

April Faith Formation

April Action Plan

This month we will...

Listen to
**"Goodness
of God"** by
Bethel
Music and
Jenn
Johnson.



Stop Comparing Challenge

When you catch yourself **comparing** (grades, sports, money) to other people, pause and say: "God has given me what I need." At the end of the week, share with someone how this affected you.



Check out
**April Kitchen
Table Faith!**

Morning Blessing

Start your **morning with this prayer.**

*O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys
and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions
of your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the
Mass throughout the world,
for the salvation of souls,
the reparation for sins,
the reunion of all Christians,
and in particular for the
intentions of the Holy Father this month.*
Amen

After praying, pause and think about what it means to offer your whole day to God, not just the good parts, but also the struggles. Share with each other or write down your thoughts.

Living Like St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres lived with humility and a heart for serving others. Choose one act of quiet service this week; help someone without being asked or do a task no one else wants to do. Offer it to God without seeking recognition.

Be Generous

In the Parable, those hired late were likely waiting and worrying all day about how they would provide for their families. Many people today still experience this same uncertainty. As a family, talk about what that might feel like, then **choose one way to help:** donate food, clothing, or basic necessities to a local pantry or shelter. Remember that every person has dignity, and we are called to reflect God's generosity to those still "waiting in the vineyard."

Easter is more than just a day, it is a season. Watch this video about **"How to Celebrate Easter Well"**.



Read & Reflect

Find a quiet place and **read the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard** (Matthew 20:1-16). Choose a word or phrase that stands out to you. Share it with one another or write it on a prayer card and place it somewhere visible as a reminder to reflect on it throughout the month.

Living Like St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita had great suffering but chose forgiveness, trust in God, and joy. Choose one way to respond with love this week: forgive someone, be patient in a hard situation, or pray for someone difficult to love. Thank God for His goodness and ask for the strength to love even when it is hard.

Cut at the dotted lines and then rip off the papers as you complete the tasks this month.

Complete your Family
Action Plan.

Read the Parable of the
Workers in the Vineyard.

Complete the Stop
Comparing Challenge.

Listen to the Song
"Goodness of God"

Pray the Morning Blessing
Prayer to Start your Day.

Watch the Short Video
"How to Easter Well".

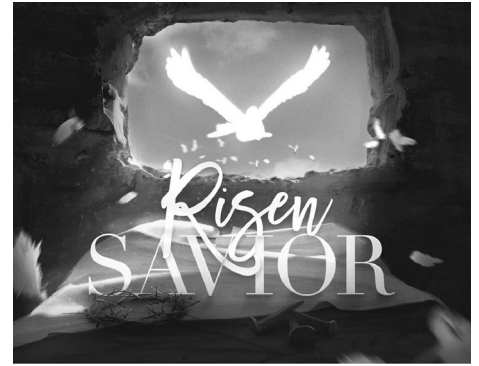
Live Like
St. Martin de Porres

Share in God's Generosity

Visit our April Kitchen
Table Faith website.

Forgive & Love Like
St. Josephine Bakhita

Mark your calendar!



- ◆ **Rosary & Adoration**, Mondays, 7 pm.
- ◆ **Holy Hour** Tuesday, 6 am; Wednesday-Friday, 6 am and 8 am.
- ◆ **Parish Clean-up Days**, **April 10**, start at 9 am, **April 11** start at 8 am. All are welcome to help with spring yardwork tasks on campus. Find details at ssjohnpaul.org/events/parish-clean-up-days.
- ◆ **JP Kidz and Tweens meet April 15**, 6:00-7:30 pm in Founders Hall.
- ◆ **Teen Group and JYM meet April 15**. We will meet at 7 pm in the FDC. Come early, at 6:30 pm, for a simple meal beforehand.
- ◆ **First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat, April 15**, 6:30 pm. Meet in the church.
- ◆ **K of C Breakfast, April 19**, 8:30 am-12 pm, St. Francis Hall. Join us for a hot breakfast for a free-will offering.
- ◆ **First Eucharist Mass, April 19**, 10:30 am. After Mass all families and guests are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast. Cost is a free will offering.
- ◆ **Training & Planning for Catechists, April 22**, 6:30 pm, FDC social room.
- ◆ **Confirmation Retreat (2nd year students), April 25**, 10 am-6 pm, meet in St. Francis Hall
- ◆ **Youth Mass, April 26**, 10:30 am. Families and/or youth who would like to serve, contact Jenni Lihs.
- ◆ **Rosary Meditation Group, April 29**, 5:30-6:30 pm, teen room. All adults are invited to pray the rosary, reflect and share in conversation. Led by Shelley Leiser.
- ◆ **Youth Ministry BASH!, April 29**, 6:00 pm. Ironwood Park (Pirates Park), Altoona, for 3rd-12th graders. We will provide ice cream. Youth, plan to bring your favorite toppings or treats to share.
- ◆ **First Friday Adoration, May 1**. Come to the day chapel any time between 6 am-12 pm to pray with our Lord.
- ◆ **First Saturday Mass, May 2**, 9 am, day chapel
- ◆ **High School Graduation Mass, May 3**, 10:30 am. Followed by a reception in St. Francis Hall. The Knights of Columbus will serve lunch for a free will offering.
- ◆ **Parish Faith Formation LIVE!, May 3 or 6, Workers in the Vineyard.**
- ◆ **Happy Mothers Day! Sunday, May 10**

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.