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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Solemnity of All Saints

This is a day to remember the souls who have died and have reached an eternal home in heaven. The Church Year includes many days when we recall the life of a particular person recognized for holiness. These are saints whose lives have been scrutinized through the process of canonization. But, of course, many more souls are in heaven! So this day is our chance to remember them all.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Heaven is a place of perfection. As earthly creatures, we are not perfect. So the Church teaches us that there is a time between the moment of death and reaching heaven wherein we are purged of our imperfection, i.e., purgatory.

This day is a reminder to pray for those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Check this link for two short videos from jesuitresource.org at Xavier University that expand on these explanations and different cultural celebrations of these days.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
salm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101826.cfm

This Week in Reflection Joe Milner

"...The Gospel passage is from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The first four describe our approach to God. To approach God, one needs to recognize their own poverty and incompletion; to recognize their weakness and that they cannot do it on their own; to recognize their strengths and weakness; and to yearn for God.

Along with one's relationship with God, our relationship with one another is also important in living in a relationship with God. God has shown us mercy so we should be merciful to others. Clean of heart challenges us to be honest in our dealings so that we may live a life based on truth. Thirdly, rather than taking sides and deepening divisions, children of God are called to be peacemakers, people who stand in the midst of conflicts to speak the truth and call others to listen more carefully to others. Living in a broken world, all will experience suffering and pain. As Children of God, we too will encounter conflict and pain. We show ourselves to be Children of God by enduring it and living the truth even in the face of suffering..."

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Question of the Week

How do you recognize the saints in your life?
Can you follow their examples?

The beatitudes text is so familiar that it is easy to just skim over it as a message already heard and with nothing else to teach. But each day offers us insight into these BE ATTITUDES - today, how am I living in relationship to God and to my neighbor?

It is easy to focus on the reward part of living with the noted attitude. That is valid motivation for a holier life. But the text calls us to a deeper appreciation of selfless living.

This is not just theoretical mumbo jumbo. The week's question challenges us to learn from the people we encounter every day. Who inspires you? Is what you admire a self-fulfilling trait, or does it call you to expand your selfless activities?

Who is patient? Who is generous? Who is prayerful? What characteristic in my own life do I want to improve? Who lives it better than I do, and what might I learn from them?

It is okay to ask for help on this life journey. If you want to grow...talk to a living saint.

ACTION IDEAS

For individuals:
Thirst for righteousness - take action to correct an injustice that you see.

For Couples
Are you growing in being poor in spirit, i.e., recognizing your spiritual dependence on God, not just expanding your material well-being?

Family Focus
The holiday season often draws us into encounters with extended family members who have different perspectives than our own. Can you be a peacemaker in your family?

Evangelizing
Be public in your witness as a Christian, even if there are repercussions. The road of discipleship is not always smooth, but it is worth traveling.

Make a Change
Alter a life practice so that you grow in meekness and acknowledge your dependence on God.

Crossing Generations
Reach out to someone who is mourning a loss - maybe of a loved one through death, but also consider those who have lost jobs, experienced broken relationships, or live with addictions because they cannot cope.

Do It!
Tomorrow I am going to....DO IT TODAY!



CONNECT TO PFLAUM GOSPEL WEEKLIES

It is easy to think of saints as holy people from long ago. This week provides an opportunity to look at recognized saints from our lifetime.

With the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on September 26, the media has been filled with his story. It is a powerful one!

Probably of more interest to our students, however, is the life of Carlo Acutis. Carlo died from leukemia at the age of 15 on October 12, 2006. He grew up in a home that was not particularly strong in the practice of the Catholic faith, yet he developed a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament. He used the internet to document Eucharistic miracles and share their message with the world.

The following videos are an easy way to learn about his life and message and introduce him to your student(s).

For Younger Students:
The INCREDIBLE Life of Carlo Acutis

For Older Students
Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint on the Path to Sainthood | Canonized September 7, 2025



"This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12a
This Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints. The Gospel reading from Matthew is the famous teaching of the Beatitudes by Jesus. Called the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells everyone who would listen that the way to eternal happiness is not riches and fame, instead the Kingdom of God is for those the world often rejects. Blessed are the poor, the meek, the sorrowful, those who hunger for justice, the merciful, those with pure hearts, the peacemakers, and the persecuted."

SEEDS (Pre-school): Talk about what it means to be a friend. Help the student relate that to being God's friend. Connect to them personally.

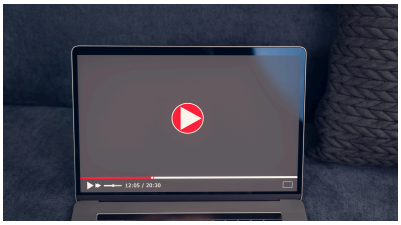
PROMISE (K-grade 1): Point out the saintly characteristics in your child. How do they reflect God in your world?

GOOD NEWS (Grades 2 and 3): What kind of service activity does the student engage in? Help the student to understand that this is saintly living and deepens their relationship with God.

VENTURE (Grades 4 through 6): Help the student discern one way he/she could become more selfless. How would that bring him/her closer to God?

VISIONS (Grades 7 through 9): Discuss why the student is important to you/the family/friends and God. What can be done to help them feel their worth? Learn a lesson from Carlo Acutis.

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KIDS VIDEO LINKS

The Bible Bag (Gospel lesson for young children)
Lesson and Saint of the Week
Holy Heroes Gospel Video

Bishop Frank Teaches about the Saints
Mother Teresa Biography for Children

Solemnity of All Saints All readings - Diocese of Bridgeport

Lesson and Activities Diocese of Bridgeport
Gospel Weekly Coloring Page
Songs and Fingerplays for Young Children Pflaum Publications
Sunday Connection Loyola Press (Age Groups and Family Activities)
The Kids Bulletin

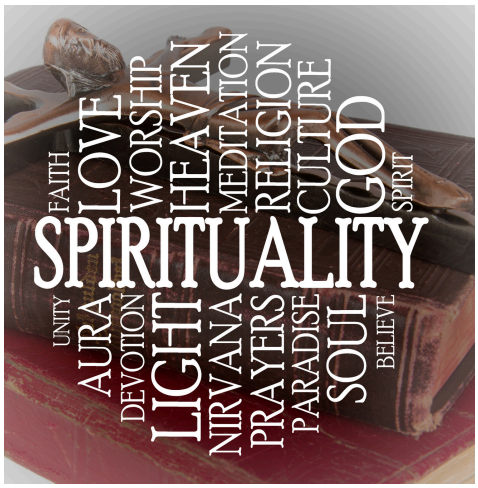
Sunday Reflections St. Louis University Initiatives: Reflections, Challenges, Social Justice from these contributors and more John Foley, S.J., Larry Gillick, S.J., Anne Osdieck, Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, John Pilch, John Kavanaugh, S.J

Saints and All Hallow's Eve Busted Halo
The Beatitudes Podcast Busted Halo
You Can be a Saint Fr. Mike Schmitz/Ascension Press

Catholic Women Preach Sarah Riggio - All Saints
Center for Action and Contemplation Daily Meditations

Vatican Website
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

QR CODE TO CATHOLIC MOM MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITY AND SPIRITUALITY LINKS



MUSIC AND VIDEO LINKS

Song of the Saints Phil Wickham (5:50)
Road Less Traveled Joe L Barnes, Seph Schlueter (3:10)

Litany of Saints (7:54)
Hymn of All Saints Voice of Grace (3:59)