculate Heart. **Reparation is the repairing or making up for the offenses against God.** This covers a wide variety of areas from the fact of Original Sin to our own personal sins and even to the sins of others, no matter how large or small the offense might be.

We can see just how grievous our sins are to God by the fact that He did not just write them off, but sent His own Son to suffer and die, i.e., to make reparation for our sins. In this we see how important justice is to God. Through His suffering and death, Jesus made atonement and reparation for our sins, but in His mercy, He saved a little bit for us to do. This is not only so that we could make up, to some degree, for our own sins, but that we can actually have a share in the work of redemption and salvation.

#### **How Can We Make Reparation for Our Sins and the Worlds Sins?**

By uniting our prayers, works and sufferings to those of Jesus, we can actually make some reparation for our offenses against the justice of God. Making reparation helps us to understand the gravity of sin, but it also helps us to avoid sin so that we do not offend God anymore. (Fr. Robert Altier)

Saint Feast Days in July	
6	Maria Goretti
11	Benedict
14	Kateri Tekakwitha
16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
22	Feast of Mary Magdalene
26	Joachim and Anne
29	Martha, Mary and Lazarus

#### **Pass the Faith on to Our Children More Permanently**

The following good examples will help solidify our children's belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist:

1. Receive Holy Communion worthily and frequently, daily if possible.
2. Take the whole family to Confession often to receive Communion more fruitfully.
3. Refer to the Eucharist, not as "it," but instead as "Him"---- Jesus.
4. Adore attentively and wholeheartedly at the words of Consecration.
5. Spend time in prayer and thanksgiving after Holy Communion.
6. Genuflect reverently to Jesus in the tabernacle when passing the altar.
7. Make regular visits before the tabernacle with the whole family.
8. Sign up for an hour of adoration when there is Exposition of the Eucharist.
9. Make a sign of the cross whenever driving past a Catholic church.
10. Read stories of saints who died for their belief in the Eucharist.
11. Invite fallen-away Catholics to come back to the Eucharist.
12. Invite non-Catholics to Mass and offer to explain the Eucharist.

Pass the Faith on to our children more permanently. In some countries, 90% of Catholic teens stop attending Mass after high school. How can we make sure that our children's faith will last a lifetime? How can we inoculate them against the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil? The answer is by helping them know and love Christ in the Eucharist. No one who appreciates the infinite treasure of the Eucharist could possibly look to be "fed" somewhere else. How do we teach our children to believe in the Real Presence? By using the only methods available: *word* and *deed*. We need to talk about the Real Presence as we go about our daily duties: after dinner as we read from the Bible, during family prayers at night, in the car as we drive to Sunday or daily Mass. (Beginning Apologetics 3, by Fr. Frank Chacon and Jim Burnham)