



# PSR



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## Welcome to another year of PSR Notes.

The Sacraments Classes and the Second and Eighth Grade Classes are learning about our church community as they begin their preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Please keep all of these children who are preparing for the reception of sacraments in your prayers.

**Class 1B** has been very busy learning many different concepts and prayers. We recently took a quiz on The Sign of the Cross and are now learning The Lords Prayer. These past few weeks we learned about how God is our Creator, how the Holy Spirit is our helper, the Trinity and the bible. We also brought in family pictures to show the class when we were learning about The Holy Family. The class also participated in a skit about St Francis of Assisi. That was fun! Currently, the students are working on saint reports just in time for All Saints Day. Good job Class 1B!

**The Second Grade Classes of 2C and 2D** are learning about the Sacraments. To remember the Sacraments of Initiation, the classes made a colorful standup illustration to take home. The children are using their fingers to remember the steps for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The girls and boys cut and decorated pumpkin cards containing an inspiring message. They will be sent home with our Neighbors In Need who visit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. We hope to send cards for each holiday season and Prayers for our Neighbors In Need are said during our class prayers each week.

THANK YOU for your patience in sorting out the Dismissal Procedures. Please remember that the safety of our children is at stake!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

**16** Reg Class

**23** NO CLASS Fall Break

**30** Reg Class

### November

**2** Saturday Parish Dinner Auction

**6** Reg Class

**13** Reg Class

**20** Reg Class

Confirmation Student/ 7:00 pm

**21** Thursday Sponsor Meeting SH

**27** NO CLASS Thanksgiving Break

### December

**4** Reg Class Practice for 1st Reconciliation

**5** Thursday First Reconciliation 7:00 pm

Church

**11** Reg Class

**18** Reg Class Bless Baby Jesus

**25** NO CLASS Merry Christmas

### January

**1** NO CLASS Happy New Year

**8** Reg Class

**15** Reg Class

Confirmation Cathedral  
**17** Friday Tour 8:30 am

**22** Reg Class

**29** Reg Class

### February

**5** CLASS Parish Mission 7:00 pm  
Church

**12** Reg Class

**15-16** Sat-Sun Confirmation Retreat

**19** Reg Class

Parent First Communion 7:00 pm  
**20** Thursday Meeting Church

**26** Mass Ash Wednesday



**VIRTUE OF THE YEAR: *CHARITY***—Charity is Loving God with all your heart, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself

**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH** for October

**FREINDSHIP:** Sharing a mutual love that seeks the good of the other

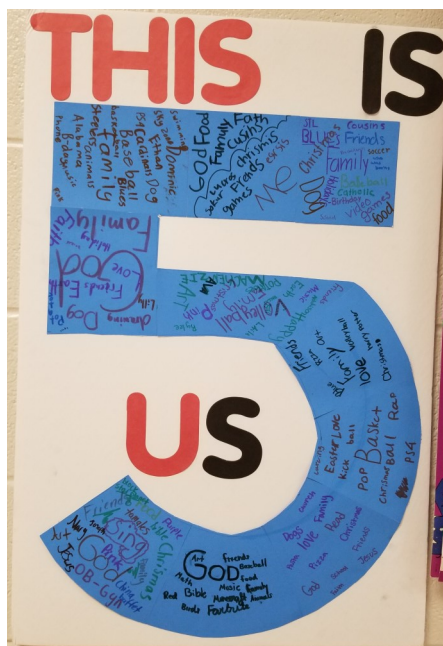
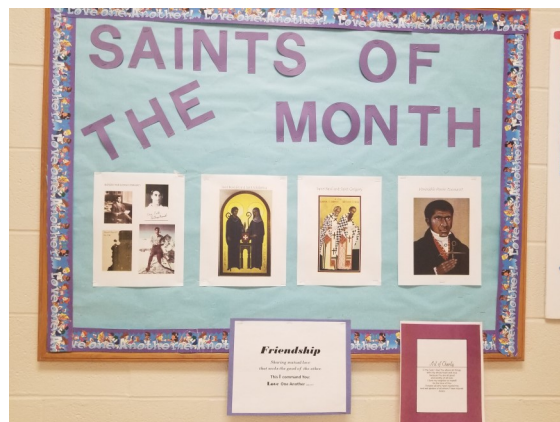
Saints of the Week:

10-9	Sts. Benedict & Scholastica	Class 2C
10-16	Sts. Basil & Gregory	Class 3A

**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH** for November

**COURTESY:** Being thoughtful of others

10-30	Ven. Pierre Toussanit	Class 8C
11-6	St. Martin de Porres	Class 1C
11-13	Bl. Solanus Casey	Class 5A
11-20	St. Maria Goretti	Class 6A



CLASS 5A

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 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS ST. PATRICK PARISH

Dinner Auction	November 2
Make Your Own Advent Wreath	November 30
Advent by Tailgate	December 1
Advent by Candlelight	December 8



Have you purchased your tickets yet? It is going to be a fun time! The annual St. Patrick Dinner Auction this year is Saturday, November 2nd! The theme this year is “That’s a Winner!”, celebrating St. Louis sports. Visit our Auction Website!

<https://one.bidpal.net/stpat19/welcome>





## CYC Basketball registration is OPEN until **OCTOBER 20.**

**4th - 8th Grade Teams** Fees are \$65 per player with a \$35 non-parishioner fee for anyone not enrolled in the full-time school or in PSR. Families who do not already have a uniform from last year will be sent information on how to order jerseys after registration is complete, which are not included in the registration fee. Practice begins in December, with games beginning in January.

**2nd - 3rd Grade Teams** Fees are \$50 per player with a \$35 non-parishioner fee for anyone not enrolled in the full time school or in PSR. These grades will play as teams in the instructional leagues held at St. Theodore (boys) and St. Paul (girls). Practice begins in December, with games beginning in January.

**Coaches and Volunteers Needed** Coaches are required to take a Coaching to Make a Positive Difference and the Protecting God's Children Course prior to the start of practices in order to be listed as a coach or assistant coach. Contact Joan Hayes ([joanhayes2010@gmail.com](mailto:joanhayes2010@gmail.com)) for more information regarding player or coach signups.

**Registration site for players and coaches is:** <http://spac63385004.splay.com>.

NO Class October 23: Fall Break

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 either on October 31 at 5PM or one of the regular Mass times of 6:30 or 8:30 am as their PSR assignment for the week.



Blessing for Trick-or-Treaters:

Compassionate God, Your Son, Jesus, showed his love for little children by taking them into his arms and blessing them. Look with kindness upon these children. Send your blessing upon them, and with your unfailing power keep them safe from harm on Halloween. Grant that all children who suffer from abuse and violence may find help and protection in their need. For them and for these children here, let your love be sweeter to their taste than Halloween candy in the mouth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. —Fr. Michael Kwatera .



**Class 2E made some beautiful Fall Pictures.**

**They also acted out the story of Matthew's 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance!**

**Jesus saw the good in Matthew's heart so Matthew left his job as a tax collector and became a follower of Jesus!**



## HAPPY ALL-HALLOW'S EVE, ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS



"Trick or Treat" Halloween, October 31, the day children dress like ghosts, goblins, or the latest rock star, has early Christian roots. In the past, great feast days were all preceded by vigil celebrations of the Holy Days. The most popular of these vigils remaining today are Christmas Eve, the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), and Halloween. Halloween is the vigil of the feast of All Saints, or All Hallows Eve.

The religious observance of the vigil of All Saints has diminished and Halloween has evolved into a secular autumn holiday. But some of the symbols of these holidays can still be meaningful for us today. "Trick or treat" is based on a medieval superstition that those who had died the previous year without being reconciled to you might rise to haunt you, appearing as will-o-wisps or ghosts. The apparition jarred you so you would release them by prayer and forgiveness. You might also appease them with "soul cakes" — cookies, fried cakes, "treats" — so they wouldn't do any mischief with their "tricks." Soon those who were living began to use the occasion for reconciliation. To wipe the slate clean for the coming year, they came, masked and unrecognizable, and boldly bargained for treats.

On the Feast of All Saints, November 1, (also called All Hallows), we honor those men and women who—whether they've been canonized or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. They have truly witnessed to their faith. Although no two saints are alike (in fact, no two people are alike), there are certain qualities that they all share.

Saints are big dreamers. They make the impossible seem possible. They do not let their weaknesses or those of others hold them back from doing good. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them.

Saints are go-getters. They believe what is written in the Gospel: give all, turn the other cheek, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, sin no more, follow Jesus. They don't wait for someone else to do good first. They jump right in.

Saints are love-bringers, in big and little ways. They try to see Christ in every person and in every situation.

The big dreamers, the go-getters, the love-bringers — we've read about them, we've heard about them, we've celebrated their feasts. But on All Saints Day we celebrate all the saints together — the ones we know and the ones we don't. These are the people who help us believe that love is the most important thing in the world. Their lives tell us what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.

Perhaps there are big dreamers, go-getters and love bringers among your friends. Perhaps you are one of those special people who want to make this world a better place. Perhaps you are someone racing toward heaven with joy. Know that it begins with little things: a smile, a helping hand, a prayer. This is the road to sainthood.

We celebrate All Souls Day on November 2. We believe that death can separate us from the people we love for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. We remember the people we knew and loved who have died. We save pictures and mementos of the loved ones. On the anniversaries of their deaths we might bring flowers or plants to their graves as signs of their continuing love and prayers.

On this feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that likewise these people being purified have the power to intercede for us too.