

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