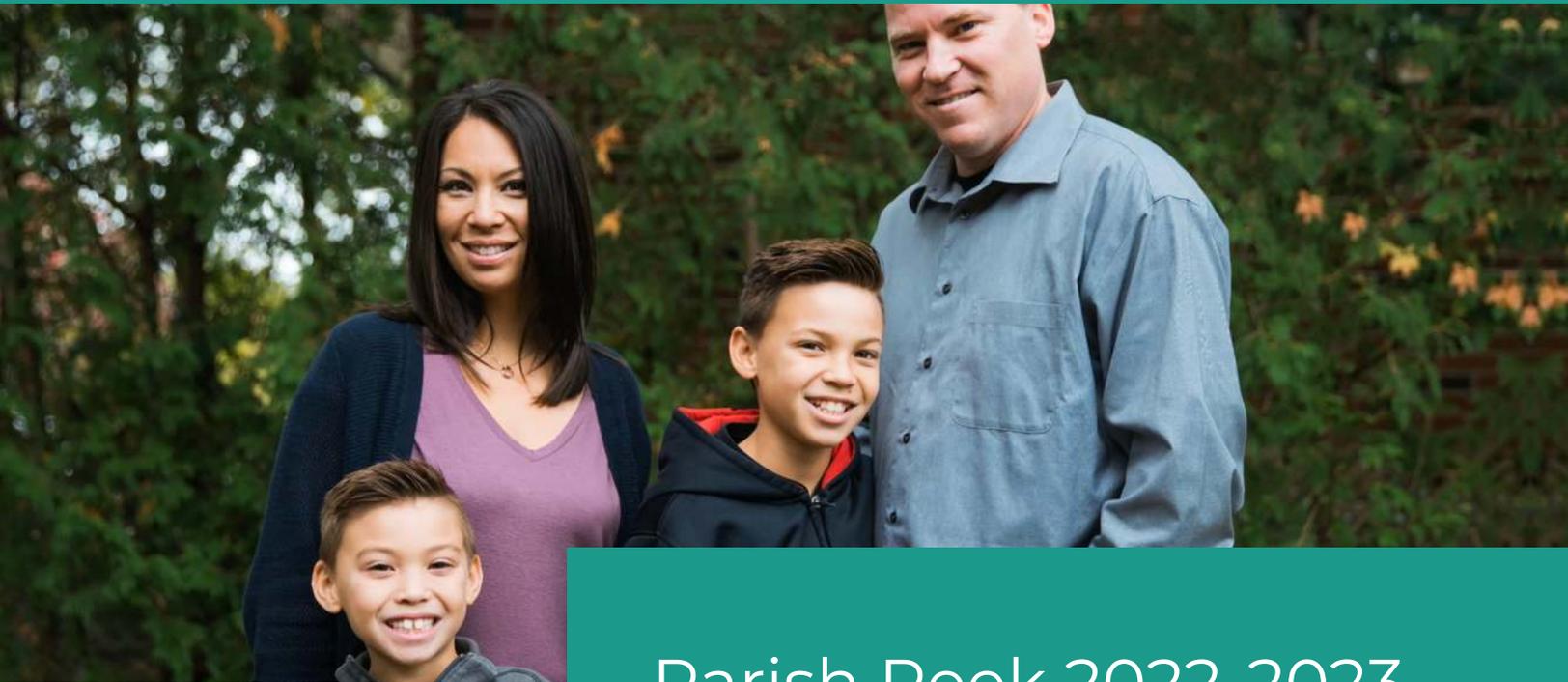




GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILIES



Parish Peek 2022-2023



Series Overview

Good News for Families is a monthly video subscription series that inspires and encourages families to live their faith in the everyday rhythms of their lives. As the families encounter and respond to the Lord, parishes can provide opportunities to deepen their exploration of the monthly theme and build community with other families traveling the same road.

Check out our video schedule along with some Parish Peeks for samples of the suggested activities that coincide with our monthly themes! Subscribers will have access to all parish suggested activities for each month.

August 2022 - The Transfiguration: Mountaintop experiences

September 2022 - St. Pio: Pray, hope, and don't worry.....[Parish peek](#)

October 2022 - Guardian Angels: Personal champions

November 2022 - Memento Mori and the Saints: Remember your death.....[Parish peek](#)

December 2022 - St. Juan Diego & Our Lady of Guadalupe: Be bold!

January 2022 - The Conversion of St. Paul: On-going conversion.....[Parish peek](#)

February 2023 - Candlemas: Bringing the light and hope of Christ to the world

March 2023 - Liturgical Colors: Lenten purple for repentance

April 2023 - St. Catherine of Siena: Ordinary people can do amazing things.....[Parish peek](#)

May 2023 - The Holy Spirit: Guide of our life

June 2023 - The Sacred Heart of Jesus: Jesus' burning love for us

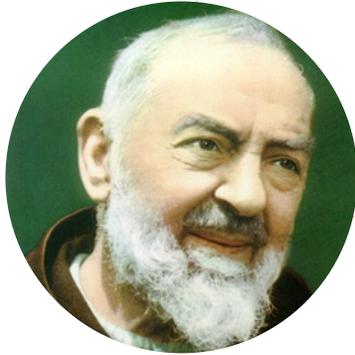
July 2023 - Married Saints: Saints come from families.....[Parish peek](#)



September 2022 - St. Pio: Pray, hope, and don't worry

Summary

St. Padre Pio, patron saint of adolescents, models trust in the Lord and provides encouragement as we begin a new school year with his famous saying, "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"



Parish Connection

Among many other things, St. Padre Pio was known for the many hours he spent hearing confessions. This month, consider extending the hours that the sacrament of Reconciliation is available to your parishioners. Perhaps you could make Confession available right after school or plan an evening when families could gather at the parish to listen to a brief talk and then experience the sacrament together.

November 2022 - Memento Mori and the Saints: Remember your death

Summary

As we remember our ancestors in faith on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, let us also remember the truth that we will follow in their footsteps one day.



Parish Connection

Does your parish have any relics on your campus? If so, display them this month in your sanctuary and encourage parishioners to spend time praying in front of them either before or after Mass. If your parish does not have any relics to display, find out if a neighboring parish does, and encourage families to make a pilgrimage to see them.

January 2023 - The Conversion of St. Paul: On-going conversion

Summary

The story of St. Paul's dramatic conversion from persecutor to disciple reminds us that each person is in need of a daily conversion.



Parish Connection

When people convert, they seek the sacrament of baptism. Give parishioners an opportunity to renew their baptismal promises this month within the context of the liturgy. Invite families to share baptism photos and stories on a bulletin board on your parish campus or via your parish's social media platform(s).

April 2023 - St. Catherine of Siena: Ordinary people can do amazing things

Summary

St. Catherine of Siena was an ordinary woman who was able to accomplish extraordinary things because she surrendered her life to God.



Parish Connection

Organize a family-friendly service project inspired by St. Catherine of Siena. Find out if a local hospital or nursing home needs donations of no-sew fleece blankets or travel-sized toiletries. While creating and packing the donations, invite families to take the time to write a short letter of encouragement to the people who will receive them.

July 2023 - Married Saints: Saints come from families

Summary

The holy married couples we celebrate in July - including Aquila and Priscilla (7/8), Louis and Zelie Martin (7/12), and Joachim and Anne (7/26) - remind us that all saints come from families.



Parish Connection

As a witness to the sanctity of marriage, ask several couples in the parish who have been married for a long time to share their stories and wisdom. Consider inviting them to write short open letters of advice or encouragement to younger families. Then, publish these letters in a public and accessible place like the parish bulletin, website, or social media accounts.

Interested in gifting *Good News for Families* to your parishioners and finding more ideas about how to use it as a parish community, [click here to fill out the interest form!](#)

