



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 the Thursday before First Friday, then Adoration closes after Reconciliation at 5:45 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 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.

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 at 9:00 a.m.

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace." St. Padre Pio



November: A Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It is during the month of November that the Church meditates on the Communion of Saints, which is the link with the faithful who have already reached Heaven (the Church Triumphant), the faithful departed who are still expiating their sins in Purgatory (the Church Suffering) and of the pilgrim faithful still here on earth (the Church Militant). On the first of November, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, honoring all those faithful in Heaven, the known and unknown saints. (Whenever the Solemnity falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.)

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day, a day set aside to pray for all the dead.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is Heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter Heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees 12:26 and 12:32.

Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter Heaven.

The departed souls in purgatory are unable to pray for themselves and therefore, they depend upon the prayers of the Church on earth.

Indulgence Acts for the Faithful Departed

There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the

month of November. (For more information on what an indulgence is, refer to this month's Q&A on page 2.)

Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

- on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed;
- on All Souls' Day devoutly visit a church or a chapel and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

Partial Indulgence

A partial indulgence can be obtained all year by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. Even passing a cemetery and praying the "Eternal Rest" prayer can help the souls in need.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The "Eternal Rest" prayer can also be inserted in between decades of the rosary and can be added to the end of the "Prayer Before Meals."

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgical_year/overviews/months/11.cfm

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsouls/>

Check This Out!

Most of us have Thanksgiving Day family traditions. Did you know that the word Eucharist means Thanksgiving? We invite you to read Danielle Bean's article on ways to focus on the Catholic meaning of Thanksgiving.

<https://catholicexchange.com/catholic-thanksgiving-traditions>

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Q: What are indulgences?

A: An indulgence is “the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned, which the follower of Christ with the proper dispositions and under certain determined conditions acquires through the intervention of the Church which, as minister of the Redemption, authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the satisfaction won by Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due sin” (Indulgentiarum Doctrina, n.1-2). Indulgences can apply to oneself, or can be offered for the souls in purgatory.

When Catholic's obtain an indulgence, the Church, through the power of “binding and loosing” sins that Christ has given her (see Matthew 18:18; John 20:23), intervenes on behalf of individual Christians, opening for them a treasury of merits.

To obtain this remission there are proper dispositions and certain conditions predetermined by the Church that must be met. Firstly, one must have the intention to gain the indulgence, and perform the works at the time and in the manner prescribed.

To gain a **Plenary Indulgence** (only one per day), the faithful must be in the state of grace (free from serious/mortal sin) and the following conditions must accompany the prescribed act:

1. have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
2. receive the **Sacrament of Confession** (Within 20 days before or after the indulgenced act.) In addition to scheduled times at our parishes, Fr. Derek is available for confessions upon request.
3. receive the **Holy Eucharist** (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required.)
4. and recite **prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father** (One Our Father and one Hail Mary is suggested as a minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added.)

All attachment to sin, even venial sin, must be absent. If some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.

Saints and Feast Days - The observance of saints' days is important for us and the various ways we celebrate them are also important. We believe the saints accompany us. They serve as inspirations and examples for us as we try to live good lives and they act as intercessors on our behalf. We remember that the saints are our friends in Heaven.

The saints not only teach us that we should lead holy lives, but they show us how! The Church places the saints and their virtues before us, so by cultivating a friendship with a saint through prayer and learning about them, we can grow in our understanding of how they managed to live good lives in the face of all the temptations and discouragement that the people of their own ages must have endured. This is why it is so valuable to observe saints' days: we need to keep their good example before us and we need their prayers.

Observing each family member's feast day can be an important way to celebrate a saint's day.

Saint Feast Days in November

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

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.”

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Pray 15 Times Each Day from November 30 through December 24

This meditative prayer helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O My God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

November 3 - 6:15pm – 7:45pm
Class at St. Mary's for all Students, Parents & Parishioners:
 Pamela Patnode will present to teens & adults: *The Creed* – What is this prayer that we recite so mindlessly, and why in the world should I care?



Reminder to return your Box of Joy to St. Mary's or St. Louis by November 3. Thank you!

November Software Picks

Catholic Online Learning Resources
 Free printable resources at:
<https://catholicresources.education/>

Relevant Radio App

Take your Catholic faith with you wherever you go!

Hallow

A Catholic Prayer & Meditation App (The #1 Catholic App)