



THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

AROUND
THE DINNER
TABLE

The family is a little cell of larger society, a laboratory where behaviors are learned and, at its best, a true school of love.
--Pope John Paul II

OCTOBER

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

Pope Leo XIII heavily promoted the Rosary in the late 19th century. He officially dedicated the entire month of October to the devotion and encouraged daily recitation for peace in the world.

Mark your calendars!

Oct. 3-4 Parish Coat Drive
Mon. Oct. 5 Confirmation parent meeting 6pm
Tues. Oct. 6 Confirmation parent meeting 1pm
Oct. 13-18: RE Rosary for Beauty of Life Week-bring your rosaries to class
Sun. Oct. 18 Donut Sunday

Get Fed

Long before public school systems existed, Catholic missionaries were building schools alongside churches throughout the New World. Wherever they went, they went to preach the Gospel; they also taught children to read, write, and learn the faith. Education wasn't considered an "extra." It was part of the Church's mission. Missionaries taught not only catechism but also languages, agriculture, music, mathematics, and the practical skills communities needed to flourish. That vision remains at the heart of Catholic education today. Whether in a Catholic school, a homeschool, or around the family dinner table, parents remain the primary educators of their children in the faith. Every lesson, every question, and every act of wonder is an opportunity to lead young hearts a little closer to Christ.

[Get Fed blog.](#)

Around the Dinner Table: Food for Thought:

Set the stage for the daily mystery that is prayed in the Rosary. Ask questions about or related to that part of Jesus' life. Or about their day, such as: What did you experience that was joyful today? Where did you see God's light today?

- **Monday and Saturday:** Joyful Mysteries (focus on the early life of Jesus)
- **Tuesday and Friday:** Sorrowful Mysteries (focus on the Passion and death of Jesus)
- **Wednesday and Sunday:** Glorious Mysteries (focus on the Resurrection and glory of Christ and Mary)
- **Thursday:** Luminous Mysteries, also called the Mysteries of Light (focus on the public ministry of Jesus)

The Pope's monthly prayer intention:

For mental health ministry,
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of person with mental illnesses.

OPERATION ANDREW DINNER



Young men and their fathers are invited to **join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests** for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

Queen of Apostles Parish
18 Woodlawn Ave
Joliet, IL 60435

OCT | 1 | 6PM

Open to high school and young adult age
men and their fathers

SCAN ME



The Mysteries of the Rosary

(To be meditated upon while praying the Rosary)

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

(For Mondays & Saturdays; may be used on Sundays of Advent & Christmas)

- 1st Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation to Mary
- 2nd Joyful Mystery: The Visitation of Mary
- 3rd Joyful Mystery: The Nativity of Our Lord
- 4th Joyful Mystery: The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 5th Joyful Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

(For Tuesdays & Fridays; may be used on Sundays of Lent)

- 1st Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden
- 2nd Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3rd Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns
- 4th Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross
- 5th Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

(For Wednesdays & Sundays)

- 1st Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection of Our Lord
- 2nd Glorious Mystery: The Ascension of Our Lord
- 3rd Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles
- 4th Glorious Mystery: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 5th Glorious Mystery: The Coronation of Our Lady

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

(For Thursdays)

- 1st Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- 2nd Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana
- 3rd Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4th Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration
- 5th Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

EWTN



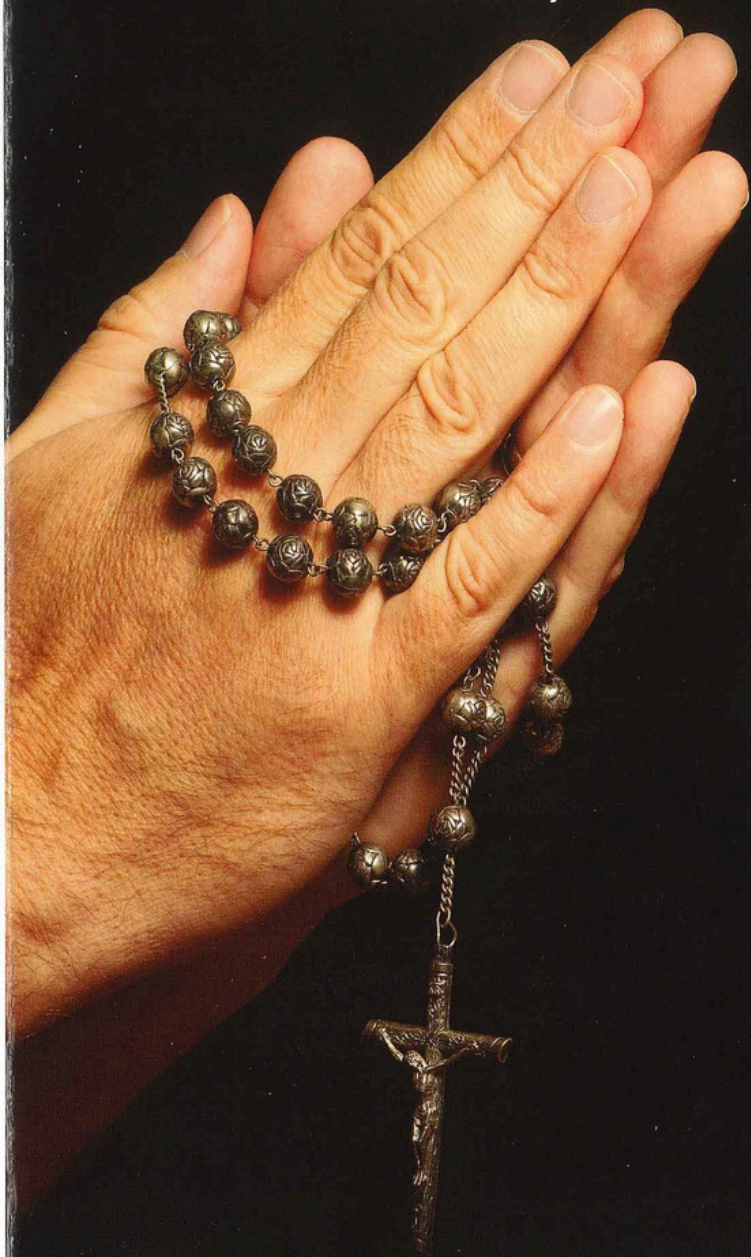
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Tune in to EWTN for daily broadcasts of the Rosary.

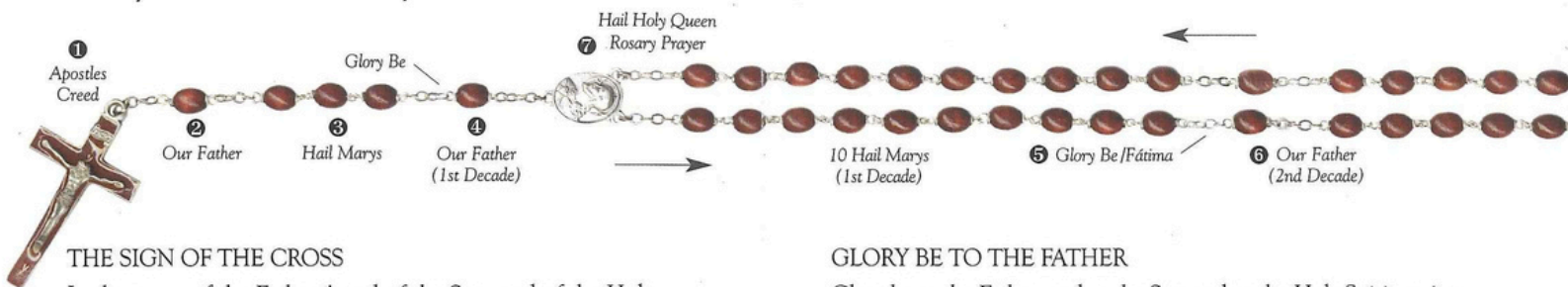
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How to Pray the Rosary



Prayers of the Rosary



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from dead. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

FÁTIMA PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS:

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Verse: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

ROSARY PRAYER

O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

❶ Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed ❷ Say (1) Our Father ❸ Say (3) Hail Mary's on beads and (1) Glory Be on the chain ❹ Meditate on the 1st Mystery; begin by saying (1) Our Father and (10) Hail Mary's (one prayer on each bead), ❺ then say (1) Glory Be and Fátima Prayer on the chain. ❻ Follow the same pattern around the Rosary starting with (1) Our Father (10) Hail Mary's and (1) Glory Be and Fátima Prayer on the chain (continue this repetition for the remaining Mysteries until the end of the 5th decade) ❼ Finish on the center medal or bead with Hail Holy Queen and the Rosary Prayer.

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Why?

Only you know your children like you do.

How?

Parents are their children's greatest
influencers.

**Have questions? We can help!
call the RE Office at 708-326-9352**





Religious Education

Service Opportunity

Looking for an opportunity to help your community? Here is a great chance to get your family involved!



**BY
OCT.
23RD**

Hat and Glove drive for kids

- Collecting NEW Hats and Gloves for kids to keep warm this winter
- Please drop off your donations at the RE office inside door 3 by Oct. 23rd



re@stmarymokena.org

QUESTIONS?: 708-326-9352



Are you called to serve at **MASS?**

	Sat., 5:00 PM	Sun., 8:00 AM	Sun., 9:30 AM	Sun., 11:00 AM	Sun., 6:00 PM
Lector					
Eucharistic Minister					
Altar Server					
Usher					
Greeter					
Live Stream					

NOTICE SOMETHING MISSING? THE ANSWER IS YOU!

Imagine walking into a church early on a Sunday morning. The pews are still empty, the candles are unlit, and the altar is bare. Slowly, familiar faces begin to arrive — and nothing is prepared.

Are you being called to proclaim the Word, distribute the Eucharist, guide the faithful to their seats?

- **You can be hands of welcome** for the weary soul who steps into church seeking peace.
- **You can be the voice of Scripture** that may speak directly to someone's heart.
- **You can be the reverent presence** that helps others see the holiness of the Mass.

Every gesture, every smile, every moment of preparation is a quiet act of evangelization.

The Eternal Impact of Your Service: You may never know the full impact of your ministry. The person you greet may be returning to church after years away. The reading you proclaim may be the exact word someone needed to hear. The Eucharist you offer may be the strength that carries someone through a difficult week.

Call to Continue with Joy: We encourage you to Step up and join one of more of these ministries. Please pray about it — you will be fully trained for the ministries you choose. If you feel unsure of your worthiness, remember that Christ Himself is your strength.

If interested in any of these ministries, please email Deacon Pete Manning at deaconpete@aol.com & John Brett at jbrett@stmarymokena.org, our Directors of Liturgy. Call us, because God is calling you. Will you answer His call?



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*The meal only needs to feed
about 20 people. One person or
family is needed per week to
contribute to this great event!*

Register by
calling the Parish
Office or using
the QR Code.



REGISTER NOW!

**Wednesday, November 18, 2026
7:00 - 9:30PM**

St. Mary Immaculate Parish
15629 Illinois Rte 59, Plainfield, IL

REBOOT

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



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[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/2049095](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/2049095)

St. Mary's FALL FAMILY FUN at the farm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

5PM-
7PM

Wildflower Farm

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Contact Megan Mahalik with questions,
mliston2@gmail.com.





Saint Mary Parish
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

CELEBRATING 9 YEARS AS A MINISTRY



October 28, 2017

***Looking Deep into the Relationship
between St. Peter and St. Paul***

*As we look back with thanksgiving for our past
and charge ahead together into the future.*

8am Mass - 10:30am
St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
SMPmensministry@gmail.com

MOMS Podcast Club

Join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger for conversation on the "Your Best Yes with Claire Dwyer" podcast.

Thursday, October 22

9:30 am

in the Church Hall

"You Can Trust Him: Michelle Benzinger on Letting the Holy Spirit Illuminate Each Yes and No"

Listen to podcast prior to gathering (search "Your Best Yes" wherever you listen to podcasts) but even if you don't get to it, we'd love to have you join us!

Children are welcome, snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org

WOMEN'S *Welcome* WEEKEND



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

PAUSE *take time for yourself*

CONNECT *with other women*

REFRESH *your soul*

REFLECT *on God's deep love for you*

REDISCOVER *joy, peace, and Jesus!*

This weekend is for women of all ages!

Get ready for a weekend of good food: we provide Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Sleep at your own house!

Free registration at www.stmarymokena.org/welcome

14 more spots available, register today to join us!



Join us!
Saturday and Sunday,
November 7-8
at St. Mary, Mokena

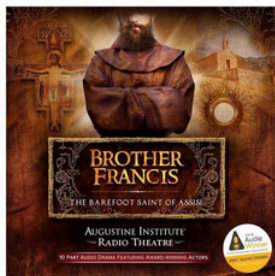
This Week on Formed

Week of October 04, 2026



Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



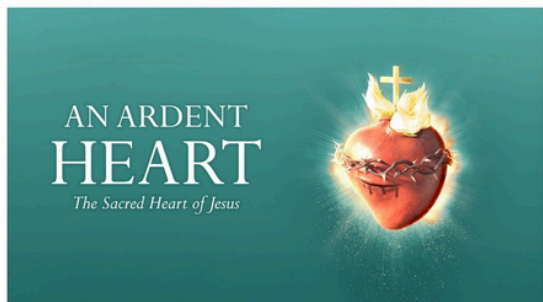
Into Great Silence

Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Gröning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready.

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 11, 2026



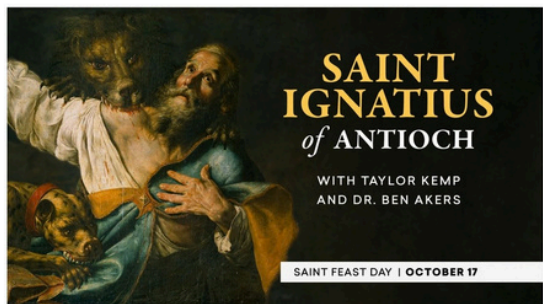
An Ardent Heart

This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary



St. Teresa of Avila

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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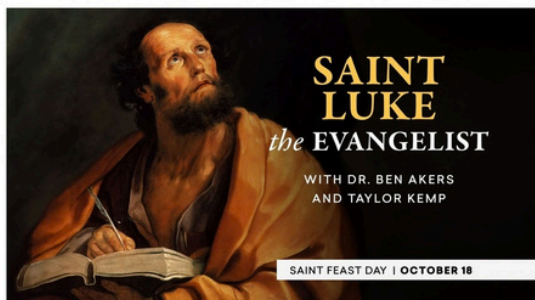
Feast Day

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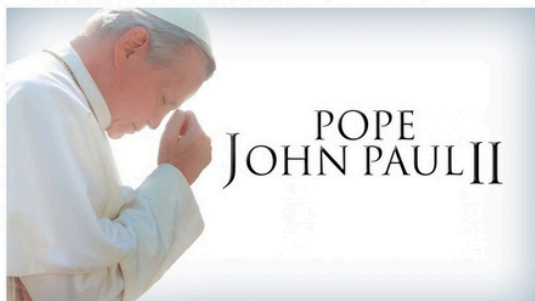
This Week on Formed

Week of October 18, 2026



St. Luke | Catholic Saints

Known as the beloved physician and faithful friend of St. Paul, St. Luke is a crucial figure for the Church's knowledge of Christ's earthly ministry and the early Church. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore the life and legacy of the author of the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 25, 2026



What Catholics Believe About Halloween

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.



Eternal Rest

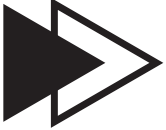
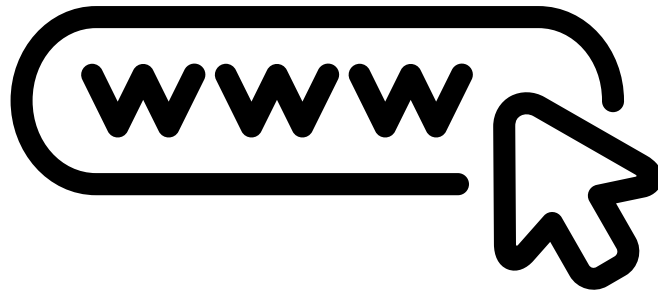
We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.



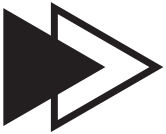
Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

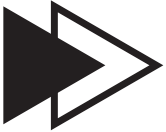
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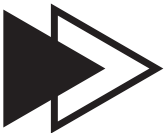
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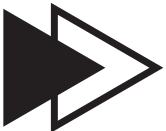
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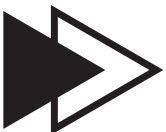
PRAYERS TO LEARN BY GRADE LEVEL



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St. Mary's Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday during the school year: 7:30 a.m. Mass

Confession:

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

First Saturday Confessions: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Perpetual Adoration at Old St. Mary Church

Last Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church

St. Peregrine Devotion:

Last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the side Chapel

