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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>Happy 4th of July! 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>forgive 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>FAMILY FUN NIGHT! 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>					

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