

MAY



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN MAY

According to the liturgical calendar, we are still in the Easter season, so you'll continue to see lots of white around our churches. Catholics devote the entire month of May to honoring Jesus' mother, Mary. This month's Faith Formation classes will focus on our Blessed Mother, being sure children know the Hail Mary prayer, and learning more about the Rosary. You can extend our learning and practice our Catholic faith in your home...

- Spread joy to others by filling a basket with flowers (or craft your own) and giving it in secret on "May Day" May 1st.
- Make a crown out of flowers (paper or real) and have your own Mary crowning at home. If you don't have a Mary statue, you could use a coloring page.
- Create a prayer space devoted to Mary -with a statue,/picture of Mary, a Rosary, and books/prayer cards devoted to Mary.
- =As the weather warms, create an outdoor space by planting some flowers in honor of Mary.
- Don't forget to make a Mother's Day card for the "moms' in your life. While you're creating and writing, make one or two extra to give to an elderly member of our HFCC. Put them in a labeled envelope or baggie and drop it in the collection basket during any Mass - we'll be sure they get delivered!
- Honor St. Isidore the Farmer on 5/13 by visiting a greenhouse or farm and plant some flowers or get your garden started!
- Pray the Rosary as a family. If this feels overwhelming, pray just a decade. There are lots of podcasts and YouTube videos to help you along, if needed.

CLASS MEETINGS IN PERKINSVILLE

May 4: NO LITURGY at 9:00 as we want children to be at Mass for May crowning. We will have a Rosary activity with Deacon Paul afterward. Parents are welcome to attend!

May 18
9:00 Children's Liturgy & Classes after Mass

POPE FRANCIS

As you know, in the early hours of Easter morning, our beloved Pope Francis left his earthly body. Many considered him to be a "Progressive" Pope taking on issues and serving populations that historically haven't been by previous Popes. For more (kid friendly) information about Pope Francis, his life, funeral, and what will now be done to name his successor, visit: [Kid News](#)



Please join us for 1st Communion on June 1st at 9:15 Mass

PRAYER PRACTICE

Make some time this month to help your children memorize the Hail Mary prayer. Use one of these to help you:

[Hail Mary Prayer](#)

[Learning about Mary and Prayer Practice](#)

MAY CROWNING

Our May Crowning of Mary is a lovely tradition at Holy Family. The children are welcome to participate in this event on Sunday May 4th. If you are able, have your child bring a child to Mass - a store bought flower is nice, but a blossom picked from your yard is great too! (It doesn't have to be expensive or complicated)