



Pray the Rosary

The month of October is devoted to the praying the Rosary. The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer to help us remember the mysteries of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are 20 mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into:

- The five Joyful Mysteries
- The five Luminous Mysteries
- The five Sorrowful Mysteries
- The five Glorious Mysteries

The repetition in saying the Rosary leads one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each



Mystery. Also, the gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately, or with a group.

On Sunday, October 8, our

students in grades 1-8 will pray the rosary together in the school gymnasium. Parents are invited to join us.

On Sunday, October 29, our students in 4th grade will put on our annual Saints Alive Museum in the gymnasium. Students will choose a saint to learn about and to dress as for that date, and all the classrooms will come and visit the museum. Parents are most welcome to visit museum, as well. †

HOLY SPIRIT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 1ST SEMESTER * Fall 2017

Oct. 1	Class 10:15 - 11:30
Oct. 8	Class 10:15-11:30 (Living Rosary in the Gym)
Oct. 15	NO CLASS FALL BREAK
Oct. 22	Class 10:15-11:30
Oct. 29	Class 10:15-11:30; Live Saints Museum in the Gym
Sat., Nov. 4 Forgiveness Day (Reconciliation Retreat) for 1st Comm. PARENTS AND CANDIDATES 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Church/gym	
Nov. 5	Class 10:15 - 11:30 Daylight Savings Time ends. Move clocks back 1hour
Sat., Nov. 11 FIRST RECONCILIATION For candidates and families 10 a.m. in the Church	
Nov. 12	Class 10:15-11:30
Nov. 19	Class 10:15 - 11:30 Family Advent Booklets go home-Color:
Nov. 26	NO CLASS-Thanksgiving Weekend First Sunday of ADVENT
Wed., Nov. 29	Parish Penance Service; 7:30 pm
Dec. 3	Class 10:15 - 11:30
Friday, Dec. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; Holy Day of Obligation. Mass 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Class 10:15 - 11:30 - Report Cards ready
Tues., Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30 p.m. Mass
Dec. 17	Advent workshop 10:30- 12:00 Meet in classrooms & dismiss from gym (7-8 grades deliver Christmas baskets with Holy Cross)
Dec. 24	NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS

Important information for those who will receive the sacraments this year:

Forgiveness Day Retreat

Sat., Nov. 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mandatory for the candidate and at least one parent or guardian

First Reconciliation

Sat., Nov. 11, 10 a.m.

Holy Spirit Church

Mandatory for the candidate and at least one parent or guardian, but the entire family is encouraged to attend. †



Circle of Grace

The teachers in each of our classrooms will begin implementing the “Circle of Grace” program, as mandated by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Each family should have received an

information sheet describing the program last month. *Please contact us if you would like more information:* garter@holyspirit-indy.org.

The program teaches about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. The program assists our young people with education and guidance on appropriate boundaries, self-respect and respect for others. It encourages healthy relationships and teaches our children that God is always present with us.

Your child may bring home activities to do with you and your family. Please support our efforts to empower your children by participating in these activities. ✚



On Saturday, September 9, 25 catechists and helpers traveled to St. Ambrose parish in Seymour, Ind., to attend a retreat presented by the Archdiocese. Holy Spirit had the largest group present, and we were so grateful to have so many young people attending with us. Thank you catechists and helpers!

How to Pray the Rosary

Begin at the tail end of the rosary beads.

- Holding the crucifix:**
"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"
one Apostles' Creed
- On the first bead:**
one Our Father
- On the three grouped beads:**
one Hail Mary on each bead
- On the next single bead:**
one Glory Be

Many people ignore the tail and begin at this point.

The first mystery

- Announce the first mystery.** For example, the first luminous mystery is the baptism of Jesus.
- On the same single bead as above:**
one Our Father

Move on to the loop of beads

- On the first set of ten beads:**
one Hail Mary on each bead (total of ten)
- Pause and reflect on the first mystery**
- On the single bead:**
one Glory Be

The second to the fifth mysteries

Announce the mysteries one at a time and repeat the pattern of
one Our Father
ten Hail Marys
one Glory Be
until you have reflected on all five mysteries

Conclude each series (set of five mysteries) with
Hail, Holy Queen

Help us Celebrate Priesthood Day

National Priesthood Day is October 22, and we would like to acknowledge those priests who have served Holy Spirit, either at present or in the past. We are assigning each classroom a priest to send a message of cheer and appreciation. The students will make cards to send the priests, but we invite each family to make their own cards as well, or to send along some small form of appreciation.

Our hope is that each classroom will continue to send letters and small gifts throughout the school year to their “adopted” priests. Let us know if you would like more information about the priest your child’s classroom has adopted. Thank you for helping to celebrate our priests! ✚

Donations

This year again we hope to receive your donation of \$35 per child in this program. If you have children in preparation for the sacraments (Reconciliation-First Communion) we ask an additional donation of \$20.00 per family.

You can pay directly to the Church from your computers by opening the Holy Spirit website and then opening the "Give" section. This way you can use your bank cards.

If you would like more information, please call us at 317 -357-6915 or email us at garter@holyspirit-indy.org.

We thank you for your cooperation! ✚