




April 2024 - To Be Known by Christ: Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 7	8	9	10 Faith Formation: To Be Known by Christ: Prayer 5:30-8:00 pm	11 Our Saint this month is Venerable Fulton Sheen. Learn more about his legacy at ssjohnpaul.org	12 Join us at 6 pm in the church for "In the Midst of Chaos" presented by Peter Herbeck.	13 Review the prayers we have learned this year. Find them ssjohnpaul.org .
14 3rd Sunday of Easter We celebrate Easter for 50 days. Draw, create, or color an Alleluia sign and display in your home.	15 Pray the Pope's April Intention: For the Role of Women. Watch the video on Facebook .	16 Learn more about Lectio Divina. Find the link on Facebook	17 Monthly Prayer Learn the Holy Spirit Prayer by St. Augustin. Find it at ssjohnpaul.org	18 Bring your donation of chunky soup or ramen noodles for the Food Pantry this weekend.	19 FORMED Friday Watch <i>R+T What does it mean to have a relationship with God?</i> Find the link on Facebook .	20 Prayer the Lord's Prayer today, slowly and reflect on the words.
21 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday Pray for those celebrating 1st Communion today. Join us for the KC breakfast.	22 Earth Day Plan an outdoor activity as a family. Pick up trash while you do it.	23 What is the Liturgical Color for the Easter Season? Hint: It symbolizes joy and glory. Find more on Facebook .	24 Listen to Christian music in the car today. Singing is said to be praying twice.	25 Feast of St. Mark He recorded the teachings of St. Peter in the Gospel of Mark. Read a story of his today.	26 FORMED Friday With your children watch <i>What is prayer?</i> Find the video on Facebook	27 Parish Clean-up Day Join us from 9 am-12 pm to help spruce up the campus.
28 5th Sunday of Easter Look for the prayer card in the pew and pray the Anima Christi after communion.	29 Word of the Month Virtue: The habit of doing good and wanting to do good.	30 Tomorrow is May Day! Make May Day baskets to take to your neighbors and friends.	May 1 Faith Formation: Make Christ Known: Church 5:30-8:00 pm	2 May is the month of Mary. Honor Mary by adding a statue to your prayer area or garden. Say a Hail Mary.	3 National Teacher Appreciation Day Thank your teachers today! Write them a note to let them know.	4 National Day of Prayer Try these ideas: Join a prayer group, go to Mass, meditate quietly, go on prayer walk, sing your prayer out loud.
5 6th Sunday of Easter Faith Formation: Make Christ Known: Church 5-7:30 pm	LEARN		PRAY		DO	

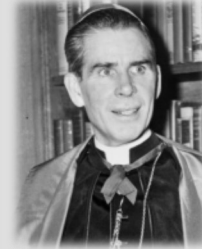
Mark your calendar!

- ◆ **Adoration & Rosary**, Monday, 7 pm
- ◆ **Holy Hour** Tuesday, 6 am, Wednesday-Friday, 6 am and 8 am.
- ◆ **Catholic Youth Camp Registration is open!** Register at stmcenter.com, or find the link on our website under e-Community.
- ◆ **Scripture Study on the Eucharist begins April 23**, and meets for 10 weeks, from 6:30-8 pm. Email Deacon Steve to register, smcgee@ssjohnpaul.org.
- ◆ **Peter Herbeck, April 12**, 6-8 pm, speaking on "Hope in the Midst of Chaos." Event is free, but register at iowacatholicradio.com/events/
- ◆ **Catholic Daughters Life Saver Collection, April 13-14**, after Masses. Give a donation for victims of human trafficking and get a Life Saver.
- ◆ **Tweens & JP Kidz meet April 17**, 6-7:30 pm in the FDC.
- ◆ **Teen Group and JYM meet April 17**, at 6:30 pm in the FDC. We will visit Prairie Vista and Altoona Nursing & Rehab. No meal will be served.
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Breakfast, April 21**, 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Join us for a hot breakfast for a free-will offering.
- ◆ **First Eucharist Mass, April 21**, 10:30 am.
- ◆ **Confirmation Year 1 Informational Meeting, April 21**, 7-8:30 pm, St. Francis Hall
- ◆ **Training & Planning for catechists, April 24**, 6:30 pm, FDC social room.
- ◆ **Parish Clean-up Day, April 27**, 9am-12 pm. Bring your tools and gloves! We will be cleaning inside and outside the facilities.
- ◆ **Confirmation Year 2 Candidate Retreat, April 28**, 12:15-5 pm.
- ◆ **Confirmation Year 1 Informational Meeting, April 28**, 7- 8:30 pm.
- ◆ **Parish Intergenerational Faith Formation LIVE, May 1 & 5**,
Make Christ Known: Church.
- ◆ **VBS Station Leaders Meeting, May 6**, 6-7 pm, FDC Workroom.
- ◆ **BASH! Youth Ministry Celebration May 8**, 6-8:30 pm. 2nd-12th graders and their families are invited to join in a celebration of our 2023-24 year!
- ◆ **Innervations Baby Bottle Campaign, May 11-12**, gathering space. Respect Life Fundraiser. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change and return it to the church May 18-19.
- ◆ **2024 VBS: SCUBA! June 16-20**, 6-8:15 pm. Registration opens April 7 at the April faith formation gathering and closes May 20. Register at April or May faith formation, print a form from the website, or register in person after Masses May 11-12 or 18-19 in the gathering space. Online registration coming soon!

Prayer of the Month

Holy Spirit Prayer

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.
Amen*



**Venerable Bishop
Fulton John Sheen**

was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Remember to love
people and use
things, rather than
to love things and
use people.

—Venerable Fulton Sheen

Find additional faith formation ideas and resources by going to the parish website, www.ssjohnpaul.org, and clicking on the **Kitchen Table Faith** button in the middle of the home page, right above the calendar. Or go directly to ssjohnpaulfaithformation.org.