



Spring is upon us and while we take a day to honor mothers in May, Catholics around the world will spend the entire month honoring the Blessed Mother Mary. Hopefully you had the chance to attend one of the masses for May crowning. Ascension Sunday and Pentecost will also be celebrated at Masses this month. Christ's ascension into Heaven offers us all the promise of everlasting life with our Father. Despite the sadness and darkness often associated with death, the Ascension gives us HOPE that our afterlife will be even better than what we have here on Earth. The Trinity is completed on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit appears at a gathering. The Sundays following Easter, throughout the month of May, have important distinctions in our Catholic faith. Be sure to attend those Sunday Masses as a family to learn more and grow in your faith. Further your family's faith at home this month by:

- Create a floral wreath or crown for your Mary statue. If you don't have one, you could print a picture to post in your living or dining room throughout the month.
- Plant a "Mary Garden" that includes white lilies, roses, marigolds, Lily of the Valley, or bluebells. It would be the perfect place to put the rocks the children painted at our last FF class!
- Make Mother's Day cards not just for your own mom, but for elderly, sick, or shut-ins... any "mothers" who might not be able to make it out much. Be sure to include a special blessing, prayer, or bible verse.
- Pray the Rosary as a family on May 13th, Our Lady of Fatima's Feast Day. There are lots of versions found on various apps, websites, and even YouTube - you can even find kid-friendly versions.
- Take a trip to a local greenhouse, garden store, or farm market on May 15th. You could even start a garden that day to honor St. Isidore the Farmer. Consider making a card and thanking a local farmer as well!
- Spend time as a family in quiet prayer or meditation. Listen carefully for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Talk with your children about what moves them to do good.



CLASSES AND EVENTS

MAY 17

Class in Perkinsville

MAY 31

Graduation Mass
Class in Perkinsville

JUNE 7

Feast of Corpus Christi
at 9:15 Mass

JUNE 14

Class at Perkinsville



MAKING TIME DURING A BUSY TIME

Our parish has already begun celebrating spring events and milestones. Last month, four children made their First Holy Communion and at the end of this month, we'll honor our graduating seniors. As parents, we feel the busyness that comes with spring - sporting events, band/chorus concerts, recitals, field trips, and other school events. Even in the midst of the busyness and [sometimes] overwhelm, I hope that you'll take the time each Sunday (or Saturday) to slow down for a bit by heading to Mass. Attending Mass is a special opportunity for our children to grow in their faith, build a sense of community, and experience the love and teachings of God alongside their families and the parishioners that love seeing them. These moments help reinforce what they are learning and nurture their spiritual development. Attending Mass and Faith Formation classes regularly helps to build a strong foundation for your child's faith journey. As always, if you have ideas or concerns to share, please reach out to Rachele or any members of the Faith Formation team. We want to help children and their families live their faith and are open to suggestions on how we can better serve you all!