






































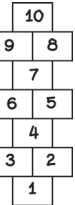





















# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Take a walk through a park or neighborhood. Notice the creatures God created to share the earth with us.	2  <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> Check out a movie from the library, pop popcorn, and watch it together.	3 Honor St. Thomas, patron saint of architects, by making a house out of marshmallows and toothpicks.
4  Today at Mass, honor St. Elizabeth of Portugal who never missed daily Mass.	5  Start a prayer book. Write down the people who have asked you to pray for them.	6  Have a backyard campout. Pitch a tent, roast marshmallows and sleep under the glorious stars.	7 Read about the general,  Joshua, whose faith in God made the walls of Jericho tumble down (Joshua 6).	8  K - kind A - agreeable T - talented E - excellent! For each letter of your child's name, come up a compliment that starts with the same letter.	9  Plant a seed inside or outside your home and watch new life begin.	10  Say a prayer for anyone going through a difficult time today.
11  At Mass today, think about your love for God and your neighbor, too.	12  Bake an angel food cake and recite the guardian angel prayer.	13  Make a homemade card  and send it to someone who needs cheering today.	14  On a paper heart, write five reasons why your child is special and give it to him or her at breakfast.	15  Start a summer memory book. Each week, add pictures and record family memories from your summer.	16  Say a prayer of thanks to God when something makes you smile today.	17  Pray a family Rosary and take turns leading each decade.
18  Bake cookies and give them to your priest after Mass to thank him for all he does.	19  Read a story about a Saint today. (Tip: go to <a href="http://www.americancatholic.org">www.americancatholic.org</a> )	20  Jesus is the bread of life. Make homemade bread together to enjoy with dinner.	21 <b>HUGS</b> Do something special for someone you love.	22  St. Mary Magdalene encouraged Jesus in his work. Give someone an encouraging word today.	23  Pray for everyone who is poor and suffering in the world right now.	24  Have a yard sale and donate part of the proceeds to charity.
25  After Mass today, spend the entire day together as a family.	26  Honor Jesus' grandparents, Sts. Joachim and Anne, by praying for your grandparents today.	27  Write a poem about God's love and read it to your family.	28  Call or visit a friend with whom you have lost touch.	29  Celebrate St. Martha's feast day by straightening up around the house and sharing a family meal.	30  Celebrate Christmas in July. Read the story of Christ's birth (Luke 2:1-19).	31  St. Ignatius of Loyola lived in a castle with his 12 siblings. Draw one or make a sand castle today.



# ★ August ★



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 </p> <p>Attend Mass at a Church other than your own today. Admire the stained glass windows, statues and artwork.</p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Read the story of the Prodigal son in Luke 15. Celebrate God's forgiveness.</p>	<p>3 </p> <p>Have dinner by candlelight and remember that Jesus is the light of the world.</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>If Heaven had its own flag, what would it look like? Create one.</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>Cool off by washing the car together.</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>It is said that he who sings prays twice. Sing a song of praise to the Lord today.</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>Pray for all the suffering souls in Purgatory.</p>
<p>8 </p> <p>Celebrate Sunday by enjoying sundaes after Mass today.</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>Enjoy family time with a game of hopscotch or kickball.</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>Work on a jigsaw puzzle together. Talk about how God helps us to fit together the pieces of our lives.</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Saint Clare lived simply. Celebrate her feast day by eating only meatless meals like she did.</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>Set up a lemonade stand, and donate the proceeds to charity.</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>Bake a cake and share it with a lonely neighbor.</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Read a book or magazine together in honor of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe who was a publisher.</p>
<p>15 </p> <p>Honor Mary's Assumption by wearing something white to Mass today.</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>Make handmade placemats to take to a nursing home or hospice center.</p>	<p>17 </p> <p>Look through family photo albums or watch home videos together. Talk about the good times the pictures recorded.</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Make a list of your blessings and share it with your family.</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Celebrate the joy of laughter by renting a funny movie or telling jokes.</p>	<p>20 <b>FAMILY GAME NIGHT</b> Turn off electronic entertainment and play board games tonight.</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>Invite a friend or neighbor to dinner.</p>
<p>22 </p> <p>Let each person light a candle after Mass and pray for absent loved ones.</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Put fresh flowers on the kitchen table today to honor St. Rose of Lima, patron of florists.</p>	<p>24 </p> <p>Pray together for someone in the news.</p>	<p>25 </p> <p>Take turns saying one nice thing about each person in the family.</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>Tuck a love note under your child's pillow to be found at bedtime.</p>	<p>27 </p> <p>Promise each other to speak only with kindness the entire day.</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>Make a favorite dessert together. Follow the directions exactly and discuss the importance of following Jesus' instructions.</p>
<p>29 </p> <p>After Mass today, have an outdoor picnic on the grass, the sidewalk, or the front steps. No table manners required.</p>	<p>30 </p> <p>When shopping for school supplies, buy some extras and donate them to the school for students who can't afford their own.</p>	<p>31 </p> <p>Watch a science program together on TV. Marvel at the wonders God has created.</p>	