



Family Faith FORMATION

August

Dear Faith Life Families,

Happy August! I hope you're enjoying these final, sun-filled weeks of summer and making wonderful memories with the people you love. As a fellow parent, I know this season can be a bit of a whirlwind—trying to squeeze in a few last adventures while also starting to prepare for the busy school year ahead.

Here at the parish, we're also preparing for a brand-new year of our Faith Life program - and I truly couldn't be more excited. Our Family of Faith Life Nights will remain the same, with some new lessons and activities sprinkled in. Our Sacramental Prep Class will be presented in a retreat style, in which both parent and child can participate together. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, this year promises to be one full of joyful connection, spiritual growth, and meaningful moments for both children and parents. We're so glad you're here, and we can't wait to walk this journey together.

Registration will be open on August 16th – September 13, 2026. You may register through our parish website, or stop by the parish office. Please see our calendar posted on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at pcastor@saintpatrickparish.net.

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Enjoy the rest of your summer, I pray it may be filled with peace, play, and the presence of God in your homes. I'm so grateful for the chance to grow in faith together in this beautiful parish community.

With joy and blessings,
Pam

August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Special days honoring Mary have been part of Catholic Tradition since the end of the first century.

Frescos of Mary both with and without Christ are found in the

Mary's role is primary to that of the saints, and so the church assigns feasts in her honor to emphasize her role in salvation history.

The Marian feasts in August give us glimpses into the life of Mary and her role as Mother of God.

Since that time, devotion to Mary has grown to include holy days we customarily observe during the liturgical year. Marian feasts come under the doctrine of the communion of saints, in which we are called to honor those who have been raised up to perfection.

- **Aug. 2: Our Lady of the Angels**
- **Aug. 5: Our Lady of the Snows**
- **Aug. 13: Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners**
- **Aug. 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**
- **Aug. 22: Queenship of Mary**

There are many ways to commemorate Mary's feasts — from attending Mass, to making a holy hour or just saying an extra rosary. We may even want to celebrate with a special dinner or desert.

August would be a great month to begin or renew a Marian Consecration.

- Marian Consecration for Children, by Carrie Gress
- Marian Consecration for Families with Young Children by Colleen Pressprich
- 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration by Fr Michael E Gaitley