



HFCC FAMILY NEWS

OCTOBER 2026



OUR FAITH IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary along with many familiar saints. Praying the Rosary is an important practice in our Catholic faith. Check out this video: [How to Pray the Rosary for Kids](#) for a family friendly explanation. There are lots of guided Rosaries on Youtube, Apple podcasts, Amazon Music, and more if you need some guidance. You can also come to any Sunday Mass 30 minutes early during October to pray the Rosary with other parishioners. Saint celebrations and ways to live your Catholic faith at home in October...

- Do small acts of kindness in honor of St. Therese "the Little Flower" (Oct. 1)
- Build a birdhouse, feed the birds, take your pet for a walk, donate to an animal shelter, or another animal-related activity in honor of St. Francis (10/4).
- Visit a farmer's market and buy what you need to make a "fall harvest" meal with your family. Before eating, take time to talk about fall blessings and those who harvest our food this time of year.
- Use pony beads and pipe cleaners and string 10 beads to make one decade of a Rosary. Say (at least) one decade as a family.
- If you haven't already, memorize the Hail Mary prayer.
- Start brainstorming a list of Saints and what they are remembered for. Who is your patron saint? You'll be all ready for All Saints Day on November 1st.

HELPFUL LINKS

[Faith Formation Registration](#)

[Confirmation Schedule](#)

[FF School Age Calendar](#)

[Family Mass Volunteers](#)

CLASSES, EVENTS, AND MASSES

We're looking forward to working with all of the children who are registered for Faith Formation this year. It's not too late to register if you haven't yet! A few important reminders as we journey together this school year:

Classes will take place after the 9:15 Mass in the Perkinsville Community Center. PK-K will end around 11:00 and 1st-8th graders and Confirmation classes will end at 12:00. Schedules are posted on the HFCC website, in churches, and you can click the links at right to view and/or print your own copy. Be reminded that children will have a reading assignment to complete before the next class.

Grade school children and Confirmation candidates should attend Family Masses on the 4th Sunday of each month. We'd like to have students take on as many roles as possible. Please click the Volunteer link at the right to sign up your child(ren) to help out. Our goal is to have every student volunteer at least 2 times this school year. Family Masses will often have a theme - if you are able, please bring an item to donate to the Hornell Humane Society this month.

Special events are included in your child's Faith Formation hours. They will be planned to be family-friendly events, so everyone can be included! October's event is a Blessing of Pets in the Annex yard on 10/10 at 10:00.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 10 10:00

Bring your pet, a photo of your pet, or your favorite stuffed animal to the St. Mary's Annex for a Blessing of the Pets.

OCTOBER 18

FAITH FORMATION CLASS
Attend 9:15 Mass and class afterwards at Perkinsville.

OCTOBER 25

9:15 FAMILY MASS

Bring an item to donate to the Hornell Humane Society in honor of Saint Francis