HFCC FAMILY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2026

OUR FAITH IN OCTOBER

In both our secular and religious habits, November is a month of reflection and remembrance. Catholics spend the month remembering the faithfully departed. We take the opportunity to pray for the dead, those in purgatory, and think about eternal life. As the days grow shorter and cooler, try to take time to reflect, remember, and pray both on your own and as a family. My family is making efforts to slow down and share at least a few quieter moments each day, being sure to share our gratitude. If you want to dig a little deeper, learning about and making connections to saints can be an interesting way to help your child(ren) learn more about their Catholic faith. Other ways to practice your Catholic faith in November include...

- visit a cemetary. Say a prayer for a departed loved one or even someone you don't know
- Find a spot to create a November home altar. Use candles, pictures of deceased loved ones, pictures of saints, and prayer cards
- Help your child look up his/her patron saint. Use his/her first name, middle name, or brainstorm interests and find the patron saint of those activities
- Bake bread and share in with someone on 11/17 in honor of Elizabeth of Hungary
- Listen to music and dance to celebrate St. Cecelia on 11/22
- Celebrate St. Andrew on 11/30 - eat fish, Goldfish crackers, Sweedish Fish and play Go Fish!
- Start your Advent preparations - get out your Advent wreath or Jesse Tree, choose an Advent devotional, think of ways you could help a family in need during the holiday season.

FAMILY MASS

It was great to see so many children at October's Family Mass. Our priests and deacons are working hard to speak to the children's hearts at those Family Masses. In addition to a homily just for them, there will be Children's Bulletins to further learning about the day's readings and gospel. The bulletins will be available in the bins when you first enter the church, just look for the bulletin for your child's age group. A new addition to support children (and teens) during Mass are PEW NOTES. This sheet provides a framework for mass engagement by having children note what they see, hear, and do while they're in church. Feel free to take one of these for each child/teen in your family as well. I'd love to hear feedback on either of these activities - with likes or suggestions for improvement.

Another way for children to be more engaged during Family Mass is by having them take up various volunteer duties. Please click on the "Family Mass Volunteer" link found in the brown box on the right. Read throught the roles needed for a successful Mass and talk with your child(ren) about how he/she could help out. Our goal will be for each child to volunteer at least 3 times throughout the school year. No job is too big or too small - just pick one your child will feel comfortable with. We can give copies of readings and prayers ahead of time to help lectors feel prepared.

PENANCE PREPARATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN! CLASSES ARE MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:00-7:00 AT THE ST. MARY'S ANNEX. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN AT LEAST 2ND GRADE AND WANTS TO MAKE THIS SACRAMENT, PLEASE CONTACT RACHELE.

HELPFUL LINKS

Holy Family Catholic Community

Confirmation Schedule

FF School Age Calendar

Family Mass Volunteers

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 15 10:30
FAITH FORMATION CLASS
Attend 9:15 Mass and class afterwards in Perkinsville.

NOVEMBER 22 9:15
FAMILY MASS
Meet in the Community Center after Mass to make an ornament

DECEMBER 5 2 & 4:00
2-3:30 Stop by the Annex to meet and learn about St. Nicholas! This counts as part of our FF learning for December.

4:00 Stay or come back later for Mass to hang your ornament at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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