

2016 November

SAINTS IN THE FAMILY

CALENDAR

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- Work to keep in mind Jesus' presence in your daily lives
- Build Christ-centered relationships in & outside family
- Always try to become closer to Jesus: your children will follow
- Encourage your children to turn to Jesus in times of struggle
- Continue to express gratitude to God

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FAMILY LIFE

Strengthen family relationships, support and value each member of the "Domestic Church"

- Prioritize having a holy, happy, supportive marriage
- Practice patience, respect, & support
- Be a leader
- Build strong relationships w/ each child
- Make shared meals a priority
- Do fun & faith-filled activities together

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



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- Teach the meaning of the Mass
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WITNESS & LEADERSHIP



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