

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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Saint Joseph the Worker

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

The office is closed for federal holidays/holydays.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we
will assist you in this process.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Cizek, SJ,

Sr. Margaret M. McCullough, Principal

233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976

Telephone: (570) 462-3927,

www.TrinityMatters.com

Marian Catholic High School

Mrs. Jean Susko, Principal

166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Telephone: (570) 467-3335, Website:

www.mariancatholics.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School

Lynn Sabol, Principal

One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-8110, www.nativitybvm.net

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.

Roobhenn Smith, Principal

2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

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St. Joseph Parish Complex Locations

49 North Line Street

37 S. Broad Mountain Avenue

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism- The sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance in order to make arrangements. Parents must be registered in the parish and active for at least three months prior to the Baptism.

Sponsors must be canonically eligible.

Certificates of Eligibility- sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation requires that a person be an **active, registered member of the parish three months prior to receiving the certificate of eligibility.**

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage- Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before the proposed marriage dates in order to arrange for the necessary preparation. An appointment is necessary before a wedding date may be scheduled. Parish and Diocesan pre-marital classes are required. Only parish guidelines will be followed in planning the marriage ceremony.

Order of Christian Funerals- At the time of death, contact the funeral home of your choice.

The funeral home will then contact the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209 (**NOT Confidential**)

www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT

Phone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019

mcole@allentowndiocese.org

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited & encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more info about this program.

The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, & Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org & click on "**Youth Protection**" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2018

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses in St. Ann Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 17, 2018

4:00 PM Helen Chernetsky requested by Daughter and Family

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:30 AM Victor & Betty Szuler & Alberta & Joseph Lewczyk requested by Jim & Maryann

10:00 AM George & Alberta Harviletz requested by Children

11:30 AM Anne Bramley requested by Amber Artz & Ellet Sapp, Jr.

Monday, March 19

8:05 AM Dolores Corrigan Wayne & William R. Corrigan requested by Helen Wayne

6:15 to 6:45 PM Confessions in St. Ann Church

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Ann Church

Tuesday, March 20 (note time change)

7:00 AM Anita Keim requested by Ellis & Joyce Hatch

Wednesday, March 21

8:05 AM Tyler L. Swantek requested by Friend

6:30 PM Lenten Service at St. John the Baptist PNCC

Thursday, March 22

8:05 AM Joseph Alshon requested by daughter, Mary Jo, granddaughters, Eva Marie & Christina & great-grandchildren

Friday, March 23

8:05 AM NO MASS

Saturday, March 24—Church Hall (Vigil Palm Sunday)

4:00 PM Anne Freiler requested by Don and Linda Lindenmuth

Sunday, March 25—Church Hall (Palm Sunday)

10:00 AM Thomas P. Sippie requested by Family

PRAY FOR:

All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely. Increase their faith and assist them in knowing that they are not alone and all they need comes from You.

CANDLE MEMORIALS

SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns as a memorial for Stanley F., Ann and Stanley G. Rakowsky requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary requested by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for Special Intentions.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Robert Smith requested by wife, Anna.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Eva Kubeyka requested by Children and Grandchildren.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for a Special Intention.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. and Sunday: 8:05 a.m. in St. Ann Church

Every Monday during Lent: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. in

St. Ann Church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel & Youth Center

at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.

Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Second Wednesday of each month 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming date: April 11

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to commit to thirty minutes or an hour may call 570-874-3001. Please remember there is always a substitute available, if you are unable to make your designated time.

HOLY HOUR

The Pro-Life Holy Hour takes place the **second** Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel & Youth Center.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 4, 2018: \$5,699.55

Second Collection: March 4, 2018: \$287.50

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

SECURE ONLINE DONATIONS—Did you know that you can now use your credit card or PayPal account to make Secure Online Donations to St. Joseph the Worker Parish through our website (www.frackvillecatholic.org). Just look for the “**Donate**” button directly beneath the Mass Schedule.

PARISH NEWS

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH MISSION

We are excited to be preparing for our parish mission, scheduled for **April 22, 23 and 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, in **St. Ann Church**.

Our theme: Colossians 3:12-15, *“You are God’s chosen race, his saints, He loves you...”*

Each evening, Father Brian Miller will reflect upon this scripture passage as it relates to our daily lives. The service will also include Benediction, Confession and reflections from our own lay faithful on how they met Jesus. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the social room located behind the church after the service.

Please plan on joining your parish family for this faith-filled experience.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE

The Knights of Columbus #2580 Frackville will hold their hoagie sale on **Thursday, March 22**. To order please contact Joe Recla at 570-874-1673 on or before Monday, March 19.

Orders to be picked up on Thursday, March 22 morning at the former St. Ann Pre School. **Cost is \$4.50 each**. Thank you for the support of this important fund raiser.

STEM SCOUTS-St. Joseph the Worker Parish sponsors a program for girls and boys in elementary and middle-schooled grades who are interested in technology and science subjects. The program uses interesting, hands-on labs, designed to be grade-level appropriate for the students. Past labs have covered Light & Sounds, Robotics, Vertical Farming, Magnetism, Drones, the Solar System and the Space Station, the Science of Soap Bubbles, and others. The labs are currently held on Sunday afternoons from mid-September to early April. The cost of the 6-month program is \$200, which covers the cost of materials used & can be paid over time (some scholarships may be available for qualifying families). We have openings for the 2018-2019 school year. For more info on the program see www.stemscouts.org or contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 or Mary at 570-875-2146.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-“SHIPWRECKED”

Registration is now open for our summer vacation bible school, Shipwrecked. All parish children in grades Pre-K through 5, interested in participating, should be registered on the sheets in the church vestibule. Any older students interested in coming and helping as crew leaders should also use the registration sheets to sign up. VBS is scheduled for June 18-22. There is a \$5.00 donation requested, per child, to defray the costs of the VBS supplies.

Thought of the week: “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.”

—St. John Chrysostom

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31—Easter Egg Hunt in St. Ann Grove

March 31—Easter Food blessing 1:00 p.m. at St. Ann

April 3—2018 Festival Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Social Room

April 11—Teen Trivia 5:00 p.m. in Church Hall

April 17—PGC at 6:00 p.m. in Social Room (see below)

April 22, 23 & 24—Parish Mission 7:00 p.m. St. Ann

May 20—First Communion at 1:30 p.m. in St. Ann Church

LITURGY OF THE WORD - FOR CHILDREN—“ALLELU”!

Allelu! – Children’s Liturgy of the Word—is available every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

All parish children ages 4—second grade are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Parish Children that received their First Penance on Saturday, March 3, 2018. They are: **Kauryl Abreu, Kiara Abreu, Lucy Barrett, Rebecca Cooney, Rylan Coyle, Grace Curry, Ella Digris, Bella Rose Karenda, Maggie Madden, Cole Meskunas, Evan Miernicki, Abigail Smith and Kyla Yesalusky.**

Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their First Communion on May 20, 2018.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Practice will be at Annunciation BVM Church each Sunday and CCD students will simply remain for class. Children’s choir practices every “CCD Sunday” from 5 to 6 p.m. Choir sings last Sunday of each month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. *Children of all ages are welcome. Please encourage your kids to give it a try.*

HOLY THURSDAY PROCESSION IN OUR PARISH

Parish children are invited to participate in the solemn Eucharistic procession during Holy Thursday Liturgy on March 29. Mass will be in the Church Hall and children will accompany the Blessed Sacrament in a procession from the Hall to the Altar of Repose in Annunciation BVM Church. **Mass starts at 7:00 p.m.** and children should be dressed nicely and in the pre school classroom no later than 6:45 p.m. that evening.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Our parish will host a Protecting God’s Workshop in the Social Room at 34 South Line Street, Entrance B on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** All volunteers who come into contact with a child is required to attend this training. So that includes but not limited to Vacation Bible School, CCD teachers, scout leaders & volunteers of any kind during these programs. If you would like to attend there is no cost; however, you must register by calling the Parish Office at 570-874-0610. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you.

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the St. Ann Grove.

SAVE THE DATE TRUTH: WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REALLY TEACHES—"The Blessed Mother

Presented by Sister Emily Vincent, IHM on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in our Church Hall**, Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville. **FREE of charge**—bring a friend. Do Catholics worship Mary? What is the Biblical evidence of the Assumption? Why is Mary referred to as the "Queen of Heaven?" No registration required. Are you in need of continuing education credits? Attending this event counts!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

TRINITY ACADEMY THEME BASKET AUCTION will be held on **Saturday, April 28** in our Church Hall. **Shop and Drop on Friday, April 27. Over 100 Theme Baskets. Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.**

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, Ashland—St. Anne Guild selling homemade candy Easter Eggs for \$1.00 each and a dozen for \$12.00. **Flavors:** peanut butter, cherry, butter cream and coconut cream. **Orders can be placed by calling the Parish Office at 570-875-1521.**

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on the following dates: **Palm Sunday, March 25 and Good Friday, March 30th**. Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

COVENANT HOME CARE AND HOSPICE

Volunteer Open House on April 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Covenant will be open to receive active volunteers and those interested in volunteering for a day long appreciation of Volunteerism in Schuylkill County. Refreshments will be provided. This event is scheduled during National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Covenant Home Care & Hospice, 1502 HWY 61S, Pottsville, PA 17901.

FLAME OF LOVE

AMAZING GRACE RETREAT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322. Saturday, April 21— 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free will offering—bring your own lunch. Fr. James Blount, SOLT, Tony Mullen, National Director.

AN URGENT PLEA FOR OUR TIMES

***An extraordinary grace which comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart. The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself**

***Jesus said: "the grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation."**

HALUPKI & HALUSKI SALE — **Saturday, April 21** at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 114 South Chestnut Street, Shenandoah, PA from **12 noon to 3:00 p.m. pick up and pre orders only**. Halupki \$2.00 each and haluski \$6.00 per quart. Taking orders from March 10 through April 10. Call Theresa at 570-467-3894. Leave message and include phone number. Email: **tmyk@ptd.net**

HELP SUPPORT Marian Catholic's Annual Fund—Campaign Envelopes with all the information are in the vestibule of the Church. Marian Catholic relies heavily on their Annual Fund Campaign to defray some expenses so that an education based on faith and family is available to our students. You also have the ability of giving a donation online by visiting our website: **www.mariancatholic.org**. The school goal for the 2017-2018 School Year is \$300,000. Please continue to pray for Marian Catholic to stay strong and sustainable.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS—On **Sunday, April 8, 2018 Divine Mercy Parish**, Shenandoah will be holding its **Fourth Annual Divine Mercy Devotions at 3:00 p.m.** These devotions will consist of: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, midafternoon prayers from the Divine Office, various prayers and readings, homily, periods of reflection, hymns, procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction. **Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will not be celebrated.** We strongly encourage all participants to celebrate in their own parishes the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy sacrifice of the Mass.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018

CONFESSIONS (all in St. Ann Church Complex)

Monday, March 19 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Monday, March 26 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. (last Confession prior to Easter)

Stations of the Cross (all in St. Ann Church Complex)

Mondays during Lent— beginning Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue—Church Hall)

Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Holy Week (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue—Church Hall)

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Hall with Procession

Adoration in Annunciation BVM Church until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Holy Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food in St. Ann Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 31 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Ann Grove

LENTEN SERVICES all at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays of Lent

March 21 at St. John the Baptist, PNCC, 414 West Oak Street, Frackville



Meditations for the Fifth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

The Son of Man

John 12:20-33

As the Gospel opens, Jesus is well aware that his time on earth is coming to a close. In fact, he admits that he is “troubled,” but adds, “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Upset as he admits he is, he still puts the Father first.

In today’s Gospel, a voice responds to Jesus’ prayer by saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” In the second part of this passage, Jesus tries to explain to the crowds his true identity, the Son of Man, and the real meaning of the cross — the salvation of all the world.

Through his obedience to the Father, Jesus reveals God’s glory.

He foreshadows his crucifixion and death through the language of service: “If someone might give service to me, let him follow.

Where I am, there also will be my servant.”

As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we are called to bring forth the glory of the Lord as we follow Christ in service to God and one another. Let us remember not just the pain of Christ’s passion, but the reason for his death — to bring us the gift of reconciliation with God the Father.

FOR REFLECTION

- › Am I carving out enough time to pray this Lenten season?
- › Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive?
- › How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

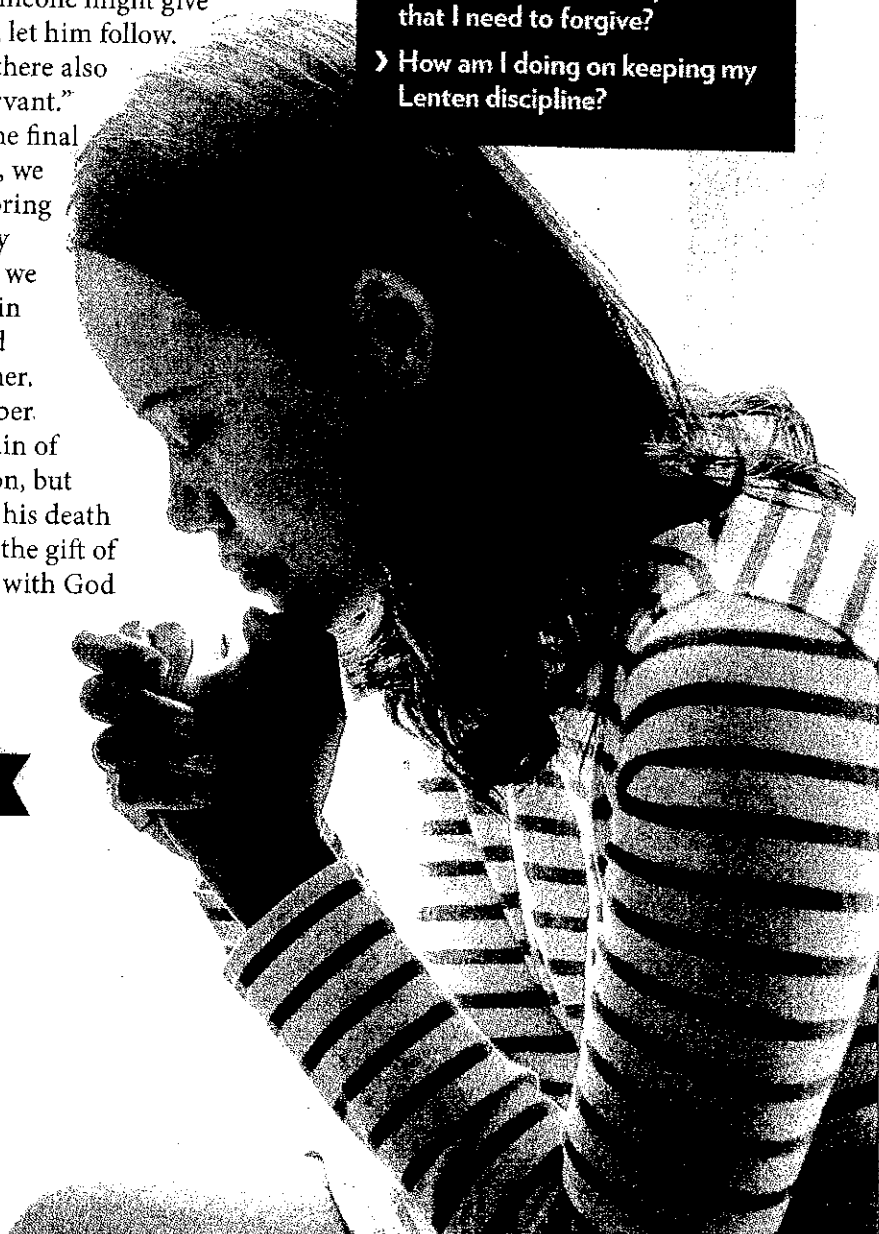
Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“This is the promise that he made us: eternal life.”

— 1 John 2:25

Thank you, my God, for your steadfast love, which guides me in this life and waits to welcome me home to the next.



OUR FAITH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

According to Church law, all Catholics “having reached the age of discretion” are required to confess all “grave sins” at least one a year. It is also recommended that they confess venial sins. Lent is the ideal time to make a good confession. Most parishes offer extended confession times and even special penance services.

Catechism CONNECTION

“It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent ‘pardon and peace.’ It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1424

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Fasting

Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Fasting not only reminds us of our dependence on God but also on the needs of others, the hungry and the poor. Fasting is a Gospel value, but not fasting by itself. Fasting and almsgiving are Gospel twins. Our tradition of fasting has never been to purge, to deprive the body for deprivation’s sake, but to have more to give away. We fast in order to place ourselves in solidarity with the poor and hungry. If the grocery money saved by our fasting does not somehow help feed the poor and hungry then our fasting is empty and useless.



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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Random Acts of Kindness

Part of penance is service, and we are called to serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family, write out several random acts of kindness that can be carried out over the week. Include things like smiling at someone, picking up trash, inviting someone to play a game, making a phone call to a grandparent, and helping someone carry a package. Throughout the week, have each family member draw a slip and complete the action. When everyone has completed their random act, talk about what happened and how it felt. Be sure to pray for the recipients of your acts of kindness.

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