

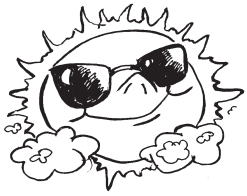




JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>2</p> <p>Stay after Mass and pray for a holy, fun, and safe summer.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Enjoy family time with a game of hopscotch or kick a ball.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4th of July</p> <p>Sing "God Bless America" together.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Play "Guess the saint." Pick one from Butler's Lives of the Saints. Give clues and take turns guessing.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fill an empty jar with spare change. Once a month, empty it into the poor box at church.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>First Friday Devotion</p> <p>Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament today. Thank Jesus for His gifts.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Family Fun Night!</p> <p>Learn a new board or card game or play old favorites.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Light a candle after Mass and pray for the pope's intentions.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Blow bubbles! Bend metal coat hangers into loops and dip the loop into a bucket of soapy water.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>St. Benedict</p> <p>He founded the Benedictine Order. Pray for vocations to religious life.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pick a beatitude and try to live it all day long (Matthew 5:3-11).</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Have a relay race in the backyard. Winner picks dessert.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Today, encourage everyone to give up a small treat as penance.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Donate winter clothes that went unused last year. Donate them to a clothing drive.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Celebrate "mini Easter" by enjoying ice-cream sundaes after Mass together.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Every time you hear a siren, say a prayer.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Resolve to use only kind, affirming words today.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Build a pillow and blanket fort in the living room and read books by flashlight.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Catch fireflies in a jar. Release them before going to bed.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Find it here: https://www.usccb.org.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Have an A-Z scavenger hunt around the yard. Photograph something starting with each letter.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Offer your Mass intention for the Holy Souls in purgatory.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Say "I forgive you" to someone who hurt you today.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pretend to be a character from a movie or book. See who guesses your character first.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>St. Joachim and Anne</p> <p>To honor Jesus' grandparents, pray for grandparents everywhere.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cool off by washing a car together.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Watch the sunset and praise God for His creation.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</p> <p>Invite friends for dinner in honor of these saints, who hosted Jesus.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Talk about the homily at Mass and come up with a family resolution for the whole week.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pray for Catholic missionaries overseas.</p>					



AUGUST

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		<p>1 Bake cookies. Talk about how following God's "recipe" for our life makes something wonderful for everyone.</p>	<p>2 Look for a way God shows that He loves you today and share it at bedtime.</p>	<p>3 Have everyone do an examination of conscience, following the Ten Commandments.</p>	<p>4 St. John Vianney In honor of today's saint, send a thank you card to a priest.</p>	<p>5 Go to Confession together and celebrate God's mercy.</p>
<p>6 The Transfiguration Wear white to remember Jesus' "dazzling white" garments (Luke 9:29).</p>	<p>7 Stargaze. Lie on a blanket in the yard and admire the night sky.</p>	<p>8 St. Dominic In honor of St. Dominic, pray a family Rosary together.</p>	<p>9 Offer up an unpleasant chore as a prayer for someone else.</p>	<p>10 Create a family dinner together. Each person makes a different part of the meal.</p>	<p>11 St. Clare of Assisi In honor of the patron saint of TV, bless the TV. Dedicate it for God's service.</p>	<p>12 Build a campfire in the backyard. Roast hotdogs and sing campfire songs.</p>
<p>13 At dinner, have everyone name one thing God has given them for which they are grateful.</p>	<p>14 Exercise empathy, by playing, "How would you feel if you were...?"</p>	<p>15 The Assumption of Mary Celebrate by attending Mass together.</p>	<p>16 Make sun catchers. Decorate tracing paper with colored markers. Display in a window.</p>	<p>17 Pick a person in the news and pray for him or her.</p>	<p>18 Family Movie Night Pop some popcorn and put on a good movie!</p>	<p>19 Put on some music and have a dance-off!</p>
<p>20 Review today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) and pray for an increase of faith in prayer.</p>	<p>21 Choose (or make up) a short family prayer to say together every day this school year.</p>	<p>22 The Queenship of Mary Light a candle and sing the hymn, "Hail, Holy Queen."</p>	<p>23 Practice patience... patiently!</p>	<p>24 "Finish the story!" One person begins a story and the others take turns adding to it.</p>	<p>25 Tonight, turn off the TV and screens, and spend family time together.</p>	<p>26 Play frisbee or catch outside.</p>
<p>27 Today, after Mass, pray for returning teachers and students looking forward to a good school year.</p>	<p>28 Pick a good habit you each want to adopt and practice it all day long. (Hint: Patience is a good one!)</p>	<p>29 Draw pictures on the sidewalk or driveway with colored chalk.</p>	<p>30 Resolve not to complain today.</p>	<p>31 At dinner, share your favorite memories from the summer.</p>		