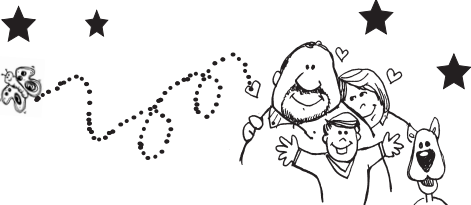



















# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>Bless each child this morning before the day's activities start.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>After Mass today, write a family prayer to say every Sunday this summer.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Marvel at God's creation. Catch fireflies in a jar, then watch them fly away.</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Happy 4th of July!</b> Offer a family prayer for troops overseas.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Practice listening and show love by giving others your full attention.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Make up a story and let everyone add to it. Give it a happy ending.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Attend First Friday Mass or Benediction as a family.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Beat the heat with a family water fight complete with water balloons, squirt guns, and the garden hose.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Listen carefully to the homily at Mass today and name something you each learned.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pick a person or event in the news and devote a family prayer to it.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Visit the library together and check out a good book...or two or three.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Set up a prayer place in your home using a pillow, a crucifix, a candle, and a Bible.</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>forgive</b> Say "I forgive you" to someone who hurt you today.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>In honor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, a Native American, go on a nature walk.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Donate extra clothes, books, and toys to a local charity.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Share God's love by inviting another parish family to Sunday lunch after Mass today.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Read about one of the saints. Ask him or her to pray for your family.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Stargaze. Lie on a blanket in your backyard together and gaze at the night sky.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Make a card for someone who needs cheering up.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Let one person choose a prayer for the whole family to say together.</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT!</b> Pop popcorn and get out the board games, sing songs, or watch movies.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Attend Confession as a family, then have ice-cream afterwards to celebrate God's mercy!</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Watch closely at Mass for something cool you haven't seen before.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Host a family tournament with a board game of your choice. The winner picks dinner.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray for all the foreign missions today.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Celebrate the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pick a story from the Old Testament and read it together at bedtime.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Make a time capsule and have everyone contribute something. Open it at the end of summer.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>In honor of St. Martha, clean the house and share a special meal.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Stay behind after Mass and admire the stained glass windows. Talk about what they mean.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Have a picnic in your own backyard or on the living room floor!</p>					

# August

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		<b>1</b> St. Alphonsus Liguori loved the Eucharist. In his honor, visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. 	<b>2</b> Exercise empathy. Try to see someone else's viewpoint by playing "How would you feel if you were ...?" 	<b>3</b> <b>FAMILY FUN!</b> Make popsicles! Mix fruit and yogurt and pour into Dixie Cups. Insert popsicle sticks and freeze. Voila!	<b>4</b> St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. In his honor, send your priest a greeting card. 	<b>5</b> Practice compassion by visiting a nursing home. Be prepared to stay and listen for a little while.
<b>6</b> <b>The Transfiguration</b> Wear something white to remember that Jesus' clothes turned "dazzling white" (Luke 9:29).	<b>7</b>  Look for a way God showed he loves you today and share it at bedtime.	<b>8</b> St. Dominic is credited with spreading devotion to the Rosary. In his honor, pray a family Rosary together.	<b>9</b>  Practice patience.	<b>10</b>  Offer up an unpleasant task or chore as a prayer for someone else.	<b>11</b> St. Clare is the patroness of television. In her honor, bless the TV and dedicate it to God's service.	<b>12</b> Bake cookies together. Discuss how following God's recipe for us will create something wonderful, too!
<b>13</b> Light a candle for the Holy Father's intentions today after Mass. 	<b>14</b> St. Maximilian Kolbe offered himself for execution in place of a man with a family. Perform a selfless act in his honor.	<b>15</b> <b>The Assumption</b> Celebrate Mary's Assumption by attending Mass. Go out for a treat afterwards. 	<b>16</b> Display fresh flowers in your home to remind you of our new life in Christ. 	<b>17</b> Tonight at dinner, name three blessings for which you are thankful. 	<b>18</b>  Just for today, give up a favorite treat as a Friday sacrifice.	<b>19</b> Have a backyard BBQ and share your favorite summer memories.
<b>20</b>  Attend Mass as a family and pray for peace.	<b>21</b> Take every opportunity today to say, "I love you," "Thank you," and, if necessary, "I'm sorry."	<b>22</b>  Pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" together in honor of our Blessed Mother.	<b>23</b> Take an action today that will make a positive difference at home.	<b>24</b> Pray the "Glory Be" as a family to honor the Holy Trinity. 	<b>25</b>  Talk about what you would say to Jesus if he came to visit.	<b>26</b> Go on a loose change scavenger hunt around the house. Put your findings in the Poor Box at church.
<b>27</b> After Mass today, review the Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) and talk about what it means.	<b>28</b> In honor of St. Augustine, who made a new start in his own life, begin a good habit and practice it all day.	<b>29</b> Tonight, say a prayer for Christians persecuted around the world. 	<b>30</b> Pick a Beatitude and live it all day (Matthew 5:3-11).	<b>31</b> Help to become a more loving and patient family. Resolve to use only kind words today.	