

January Resources for Schools & Parishes

As we anticipate the start of a new calendar year with teachers, students and their families, I offer you these resources to use and share with classroom teachers to inspire faith formation during the month of January.

January – the Month of the Holy Name

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace
- 2 Saint's Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 5 Saint John Neumann
- 6 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 13 The Baptism of the Lord
- 17 Saint Anthony
- 21 Saint Agnes
- 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- 24 Saint Francis de Sales
- 25 Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
- 26 Saints Timothy and Titus
- 28 Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 31 Saint John Bosco

The liturgical season of Christmas continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord creating an excellent opportunity for us to unpack the mysteries of the Incarnation during the first two weeks of January.

- Excellent suggestions for celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany – [Click here](#).
- Keep the Crèche as a focus for prayer and discussion and use it as an opportunity to learn more about St. Francis of Assisi. There are several beautiful books that tell the story – [Click here](#).
- The [McGrath Institute for Church Life](#) at the University of Notre Dame has been publishing beautiful reflection booklets highlighting saints for each month of the year. Use the **Saints & Reflection Guide** for January for classroom prayer and reflection – [Click here](#).
- Connect The Baptism of the Lord to student stories of Baptism. Invite students to bring in pictures of their Baptism, compose letters to their Godparents and recall the symbols of Baptism. For more ideas – [Click here](#).

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