



# Family Faith Formation News

## Family Devotionals & Sacrament Schedule

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Anne's Chapel at  
St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston  
Monday from 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 for 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 after Mass in  
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 9:00 a.m. followed by  
prayers and devotions on the first  
Saturday of each month at  
St. Mary's, Milaca.



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## *November: Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

November is dedicated to the Holy **Souls in Purgatory**. Their feast day is All Souls' Day, November 2.

The whole month of November, except for the last three days, falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and is represented by the color green, a symbol of hope. Advent begins the last Sunday of November and then the liturgical color changes to purple, which represents a time of penance.

### **November 1 - All Saints' Day A Holy Day of Obligation**

Most of the popular saints have specific dates that are dedicated as feast days to help us remember them. Throughout history, there have been many martyrs and devout faithful whose names have not been documented. Since there are thousands of holy souls that have entered Heaven that do not have a feast day, we celebrate All Saints' Day in their honor.

There are also many people who have died that were reconciled with God through penance and young innocent children who died as infants. Their holiness is known by God and recognized only in Heaven.

We should not forget them because they remember us in their intercessions. They are still our ancestors, brothers, sisters, loved ones, friends, and fellow Christians. We have lived together on earth and are now one family united with an eternal love in Christ.

Celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints reunites us with the communion of saints. This is our connection with the faithful souls who have already reached Heaven (the Church Triumphant), the

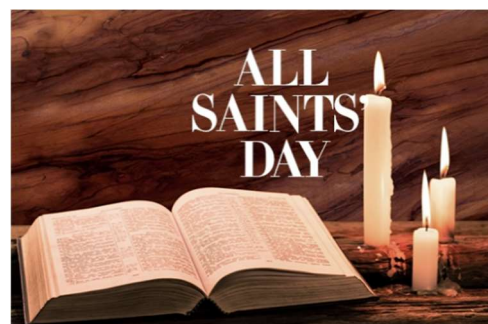
faithful departed who are still atoning their sins in Purgatory (the Church Suffering) and the faithful still here on earth (the Church Militant).

Observing the saints' feast days is helpful to us and the way we celebrate them is important because we believe they accompany us. The saints teach us how to live holy lives because they have shown us by their own example. They give us inspiration as we try to live good lives. They are also wonderful intercessors for us and are our friends in Heaven.

The Church teaches us about the saints and their virtues. Through prayer and learning about a saint, we can develop a friendship with them. We can increase our understanding of their life and how they were able to live good lives while undergoing all the temptations and disappointments that were prevalent in the time they lived.

These are some of the reasons why it is so valuable to observe saints' days: we need to keep their good example before us, and we need their prayers.

Celebrating each family member's feast day can be a fun way to commemorate a saint's day.



## November 2 - All Souls' Day

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (CCC 1030-1031)

The teaching of the Catholic Church, as documented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, says "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of Heaven through purification or immediately-or immediate and everlasting damnation." (CCC:1022)

Therefore, those who have lived in God's grace and friendship, and are perfectly purified, will enter into Heaven immediately upon death. Those who die in God's grace and friendship but are still imperfectly purified will eventually enter Heaven but will first have to undergo purification.

November is dedicated to these holy souls being purified in Purgatory. During their purification, we can help them through our prayers. From the very beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead by offering Holy Masses, prayers, indulgences, almsgiving, and works of penance on behalf of the dead.

### A Guide to Plenary Indulgences for the All Souls' "Octave," on November 1-8

"Visiting a Cemetery: An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8; on other days of the year, it is a partial indulgence." (Catholic Culture)

### Visiting a Church on November 2

"A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 {as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day}] piously visit a church. In visiting the church, it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited." (Catholic Culture)

## November 20 - Feast of Christ the King

As we come to the end of the Church year, we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world's. The culmination of the liturgical year is the *Feast of Christ the King*. This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.

Christ has always been known as the King because, as Paul tells us, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth." To celebrate Christ's Kingship, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical *Quas Primas* (On the Feast of Christ the King) in 1925. What he said then was true of his own day and even more prophetic for ours as we are reaping the results of not serving Christ as King.

Pius XI illuminated how society was already laden with difficulties. These "manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and he said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations." Men had to look for "the *peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ*."

"When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony," affirmed the pontiff. (Excerpts from National Catholic Register)

**Ways to Honor Christ the King** - When you hear the name of Jesus, bow your head. If you hear someone using God's name in vain, silently pray, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

## November 21 - Presentation of Mary

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

The feast is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was three years old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to His grace and dedicate yourself to Him, as Mary did. (loyolapress.com)

## Saint Feast Days in November

1	Solemnity of All Saints
2	All Souls' Day
10	St. Leo the Great
17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
20	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe
21	Presentation of Mary
22	St. Cecilia
30	St. Andrew

## National Vocations Awareness Week November 6 - 12

November 2 - 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Family Faith Formation Classes at St. Mary's for all Students, Parents & Parishioners

Deacon Mike Benda will present to students in grades 7-12 & adults: *Priest, Prophet and King. It's who we are!*

## November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

Sr. Patricia Proctor of the Poor Clare Sisters agrees that the mostly secular holiday of Thanksgiving presents Catholic families with a unique opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the gift of the Eucharist.

"One meaning of Eucharist is to 'give thanks' so when this special day of 'Thanksgiving' comes around, suddenly without even trying, we start counting all the things we are thankful for."

She suggests that Catholic families can most effectively highlight the true meaning of thanksgiving by attending Mass together as a family on Thanksgiving Day. "Make a special effort to go to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Tell each member of the family to remember something they are truly thankful for and to tell Jesus 'thank you' for this at the time of Communion or at some other quiet time during or after the Mass."

Additionally, Sr. Proctor encourages families to pray an "Our Father" together or to add a communal prayer of thanksgiving to their traditional grace before the Thanksgiving dinner. (National Catholic Register)