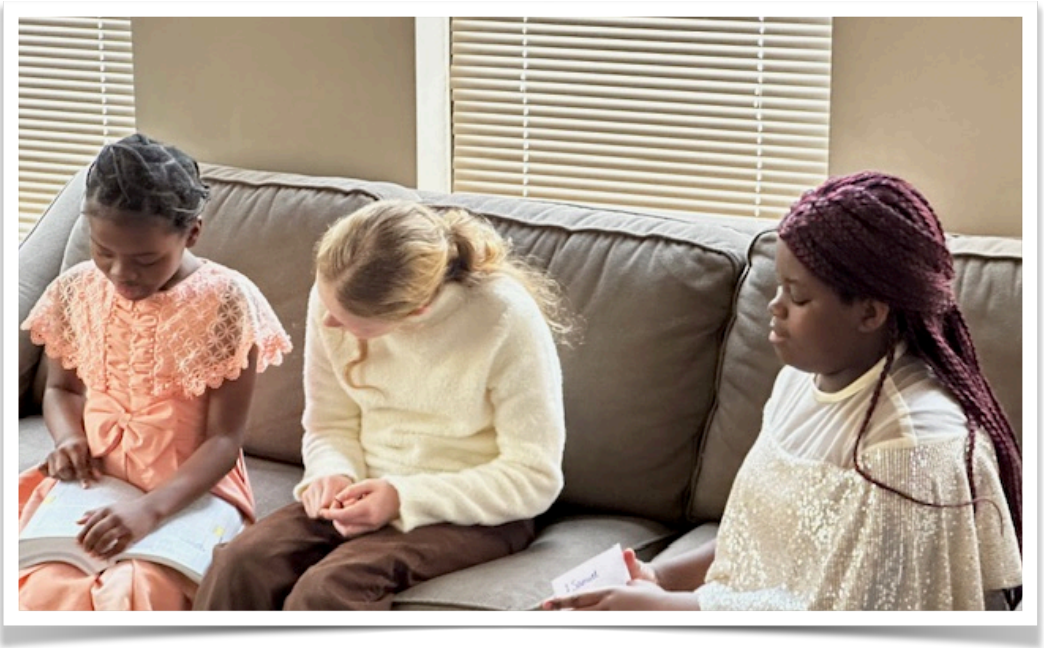
FaithatHome

Tools for Your Household's Continued Growth in Faith

Thank God in prayer for autumn's beauty.

Prepare for Mass by discussing the readings together!

On October 15 we celebrate St. Theresa of Avila.



Welcome to Encounter!

As we embark on our third year together with Encounter, we are excited to focus on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). CST is one of the tools the Church offers to guide us as we answer our baptismal call to live our faith in the world, no matter our age. We look forward to journeying together, living out our core values as a parish community!

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Watch the video introducing Catholic Social Teaching with your children and talk about it.

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This video is a good introduction to Catholic Social Teaching for teens.

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Discover more about the themes of Catholic Social Teaching on the US Bishops' website.

Access this newsletter on the St. Catherine's website. On the Faith Formation/Encounter page, scroll down to "Mark your Calendar" to find each month's newsletter.

FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN

As we begin our exploration of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) this year, we may find it difficult to put the teachings into words younger children understand. This parish's web page does that for each principle of CST.

CST reminds us that we are part of one global family. Explore ideas for prayer for our world.

Answer questions about the Sunday readings, track saints' feast days and more when you download the Catholic "Kids Calendar" for October.

St. Catherine of Siena is so excited to be part of the NCCL Parents and Families at the Center of Faith Formation Project. Take a photo of the QR code below to help us with the first step of the Project: collecting information from the parents of children and teens in our parish. Thank you!

FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH TEENS

On a date yet to be determined in 2025, the first millennial saint will be canonized. Learn more about Blessed Carlo Acutis, a computer and video game loving sports fan who died at the age of 15 in 2006.

As we approach All Saints and All Souls Days, we encounter various cultural expressions of our beliefs about death. Explore the tradition of Dia de los Muertos, which helps us understand the Communion of Saints.

Follow Fr. Jack as he interviews people on the streets of New York City to see what they know about the saints.

ADULT GROWTH IN FAITH

No matter our stage in life (single, married, student, parenting, empty-nester, retiree, etc.) we attend to our growth in faith and live more deeply into our baptismal call.

Did you know that the USCCB (US Conference of Catholic Bishops) has a YouTube channel? Explore our call to Faithful Citizenship through these short videos.

Join the legislative network of the Iowa Catholic Conference by visiting their website and signing up to receive their newsletter legislative alerts.

The last session of the Synod on Synodality has begin in Rome. One of Pope Francis' prayer intentions for this month is for all members of the Church to realize their shared mission. Part of that shared mission is to live as faithful citizens of our country and our world.

We are invited to join in prayer for the Synod, using a prayer that has been used at synods and councils of the Church for hundreds of years.

On October 11, we remember St. John XXIII, a simple, humble man who renewed our Church by convening Vatican II. He was the first to use the phrase, "the medicine of mercy."

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