



August 15
Assumption of
the Virgin Mary
Holy Day of
Obligation

family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF August



As the new school year begins, we all want to encourage success for our children. However, getting school supplies, the "latest" back to school shoes, backpacks, and lunch boxes can sometimes overshadow the little things that make for a smooth and successful start to the school year, but also for our faith life.

New routines, different schedules, sports practices, and school meetings will all be a part of the busyness of our everyday lives again. Where will Jesus fit into your families faith life this "school year"?



The ABC's of
Back to School ...for Parents
Here is an alphabetical guide to the
26 details "NOT to Forget" this
Back to School Season.



- A- Ask questions B - Breakfast C - Communication D - Dates E - Effort
 - F - Friends G - Guidance Counselor H - Homework.
 - I - Illness J - Jot a note K - Know the rules L - Listen M - Make choices
 - N - Newsletter O - Open House P - Praise good behavior Q - Quality time
 - R - Read your child's textbooks S - Smile T - Tardiness
 - U - Update the teacher V - Volunteer W - Website X - Don't focus on the X's
 - Y - Yell and shout Z - Zip your mouth
- www.education.com

The ABC's of
Catholicism...for Parents
Here is an alphabetical guide to the
26 things "NOT to Forget" in your FAITH LIFE
this Back to School Season".

- A - apostolic, advent B - baptism, bishops, blood C - chrism, cardinals, crucifix D - dogma
 - E - Eucharist, Easter F - Father G - Gregorian chant, genuflect, General Instruction of the Roman
 - Missal H - heaven, holy I - incense J - Jesus K - Kyrie, kneelers L - laity, Latin, lent
 - M - monstrance, Magisterium, martyrs N - nativity, neophyte, Narthex
 - O - one, orthodox, ordinary time P - penance, priest, peace, purgatory, pope
 - Q - quiet, quiddity, "Que tolis pecatta mundi"
 - R - rite, Roman, rubrics S - saints, scripture, sacrifice T - Truth, Trinity
 - U - universal V - veneration, Vatican W - wisdom, wonder, womb, wine
 - X - X commandments Y - Yahweh, your mother, youthful, yearning, years
 - Z - zucchetto
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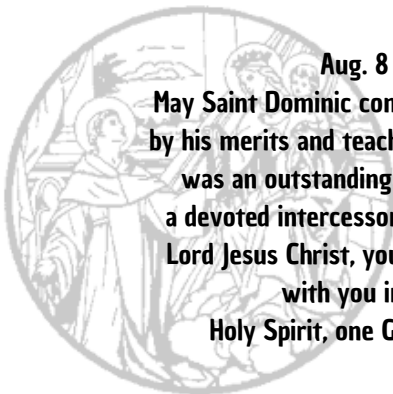
As you begin this new school year, with your family, think of other things to add to this list. Do you know the true meaning of these words and ideas as they relate to your Catholic Faith? Discuss them on the way to school, or on the way to soccer practice.



Thomas Aquinas Prayer for Students

Creator of all things,
true source of light and wisdom,
origin of all being, graciously
let a ray of your light
penetrate the darkness of my
understanding.
Take from me the double darkness
in which I have been born,
an obscurity of sin and ignorance.
Give me a keen understanding, a retentive
memory,
and the ability to grasp things correctly and
fundamentally.
Grant me the talent of being exact in my
explanations
and the ability to express
myself with thoroughness and charm.
Point out the beginning, direct the progress,
and help in the completion.
I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

August 11 St. Clare
God of mercy,
You inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty.
By the help of her prayers
may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit
and come to the joyful vision of Your glory
in the Kingdom of heaven.
As Patroness of Television, help us to use it in a
manor worthy of Christ.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen



Aug. 8 St. Dominic

May Saint Dominic come to the help of your Church
by his merits and teaching, O Lord, and may he, who
was an outstanding preacher of your truth, be
a devoted intercessor on our behalf. Through our
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen