Celebrate Mary's birthday

September 8th is when the Church celebrates the feast of the nativity of the Virgin Mary. Why not tap into this as a great reason to have a party with your family, too?

Learning fun

The backstory can be part of the fun: Have you shared the story of Mary's birth with your children before?

Food fun

<u>Get some doughnuts, make a cake, grab some candles, and don't</u> <u>forget a rosary</u>: This includes all the elements of a good party and an encouragement to pray, too.

On the other hand, <u>blueberry waffles can make a "Mary cake"</u> just as easily.

Crafty fun

Know those piles of holy cards you have? Find a few Mary ones and create a shrine.

Flower fun

<u>Make your own flowers (and vase)</u>: Print and color the vase and flowers, and then attach it and *voilà*!

Do you have a link or resource to share? Send it to us at <u>teachingcatholickids@osv.com</u> so we can share it in a future issue!