Internet Safety Resources for Parents

Articles:
Vigilance by parents and their children called key to safe internet use

How to keep kids safe online? What the security experts tell their kids

Websites:
Common Sense - Education – Internet Safety:
• Free research-backed lesson plans for educators. Common Sense Education will send out weekly tips and tools to prepare your students for the digital world.

Common Sense - Media – Digital Well-Being
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/digital-well-being
• A guide for parents to support your kids in a tech-driven, hyperconnected world.

Faith and Safety: https://www.faithandsafety.org/
• A simple and practical website intended to be a starting point for parents of faith to talk about the online presence with their children.

NetSmartz for Parents: http://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home
• an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on and offline. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. With resources such as videos, games, activity cards, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates.
Internet Matters: [https://www.internetmatters.org/](https://www.internetmatters.org/)

- A multi-media Internet safety resource designed to educate, equip and empower parents, educators and other adults with the knowledge and resources needed to protect children from Internet dangers including pornography, predators, cyberbullies and threats related to online gaming, social networking and mobile devices.

**Prayers:**

The Patron Saint of the Internet is St. Isidore of Seville.

**Prayer from Catholic Online:**

Almighty and eternal God, who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

Grant we beseech Thee that through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee, and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

**Prayer from The Roman Missal:**

Graciously hear the prayers, O Lord,
which we make in commemoration of Saint Isidore,
that your Church may be aided by his intercession,
just as she has been instructed by his heavenly teaching.
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.