

Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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*"Let us run to Mary, and as her little children,
cast ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence."*

- St. Francis de Sales

Devotion to Our Lady

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our heavenly Mother. St. Alphonsus Liguori teaches, "After the love which we owe Jesus Christ, we must give the chief place in our heart to the love of His Mother Mary." This newsletter offers some suggestions for devotions which we can practice to show love and honor to Our Lady this month and throughout the year. May the gracious Queen of Heaven be pleased by our devotions and recompense us by increasing in our hearts the love of her Divine Son.



Prayers

St. Bernard says, "Go without fear to the Blessed Virgin, pray lovingly to her, for you will always find her ready to grant you all you ask." The following prayers are especially pleasing to Our Lady:

- **the Hail Mary** ~ The Saints tell us that when this angelic salutation is said, all Heaven rejoices and the devils tremble and take flight.
- **the Rosary** ~ Our Lady has given us this most efficacious gift through St. Dominic and has promised countless blessings to all who daily recite it with devotion.
- **the Holy Name of Mary** ~ Often throughout the day we should turn our thoughts to Our Lady. By simply invoking her holy name, we show our love for her and obtain her assistance.



Practices

In his book, *The Glories of Mary*, St. Alphonsus suggests specific acts of piety which are easy to perform and which give joy to Our Heavenly Mother. These practices include:

- **shrines** ~ Set up an image of our Blessed Mother in a place of honor in our home and decorate it with flowers and candles. Before this shrine, we can say our family Rosary and other prayers.
- **the Brown Scapular** ~ St. Alphonsus tells us that it pleases Our Lady when we wear her scapular because it is a mark that we have dedicated ourselves to her service.
- **the practice of virtue** ~ To show Our Lady that we truly love her, we should strive to imitate her example of virtue, especially her humility, charity, purity, patience and resignation to God's will.



2025 Summer Catechism and Girls' Camp with the Daughters of Mary



<i>Des Moines, Iowa</i>	<i>June 1</i>
<i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	<i>June 9 - 13</i>
<i>White Bear Lake, Minnesota</i>	<i>June 9 - 13</i>
<i>Great Falls, Montana</i>	<i>June 9 - 20</i>
<i>Chadwicks, New York</i>	<i>July 10 - 13</i>
<i>Boynton Beach, Florida</i>	<i>July 10 - 14</i>
<i>Williamsport, Pennsylvania</i>	<i>July 11 - 15</i>
<i>Fairfax, Virginia</i>	<i>July 14 - 16</i>
<i>San Jose, California</i>	<i>July 14 - 18</i>
<i>Traverse City, Michigan</i>	<i>July 14 - 18</i>
<i>Mankato, Minnesota</i>	<i>July 14 - 18</i>
<i>Phillipsburg, New Jersey</i>	<i>July 17 - 20</i>
<i>Starke, Florida</i>	<i>July 18 - 20</i>
<i>St. Louis, Missouri</i>	<i>July 19 - 20</i>
<i>Rochester, Minnesota</i>	<i>July 21 - 25</i>
<i>Idaho Falls, Idaho</i>	<i>July 24 - 27</i>
<i>Girls' Camp - Ohio</i>	<i>July 28 - Aug. 3</i>