



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">A Summer Prayer</p> <p>The wonderful days of summer that you give us, Loving God, are here again! Thank you for your constant surprises of changing seasons and this exciting time of bright sunshine, vacations, different schedules, time to enjoy the outdoor world of sun, water and parks, friends and family, things to do, outings and adventures. A world filled with so many inviting things - all from you, Loving God. All calling us to grow, to have fun, and to get to know you better. Thank you, God! (Sr. Janet Schaeffler, O.P.)</p>					1	2
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Make a cake with red, white and blue icing before attending the Fourth of July Parade.	Smell a flower.	Help your children write a grace before meals to use at dinner.	St. Maria Goretti Feast Day. Walk barefoot in the grass.	Have a family cookout in the park.	Have an hour of no electronic devices in the house.	Take a friend to Mass.
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Volunteer to help someone.	Bake cookies and take them to a homeless shelter.	Count the limbs on a tree.	Listen to classical music.	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day. Recycle all those papers, jars and cans.	St. Bonaventure Feast Day. Read to a young child.	Tour your hometown and tell your children what you know about it.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
At Mass, make an effort to greet someone new.	Play board games or make it a family board game night.	Make a fort inside your house with chairs, blankets/couch cushions.	Go fishing. If not for fish, then "fish" for favorite verses or stories in the Bible. See how many you can find.	Decorate your driveway/sidewalk together with sidewalk chalk.	St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day. Study water life in a pond or a creek.	Roast marshmallows over a campfire.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Make someone laugh.	St. James Feast Day. Talk about what your faith means to you.	Sts. Joachim and Anne Feast Day —Parents of the Virgin Mary. Say a rosary as a family.	Take fresh bread or fruit to a shut-in.	Decorate an old umbrella with fabric paint.	Have milkshakes for breakfast.	Purchase something at the Farmer's Market/Sidewalk Sale to donate to Fish.
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Eat a loaf of fresh bread together.						



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	1 Decorate a door in your home to welcome the Holy Spirit.	2 Run through the sprinkler.	3 Put an "I love you" note on someone's pillow.	4 St. John Vianney Feast Day —Patron of parish priests. Say a prayer for our Pastor and all priests who served our parish.	5 Decorate a candle for your family to use for dinner/prayer. You can use paint or decoupage glue with pictures.	6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Watch the glimmer of sunshine on a pool of water.
7 Have everyone bring an object to dinner that reminds them of God. Share your objects before or after dinner.	8 St. Dominic Feast Day —Founder of the Dominicans. Pray to your patron saint.	9 Anniversary of Nagasaki Bombing (1945) Light a candle at dinner for world peace.	10 St. Lawrence Feast Day. Take a family walk.	11 St. Clare Feast Day. Go bird-watching.	12 Watch the clouds and guess at what they could be. Make up a story about the characters/shapes in the clouds.	13 Make a picture frame out of popsicle sticks. Glue rocks, buttons or beans onto the frame.
14 St. Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day. Visit a local nursing home. Call ahead to arrange.	15 Feast of the Assumption. Go to Mass. Say the rosary as a family.	16 Rent a DVD to watch together.	17 Play checkers with someone a whole lot younger, or a whole lot older.	18 Eat dinner for breakfast and breakfast for dinner.	19 Make flavored popcorn.	20 Blow soap bubbles.
21 St. Pius X Feast Day. Practice the Golden Rule.	22 Play dress up. (Moms and Dads too!)	23 St. Rose of Lima Feast Day. Pick a bouquet of flowers in honor of St. Rose of Lima. Put them on the family table.	24 St. Bartholomew Feast Day. Do a good deed. Keep it a secret.	25 Go to a museum or zoo.	26 Have an hour of no electronic devices in the house.	27 St. Monica Feast Day. Take a family walk.
28 Ask grandpa, grandma or another family member what they remember about making their First Communion or Confirmation.	29 Finger paint.	30 "Where have you seen God this summer?" Have everyone answer this question at dinner tonight.	31 Put together a family time capsule of summer memories to open on June 22, 2012.	Immaculate Conception Parish 520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York 14052 (716) 652-6400 Website: immaculateconceptionea.com		