

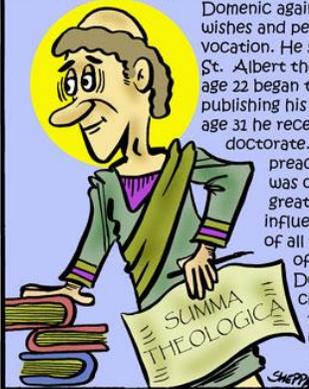
Saint of the Week: St. Thomas of Aquinas



October Virtue **STUDIOUSNESS:**

Seeking Knowledge to grow closer to Truth

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard



St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St. Dominic against his parents wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the church. He is the patron of universities and students.

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**Patron Saint of the Week:** St. Thomas Aquinas Class 4A

Prayer,

*Saint Thomas, patron of students, you overcame many personal obstacles so that you could grow closer to God through seeking the truth in study and in every area of your life. Help me to persevere in my study of truth so that I will grow closer to God and one day meet you in heaven where we will praise God together forever. Amen. Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.*

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

Next week's Saint: St Edith Stein, Class 7A

Newsletters sent to everyone and Dinner Auction info to be sent home to oldest & only.

During October, we will be conducting "Safe Touch" classes during regular class. This program will consist of about 10-20 minutes out of one class period. Some classes will be combined for the presentation. We will begin with 1st and 2nd grades on October 3. And then follow with a couple of grades each week through October.

As a caring Catholic community and as part of our on-going commitment to provide a safe and healthy environment for our children, the Archdiocesan Child Safety Committee has developed a school-based curriculum for grades K-8 that contains practical, helpful information to help children protect themselves from many of the dangers that exist today. The objective of this curriculum, entitled, "Safe Touch" is to teach our children self-protection skills. Children will learn body safety rules in an age-appropriate and non-threatening manner. This curriculum will be presented by a trained lead teacher to all PSR classes during the months of October and November.

We will celebrate a Sacramental Preparation Enrollment Ceremony for all children preparing to receive a sacrament (2nd and 8th graders) at all the Masses the weekend of October 13-14. The children will be asked to stand in their place and respond "We do" to the questions asked by the priest.

**All PSR classes 3-8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week, October 17, during regular class times. In preparation for this, please go over**

1. examen of conscience,
2. how to go to confession,
3. Act of Contrition,

Each class will do examination and have children write on paper their sins. This will be folded and stapled (or placed in envelope) with name on the front and then collected to be handed out again on the 17<sup>th</sup> to bring up to church. There will be no service in Church, but group recitation of the Act of Contrition.

**NO Class October 24: Fall Break      No Class October 31-Halloween**

November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and a holy day of obligation. Catholics are **OBLIGATED** to celebrate at Mass. Students are expected to attend Mass with their families at one of the regular Mass times of 7am, 8am or 7pm as their PSR assignment for the week. There will be no reserved seats and the school building will be closed.

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Please start sending requests for copies to Margo at [psroffice@stpatsch.org](mailto:psroffice@stpatsch.org) . Remember, I will be out of the country and unavailable November 5-16. Since we are off for the two weeks before I leave and Thanksgiving is the week after I return(no class) I will not be able to help you with much of anything...or see you for a long, long time!!! (I will be here next week!)

CYC Basketball registration is NOW OPEN through October 31. Visit [spaa63385004.siplay.com](http://spaa63385004.siplay.com) to register. Cost is \$65/player for St. Patrick School/PSR students and registered parish families. All other players pay an additional fee. 4th-8th graders will play in the CYC league. 2nd & 3rd graders will play in the St. Paul (girls) and St. Theodore (boys) leagues this year. Space is limited in the lower grades. Beginning this season, families will purchase jerseys for their child(ren) and the expected cost is \$30. Contact Ken Treadway at [kentreadway@gmail.com](mailto:kentreadway@gmail.com) or Joan Hayes at [joanhayes2010@gmail.com](mailto:joanhayes2010@gmail.com) for more information

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP Safe Environment Program St. Patrick Social Hall • Mon, October 22 • 7:00 PM  
This workshop is for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults. This includes school and PSR parents who volunteer in the classroom, lunchroom, library, on field trips, etc. It also includes employees, coaches, and scout leaders, as well as anyone working at St. Vincent de Paul, administering Communion, and/or making home visits. Instructions on how to sign up for our workshop are at [stpatrikwentzville.org/sep](http://stpatrikwentzville.org/sep). Please arrive 15 minutes early to complete paperwork. No children are allowed. For questions, contact Dawn at 636-332-9225 x221 or [Dawn@stpatsch.org](mailto:Dawn@stpatsch.org)

During this month of October, the Holy Father asks us and all the faithful for a greater effort in our personal and community prayer. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis, and to pray each day to St. Michael the Archangel that he defend us against the attacks of the Devil. According to spiritual tradition, Michael is the chief of the celestial armies and the protector of the Church (Revelation 12:7-9).

Pope Francis invites us at the conclusion of the Rosary with that most ancient invocation to the Holy Mother of God, "Sub Tuum Praesidium" as well as the traditional prayer to St. Michael ascribed to Pope Leo the XIII.

### **Under your protection**

We fly to Thy protection,  
O holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,

but deliver us always  
from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

### **St. Michael prayer**

# Catechist Notes

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“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”