



St. Aloysius Religious Education 4th grade “SAINT WITNESS” project

The **Feast of All Saints** is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. The word "saint" literally means "holy". Saints are those who closely followed Jesus Christ during their lives on earth and lived their lives according to his teaching. While other Christians struggled to live out the Gospel of Christ, these people were eminent examples of the moral virtues, and they easily practiced the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. *We invite the entire 4th grade and their families to the All Saints Liturgy on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the 5:30pm daily Mass*, where we celebrate the saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

The Communion of Saints is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (called *Purgatory*), are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholics believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are constantly interceding on our behalf. The Catholic Church created a process, called "canonization," through which venerable people could be recognized as saints by all Christians everywhere. Most of the saints whom we refer to by that title have gone through this process of canonization, others, received the title through acclamation, or the universal recognition of their holiness and good deeds. Catholics believe that both types of saints (canonized and acclaimed) are already in Heaven, which is why one of the requirements for the canonization process is proof of miracles performed by the possible saint *after* his/her death. Canonized saints can be venerated and prayed to, and their lives are held up to Christians still struggling here on earth as examples to be imitated.

The 4th grade Religious Education curriculum focuses on our call to live as disciples of Jesus; by our witness to speak and act upon what we know and believe about Jesus ... just like the Saints! All the 4th grade Religious Education students will be doing a home project on the life of a Saint. This endeavor should be *fun and faith filled* and will incorporate the whole class! Each student should choose and research one Saint and then “present” what they know about that Saint to the class.

The “project presentation” should be **ONE** of the following:

1. ***Dress-up –as their Saint*** and attend the All Saints Liturgy on ***Thursday, November 1, 2018 @ the 5:30pm daily Mass:***

Each student should write the following information about their saint on an index card that they can refer to if one of the clergy should ask them

- Saint Feast Day
- Patron Saint of
- Impressive thing about this Saint or Life Lesson that I learned from the Saint or Quotable Quote that the Saint said
- Final Fact that I would like to say about the Saint **or,**

2. ***Poster shield presentation*** to their class on a day selected with catechist. ***(If you select this option please let your catechist know at your next class. The Religious Education office will provide blank poster shield)*** – shield should include all the information below:

- Picture of Saint
- Saint Feast Day
- Patron Saint of
- Impressive thing about this Saint or Life Lesson that I learned from the Saint or Quotable Quote that the Saint said
- Final Fact that I would like to say about the Saint
- Prayer to the Saint

Your child will also be coming home with a Saints sticker book. This book will help them learn more about the saints. They are free to choose a saint from the book or by looking online as many of the great sources on various Saints below:

<http://www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve/saints.cfm?sp=teacher§ion=activity&grade=4>
www.americancatholic.org
www.catholic.org
<http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp>
<http://catholic-saints.info/>
<http://www.catholicchurchsaints.com/>

Please contact your catechist or Danielle Sibia at the Religious Education Office at cre@starcc.com or 203-652-1171 if you have any questions.