THE SFA WEEKLY Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

Dear SFA Families,

This past Monday evening was a truly milestone occasion for our school and parish community as our eighth-grade students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. On behalf of the entire St. Francis of Assisi faculty and staff, I want to extend our warmest congratulations to our newly confirmed youth!

Watching these young men and women step forward to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was an inspiring reminder of what makes our community so special. Sealed with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, our Confirmandi are stepping into a deeper maturity in their Catholic faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and inspire them as they serve as leaders during their final months at SFA, and as they carry their faith courageously into high school and beyond.

A sacrament of this magnitude is the fruit of many years of prayer, formation, and dedication. We are deeply grateful to the many educators, staff members, clergy, and volunteers who walked alongside our students on this journey:

- ***Confirmation Sponsors:*** Thank you to our students' Confirmation sponsors for accepting one of the most important roles in our students' spiritual lives. By standing behind them on Monday night and committing to serve as trusted mentors, models of Catholic living, and lifelong prayer partners, you are providing a witness of faith that will support them well beyond their time at SFA.

- ***Our Catechists & Confirmation Preparation Teachers:*** Thank you to our faculty and staff who have nurtured our students' faith from their earliest years at SFA—including our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) catechists, Mrs. Flo Paeper and Mrs. Gina Faust, as well as our middle school teachers from prior years. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Jan Fabick, who led their Confirmation preparation through both seventh and eighth grade, and Mrs. Barb Flowers, who dedicated herself to preparing our PSR students across both seventh and eighth grades, and her co-teacher, Mr. Sean Rieke.

- ***Event Coordination:*** Thank you to Mr. Matt Kosta, our Youth Minister and Director of Youth & Adult Development, for his tireless work organizing every detail of Monday evening's ceremony.

- ***Our Celebrant & Clergy:*** We offer our sincere appreciation to Very Reverend Michael Lydon, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for the Southern Vicariate for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our children. His homily—offering concrete, practical examples for both our Confirmandi and their parents and families on what it truly means to live out our faith today—was deeply moving and inspirational. We are also grateful to our Pastor, Fr. Paul Hamilton, our Associate Pastor, Monsignor Mark Ullrich, and Deacon Scott Schardan, whose presence and ministry added so much to the beauty and reverence of this concelebrated Mass.

Blessings,

Timothy M. McInnis, Ph.D.
Principal, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Class of 1984

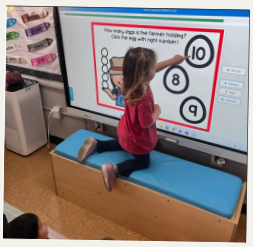
This Week at St. Francis

- 6th Grade: Students are engineering and building with LEGOs and creating models of the Earth to explore how the seasons change.
- 7th Grade: Students are putting the laws of motion to the test during a hands-on marble lab!
- 8th Grade: Students are exploring cell membranes through an activity that demonstrates osmosis and diffusion.
- Congratulations to our boys for taking 2nd place in the city-county volleyball tournament and winning the championship in the non-competitive soccer tournament!
- 2nd Grade: Students are preparing for their First Reconciliation this weekend! They practiced mock confessions, met with Fr. Paul before their confessional tour, and spent time with their 8th grade prayer buddies getting ready for Reconciliation.
- PK2: Our youngest Panthers are having fun learning all about farms!



8th Grade volleyball tournament

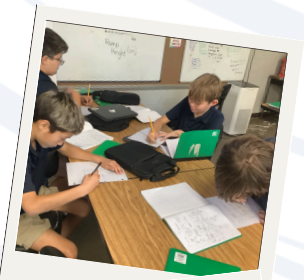


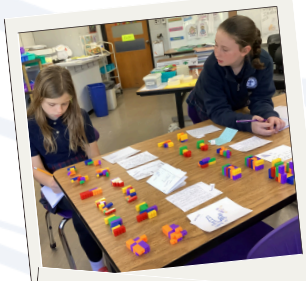




8th Grade wins championship!















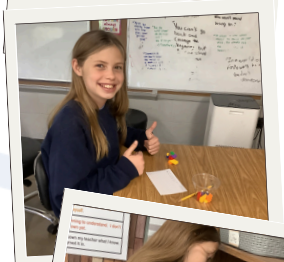










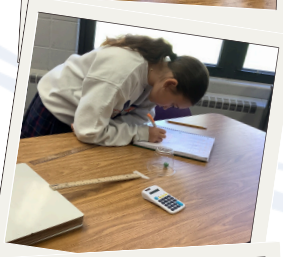




8th Grade science









6th Grade science





7th Grade science



2nd Grade gets ready for Reconciliation





PK@ Farm fun!



Confirmation

Our 8th graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday evening, with Very Reverend Michael Lydon, V.E., presiding. It was a beautiful celebration as our students publicly affirmed their faith and took another important step in their faith journey. We are so proud of them and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide them!









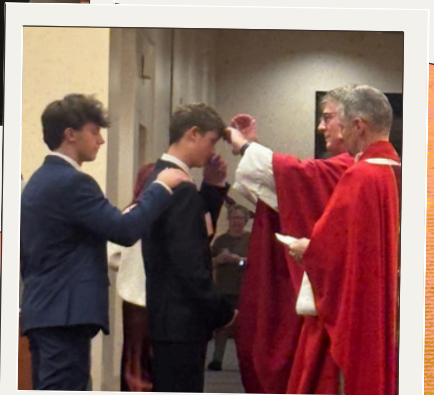
















BULLETIN BOARD

HOMEPAGE



RAISE THE ROOF!

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL *COVERED* FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Advanced Giving is NOW OPEN!

This Giving Tuesday, help us protect the place generations of SFA families have called home. We're raising funds for a new church roof, and we need your help keeping Fr. Paul from becoming our next DIY roofer! Every gift makes a difference in preserving our parish for generations to come.

WATCH OUR ***YOUTUBE*** VIDEO AND CHECK OUT OUR GIVING TUESDAY WEBSITE ON IGIVECATHOLIC.ORG

GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2026

YouTube #iGIVECATHOLIC

HOMEPAGE

PANTHERS
RAISE THE ROOF!
An Inflatable Costume Race

This Giving Tuesday, our SFA Panthers are getting in on the fun as we work together to help raise money for our church roof repairs!



EACH HOMEROOM WILL BE CHALLENGED TO RAISE $100

to "purchase" an inflatable racing costume for their class.

Once a homeroom reaches its goal, it earns a spot in our first-ever **SFA Inflatable Costume Race!**

ON GIVING TUESDAY,
Tuesday, December 1

the entire school will gather in the gym for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and friendly competition as a representative from each participating homeroom races in their inflatable costume!

Donations can begin now and will be accepted through **Giving Tuesday, December 1!**

Please be sure to write your child's name and homeroom on the donation envelope so the donation can be credited to their class's fundraising goal.

But this event is about more than just winning a race. It's an opportunity for our students to work together, contribute to a shared goal, and play an important role in supporting our parish.

Every dollar raised will go toward our **$35,000** Giving Tuesday goal for much-needed church roof repairs.

Together, our Panthers can make a difference, one homeroom at a time!

LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!

YouTube

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It's a Boy!

We are overjoyed to announce the arrival of Mrs. Klages and her husband Jack's baby boy, Carter William, born early this morning, November 18! Their family is filled with so much love and happiness as they welcome their newest little addition. Please join us in congratulating the Klages family!

INTRODUCING CARTER WILLIAM KLAGES







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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSIS

MARATHON KIDS

WE ARE AT: **860 MILES**

CLUB GOAL: **2100 MILES**

KEEP UP THE PACE!

Congratulations to William Nelleon completing a marathon! Nice work SFA Marathon Kids!



Advent Family Night

Join us for an evening to enjoy the season of Advent together.

TUESDAY
Dec 8 | 5:30—6:45 PM | St. Francis of Assisi
on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Take a break from the busyness of the season and enjoy an evening of prayer, simple crafts, and time together as a family. Let's slow down, be present, and prepare our hearts for Christmas!

All SFA school and parish families are welcome!

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30
Please complete the Google Form linked so we can plan for the evening.

Make an evening of it! Join us afterward for the 7:00 PM Candlelight Mass at SFA as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

JOIN US FOR

Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY DEC 12

9 - 11 AM | SFA GYM



Join us for a morning full of Christmas cheer!

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast by ***Chris Cakes***, visit with Santa, get creative with festive crafts, and enter to win some amazing raffle baskets!

Bring the family and kick off the Christmas season with a little extra magic. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Registration Opens Next Week

Be on the lookout for link to register in next weeks newsletter!

Hosted by SFA Home & School Questions: **sfahs@sfastl.org**

SFA EVENTS THIS SEASON!

Holly Jolly Happenings

NOV 26-28
Thanksgiving Break
No school Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday!
Happy Thanksgiving SFA!

DEC 1
Giving Tuesday
(advanced giving going on now)
Support SFA in the special global day of generosity. Donations can be sent with your child or visit igivecatholic.org
Search ***St. Francis of Assisi.***

DEC 4
Half Day Dismissal
Wear your SFA Christmas or Spirit Wear!
K - 8th Grade 11:30 AM
Preschool 11 AM
NO AFTERCARE

DEC 8
Family Advent Night
5:30 PM - 6:45 PM in the Gym. Let's slow down, be present, and prepare our hearts for Christmas!

DEC 9
Christmas Concert
Christmas Around of the World
For Grades Kindergarten, 2nd & 4th
6:30 PM in the gym.

DEC 11
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Performance by the 6th Graders after morning Mass. **8:30 AM** in the gym.

DEC 12
Breakfast with Santa
9 - 11 AM in the SFA Gym.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Please reach out to Home & School at sfahs@sfastl.org

DEC 16 - 18
Christmas Shopping
All students get the chance to shop for special gifts for their family and friends.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work the shop! Please contact Christina Bianchi at christina.stremlau@gmail.com

DEC 17
Preschool Christmas Concert
6:30 PM in the Gym. Doors open at 6pm. Please have your Preschooler arrive to the gym lobby no later than 6:15pm.

DEC 18
Half Day Dismissal
8th Grade Theater & Parties
8th Grade Theater at 9 AM in the gym
DRESS DOWN DAY!
Parties begin at 10 AM (PK at 9:30 AM)
K - 8th Grade 11:30 AM
Preschool 11 AM
NO AFTERCARE

DEC 21 - JAN 4
Christmas Break
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year SFA!
Classes Resume January 5

DECEMBER MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
SFA Christmas Spirit Wear
SFA students may wear their SFA Christmas Spirit Wear with uniform bottoms every Monday and Friday in December
***Dec 18th is a full dress down day!**

School Calendar

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HOME & SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. BUILD COMMUNITY.

HOMEPAGE

FALL
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with events, activites, special projects this FALL!

Sign Up!

SPRING
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with exciting events, celebrations, and more this SPRING!

Sign Up!

Support Our School **Clear the Lists!**

Our teachers have put together classroom wish lists with items that would be helpful throughout the school year. If you'd like to help, take a look and see if there's anything you'd like to check off their lists! Thank you for supporting our teachers and students!



- Mrs. Faust/Atrium
- PK2 - Mr. Adams
- PK4 - Mrs. Kircher
- Kindergarten - Mrs. Della Croce & Mrs. Irvin
- 1st Grade - Mrs. Wayne
- 2nd Grade - Mrs. Terriault
- 5th Grade - Mrs. Rutledge
- 6th Grade - Ms. Mayer
- 7th Grade - Mrs. Schmitz
- Stream - Mrs. Watson
- Gym - Mrs. Smith
- Performing Arts - Dr. Jordan

**Don't see a teacher? Their list is on the way!*



PIZZA FUNDRAISER

PICK UP 12/11 3-6 PM & 12/12 12PM -2PM

WREATH FUNDRAISER

PICK UP 11/28 or 11/30 at SFA

When SFA Comes Together, Amazing Things Follow.

Together, we make SFA a place where faith, family, and community thrive. Thank you for being part of it.

FOR QUESTIONS TO THE HOME & SCHOOL BOARD PLEASE CONTACT US AT: **SFAHS@SFASTL.ORG**

HOMEPAGE

Hot Lunch

DECEMBER 2026

PLEASE INCLUDE MONDAY NOV 30TH WITH YOUR FIRST WEEK OF DEC LUNCHES. THIS LUNCH WAS NOT ON THE NOVEMBER CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NOV 30 **CHICKEN PARMESAN** **BUTTERED NOODLES** **VEGETABLE MEDLEY** **APPLE SLICES**	1 TACO SALAD - (BEEF, CHEESE, LETTUCE IN SHELL). OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE TO ADD) SPANISH RICE CORN APPLE SLICES	2 PIZZA ROLLS (PEPPERONI) SALAD APPLE SLICES CHOCOLATE PUDDING OREO PARFAIT	3 CHICKEN ALFREDO DINNER ROLL BROCCOLI APPLE SLICES	**4** **HALF DAY** **NO LUNCH** **11:30 DISMISSAL**
7 CHICKEN RINGS CURLY FRIES GRAPE TOMATOES CANTALOUPE	8 FRENCH TOAST STICKS BACON CHOCOLATE PUDDING CANTALOUPE	9 CHICKEN & DUMPLING SOUP SALAD CANTALOUPE OREO COOKIES	10 SWEDISH MEATBALS EGG NOODLES VEGETABLE MEDLEY CANTALOUPE	**11** **DOMINOS PIZZA** **(CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE)** **POTATO CHIPS** **BABY CARROTS** **CANTALOUPE**
14 **BISCUIT & GRAVY** **SCRAMBLED EGG** **STRAWBERRY YOGURT** **GRAPES**	15 CRUNCHY BEEF TACO SOFT BEEF TACO REFRIED BEANS CORN GRAPES	16 CHEF JOJO'S RAVIOLI (BEEF RAVIOLI IN RED SAUCE) SALAD GARLIC BREAD GRAPES	17 **REINDEER PIZZA** **(CHEESE)** **HOLIDAY PRETZELS** **KIWI & POMEGRANATE** **SNOWMAN DESSERT**	**18** **HALF DAY** **NO LUNCH** **11:30 DISMISSAL**

DEC 11TH B-DAY LUNCH

CHRISTMAS BREAK

(NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 21ST-JANUARY 4TH

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

















FOR ANY LUNCH QUESTIONS OR TO CANCEL LUNCH CONTACT JO HUFKER AT JO.HUFKER@SFASCHOOLSTL.ORG OR CALL 314-487-5736 X126

LUNCH ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

The School LUNCH periods

11:20 - 11:40 // 3,4,5
11:30 // Preschool
11:45 - 12:05 // K, 1, 2
12:15 - 12:35 // 6,7,8

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FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
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- SFA DRESS CODE
- **SCHOOL UNIFORMS** *Just Me Apparel* www.justmeapparel.com
- ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Volunteering at SFA

If you're planning to volunteer at the school in any capacity, please make sure you've completed the Protecting God's Children training. 👉 Click here to visit the Archdiocese of St. Louis website and register for an upcoming training session. If you've already completed the training through another school or parish, you will need to log in to your account and add **St. Francis of Assisi** to your profile to verify your training and so you will be included on our approved volunteer list.

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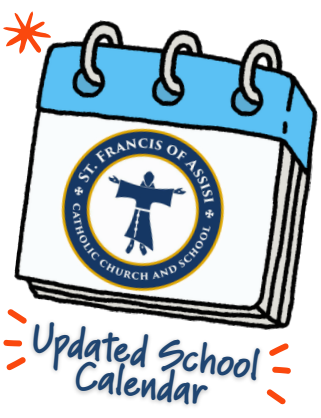
18 Enroll. Mgmt. Mtg.
20 Mid-Q2 // PANERA NIGHT
21 First Reconciliation 2 Gr 10AM
25-27 No School | Thanksgiving Break



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School ext: 121 // **Preschool ext:** 132 // **Parish ext:** 150

Tuition Questions

Please contact **Dan Denton** our business manager at businessmanager@sfastl.org or 314.487.5736 ext: 142

FACTS Parent Helpline: 866-441-4637

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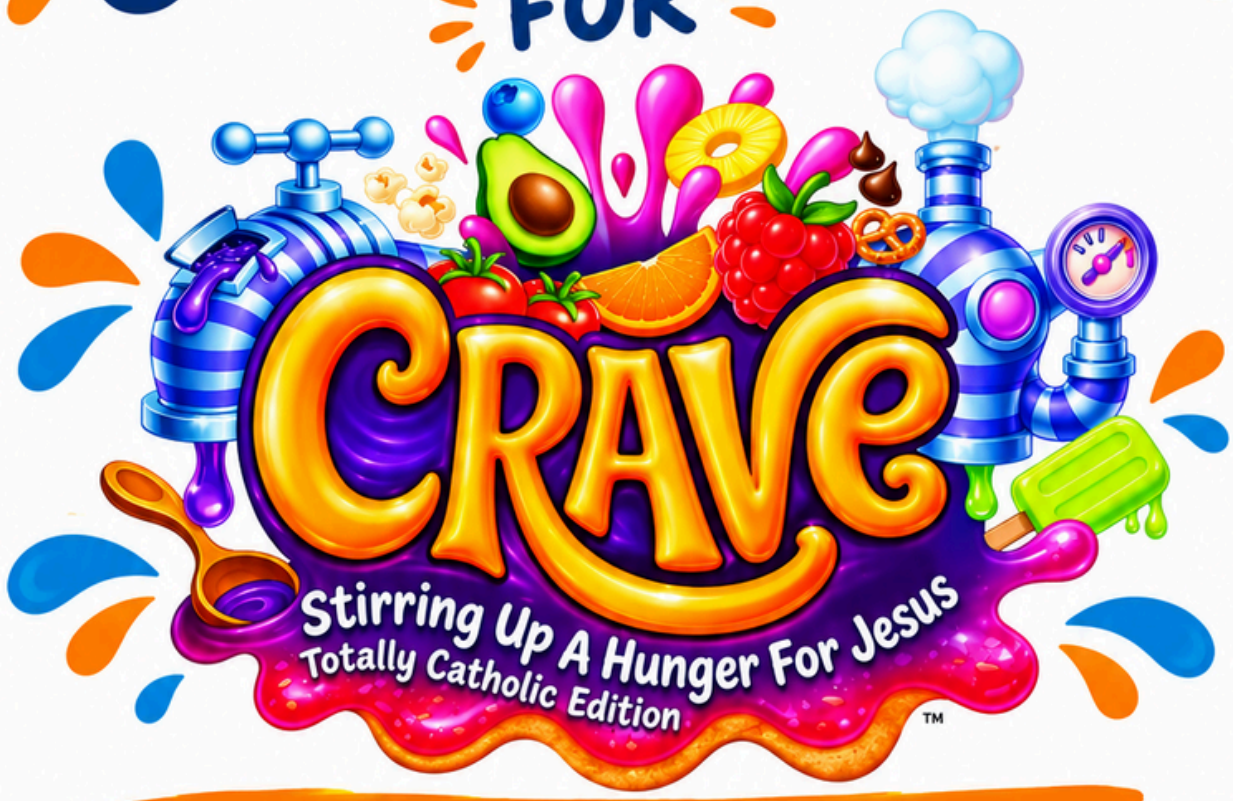


JULY 26 - 30, 2027

Now seeking a Volunteer Director/
Assistant Director and Adult Volunteer Leaders.

Email vbs@sfastl.org for more info!

High School/Middle school volunteer
sign ups will open in January.

VBS will be open to students who will have completed at least PK2 through students entering 5th grade in the Fall of 2027!

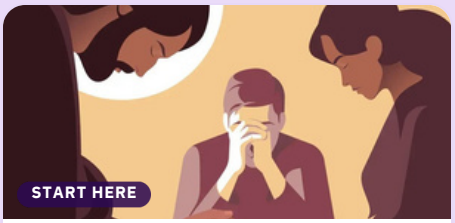
Hallow

HALLOW FOR SCHOOLS · PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Pray Together as a *Family*

Faith grows best around the kitchen table. With your school's Hallow account, your whole family can pray together—in the morning, before bed, on Sundays, and in every season.

9 ways to pray together on Hallow



Praying Together

A 5-day challenge on praying as a family.

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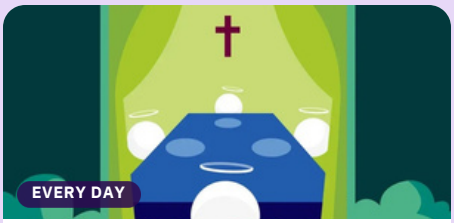

Family Prayers

Short prayers to share, any time of day.

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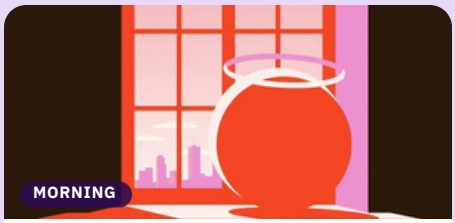


Morning Offering

Offer the day to God each morning.

→ hallow.com/collections/84



Hallowed Be Thy Day

Weekday stories of feast days & saints.

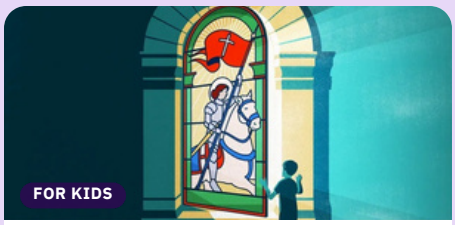
→ hallow.com/collections/2230



Family Mass Prep

Talk through Sunday's readings together.

→ hallow.com/collections/538



Saints Alive

Saint stories for kids, ages 6–12.

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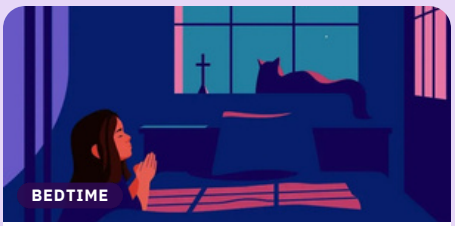

Bedtime Prayers for Kids

Gentle prayers before bed.

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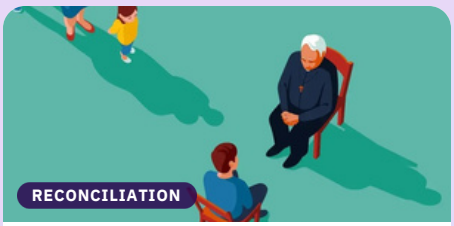

Family Confession Prep

Approach Confession with confidence.

→ hallow.com/collections/2362



Family Rule of Life

A 7-day challenge to anchor your home.

→ hallow.com/collections/2421

Getting your family logged in

To log into your school account, either **"Login with Google"** or follow the steps below:

1. Download the Hallow app, or visit **hallow.com**
2. Choose "Continue with Email or Phone"
3. Tap "Use **Email** Instead"
4. Enter student email address
5. Input your temporary password: **hallowed**

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Hallow

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Pray on Your*Own*, Too

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9 ways to pray on your own



Bible in a Year

Fr.MikeSchmitzreads all of Scripture in a year.

→ hallow.com/collections/158



Daily Rosary

MeditateonChrist's life through Mary's eyes.

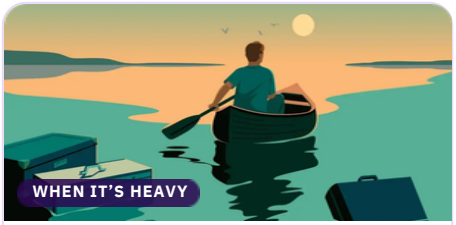
→ hallow.com/collections/16



Daily Examen

Look backonyourday and see where God was.

→ hallow.com/collections/1



Learn to Let Go

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Mom to Mom

Momsonprayerand raising kids in the faith.

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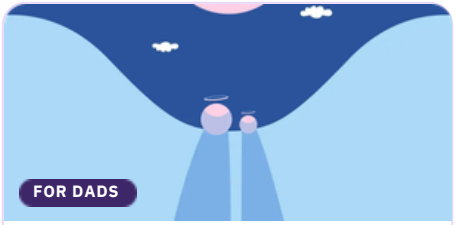

Be -dad-itu de s

Dr.GregPopcakonbeing a great, faith-filled dad.

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Marriage Novena

Ninedayspray ingtolove your spouse well.

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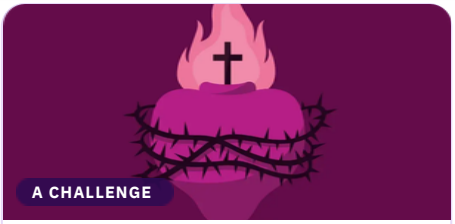

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Consecrate yourhearttoJesus—experience a fresh fire.

→ hallow.com/collections/1146



Acts Bible Study

Achapter-a-daystudy—great for a small gr ou p.

→ hallow.com/collections/1812

You can't pour from an empty cup. Before you lead your family in prayer, **let the Lord fill you first**—even five quiet minutes counts.

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Let the praying begin.

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SPEND A DAY...

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