

Hallow

St. Catharine's Hallow Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **When did St. Catharine's partner with Hallow?** St. Catharine's began a 2 year partnership with Hallow that runs from September 2025 through August 2027 for the Parish and August 2025 through July 2027 for the pre-K through 8th grade School.
2. **What other Parishes in the Diocese of Allentown have partnered with Hallow?** None as of September 2025 - St. Catharine's was the first Parish in the Allentown Diocese to partner with Hallow. Several schools in the Allentown Diocese have Hallow just for school use and some Parishes in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia Dioceses have Hallow partnerships.
3. **Must I pay to join Hallow?** NO. There is a link on the website or available by contacting the office for a FREE 3 month premium trial – no credit card required. At the end of the 3 months, your subscription will revert to the free non-premium version which still has access to the St. Catharine's Community page including the premium prayer series Father Miller has selected for the year as well as access to many additional prayers.
4. **What if I want the full premium version of Hallow?** A) Ask to be given one of the discretionary free premium subscriptions that comes with our partnership – we have some, but a limited number of these; B) Use the discount code based on our partnership to pay \$56 for a single annual premium subscription rather than the usual \$69.99; or C) Sign up for the Friends and Family annual plan that gives you 6 premium subscriptions for \$129.99 – that's \$21.67 per year per person – one person signs up and the other 5 people can pay them back or be given Hallow as a gift – the 6 people do not need to be related or live in the same household.
5. **Where can I access Hallow?** On your mobile phone, computer or tablet. You can log-in on different devices using the e-mail or telephone number you used to subscribe.
6. **When did Hallow launch?** The Hallow app started in 2018.
7. **How many prayers have been prayed using Hallow?** As of June 23, 2025, the Hallow app has been used to pray over 1 Billion prayers in the 7 years the app has existed.
8. **Where did the name "Hallow" come from for the app?** According to one of the founders, Alex Jones, he was praying the Lord's Prayer and focused on the meaning of the word "hallowed" as he was searching to deepen his prayer life. He couldn't find a Catholic prayer app to subscribe to, so he and his close friends created one – Hallow. Click the link to read more about the Hallow story <https://hallow.com/blog/the-hallow-story/>

9. ***Is Hallow available in other languages?*** YES, Hallow is available in English, German, English/Filipino, Spanish, French, Italian, Polish, and Portuguese. The Hallow app is available worldwide.
10. ***Can you communicate with other members through Hallow?*** YES, on the Community page, go to Members, select a person to communicate with, and click “Chat” to send them a private message. For safety reasons, minors are generally not permitted to join the Community page to protect them from private messages. Hallow is working on developing a public communication ability to use for Youth Groups, etc. that will comply with requirements when communicating with minors.
11. ***Can I set up a small group in Hallow on our Community page?*** YES, Hallow allows members to create small groups. The group creator becomes the administrator for the group, can invite others to join, and can assign others as additional administrators for the group. Most small groups are public and can be joined by anyone. If there is a problem with a group member, a group administrator can remove a member by clicking on the 3 dots to the right of that person’s name and selecting “remove member”.
12. ***Can I contribute financially to help St. Catharine’s keep Hallow?*** YES, there is a “Giving Campaign” set to start in Hallow on our Community page in December 2025. It will be a Novena selected by Father Miller for us to pray together plus a link to donate which will be open for several days. 100% of the proceeds collected will go to St. Catharine’s – no money is kept by Hallow. In addition, Hallow will MATCH up to the first \$5,000 in donations increasing the amount St. Catharine’s receives. Father Miller hopes to get at least \$5,000 in donations to take full advantage of the match by Hallow.
13. ***How can I set up a personal routine in Hallow?*** From the Home page, scroll down to “Routine” and click on it, select “Edit” at the top right, from here you can add one or more than one time sessions at any time you select and you can add one or more sessions to each time block, click “Done” at the top right when you are finished editing. Hallow will then send you reminders that it is time to pray. When you add multiple sessions in a time block the second session will automatically play when the first one finishes. You can edit your routine any time.
14. ***How can I post a prayer intention?*** Go to the Community page and scroll down to “Prayer Requests”, select “Add Request”, select the groups or groups you’d like your request visible to at the bottom left, type in what you’d like others to see, click “Done” at the top right to preview your prayer request, you can “customize” your request at the top by picking a background color – not required, when finished, click “Post” at the top right to post your prayer request so others can pray with you for your intention.
15. ***How can I pray for prayer intentions posted by Father Miller or others?*** On the Community page, scroll down to Prayer Requests, either click on a particular intention you see when you swipe left or click the “Pray for All” button to pray for everyone’s intentions altogether, select a prayer from the lists that comes up or search for a particular prayer you’d like to pray, at the end of your prayer click the “Done” button at the top right or the white “Share” button in the bottom middle if you’d like to send a

personal comment in Hallow (select Hallow, then the person's name as you scroll down) or by text message (to a family member or other person in your contacts) to let them know you prayed for them and possibly offer words of support. Even when you only click "Done", the person you prayed for will be sent a notification that you prayed a particular prayer for their intention, there is no need to "Share" unless you choose to. If you select "Share" and pick "Hallow" and "St. Catharine's" it will notify every member, so please do not share to everyone.

16. **Do my prayer intentions automatically end?** NO, prayer intentions remain active until you remove them. If you no longer want a prayer intention to be active, from the Home page, click on "Me" at the bottom right, scroll down to "Intentions", select which intention you'd like to edit, click on the 3 dots at the top right, and select "delete intention" that comes up in red.
17. **How does Hallow Trivia work?** Each day the Hallow content team posts 5 trivia questions that each have 4 possible answers to select from. You have 60 seconds per question to answer. The Community page shows a Leaderboard for each week – Monday through Sunday, so the maximum right answers for the week is 35. HINT: The trivia questions often have to do with the Saint of the Day, the daily Gospel, or content from "Hallowed Be Thy Day" on weekdays, so listen to those sessions before doing trivia. Even when you get questions wrong, you are learning about your Catholic faith, so play daily trivia, have fun learning, and try to beat Father Miller! Feel free to "share" with friends to remind and encourage them to play along each day.
18. **How does The Word work?** The Word is similar to Wordle, but it's a 5 letter word each day that is associated with our Catholic faith. It could be a place like mount "Tabor", a name such as "David" or "James", or another word like "wings" for the angels "lauds" for morning prayer, etc. You get 6 guesses, and with each guess, the letters stay gray if the letter is not in the word, turn yellow if that letter is in the word but in a different place, or turns green if the letter is in the word and you have the right space. Remember, letters can be used more than once in a word such as "greed" or "manna". At the end, you'll see your streak and statistics and a brief comment about the Catholic meaning of the Word. You can have friendly contests with friends and family by "share"ing your success each day – the person you share with doesn't see the actual Word when you share, just gray, yellow and green spaces and how many tries it took you to get the Word. Sharing can remind and encourage the other person(s) to play along and share back to you.
19. **Can you read along with the prayers?** YES, many of the prayers have the text you can follow along with. When you start a prayer, click on the book icon at the bottom second in from the right. If text is available, it will pop up for you to follow along. This is good if you are praying somewhere where you want your phone silenced and want to read along quietly.
20. **Can you download prayers so you don't use data when you are not on wifi?** YES, click on a prayer, select the 3 dots at the top right corner and select "download" while you

are on wi-fi and won't be charged for using data. You can download multiple prayers or series to listen to later.

21. **How can you use the prayers you downloaded?** From the Home page, click the "Me" tab on the bottom right and scroll to "Downloads". Select the one you want to listen to. When done, you can remove prayers from your downloads by clicking on the 3 dots and selecting "remove from downloads".
22. **Can I change which narrator I listen to?** SOMETIMES. When you click on some prayers like the Rosary, you'll see a spot under the name of the prayer that says "Guide" and a person's name. Click on the down arrow and you'll see several different names for guide voices to choose from. Test them out and select the one you prefer listening to.
23. **What can I do if the prayer is too slow or too fast?** After you begin a prayer, click on the settings button second from the left at the bottom, select "Playback Speed" and choose .5x, .75x, or .9x, to slow it down, normal for normal speed, or 1.1x, 1.25x, 1.5x, or 2.0x to speed it up. If you are listening to Father Mike Schmitz, you probably won't need to speed it up!
24. **Can I listen to Hallow to help me sleep?** YES. You can set a "sleep timer" if you'd like to listen to Hallow to help you get to sleep. After you begin a prayer, click on the settings button second from the left at the bottom, select "Sleep Timer" and choose 15 minutes, 30 minutes, 60 minutes or 90 minutes. This works especially well for longer prayers like the Rosary or Music selections. It's said that if you fall asleep while praying the Rosary, that your Guardian Angel completes it for you!
25. **Where do I start if I'm not sure what to pray?** Scroll to the bottom on the Home page and go to the section titled "Not Sure Where to Start". You'll find 14 days on the power of prayer in "How to Pray" and 9 sessions on the basics in "Intro". The basics will guide you through Christian Meditation, the Examen and Lectio Divina.
26. **What can I do if I can't find a prayer or guide I'm looking for?** Click "Discover" at the bottom of the Home page or the Community page, select from the categories list that comes up or type in what you are looking for to see what is available. As an example, if you type in "Advent" a series of sessions, albums or other content related to Advent comes up to pick from. If you search for a person like Dr. Scott Hahn, the sessions he is associated with will pop up in the results.