

# FAITH FORMATION

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ST. PATRICK, ST. ANTHONY (WITH LOST THINGS ATTACHED TO HIM!), ST. DOMINIC (OR OTHER DOMINICAN PRIEST)

JUST SOME EXAMPLES OF SAINT COSTUMES TO HELP YOU!

## Holy Days of Obligation: What are they?

Holy Days of Obligation refer to any day that the Catholic Church determines to be important to attend Mass to celebrate. All days of obligation are feasts and should be observed as such.

The Days of Obligation in the United States are:

Every Sunday AND

Jan. 1—Mary, Mother of God

Aug. 15—The Assumption of Mary

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day

Dec. 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 25—Christmas (The Nativity of our Lord)

First of all every Sunday is a holy day of obligation. This is because every Sunday is like a “little Easter”. We celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation.” (2181)

If we put it in other terms, as the YouCat does when speaking of the “Sunday duty,” it’s like someone in love that has the “kissing duty”. It just doesn’t make sense. If you love someone, you want to kiss them and spend time with them. It follows then, if you love God, you want to spend time with Him, getting to know

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## All Saints' Day

This year All Saints' Day falls on Wednesday, so we'll be attending Mass together. **Father Joseph and I are inviting the children to dress up as saints and come to Mass in costume.** We will hold a small “Saint Procession” prior to Mass in the Church. If your

child desires to dress as a saint, just come a little early to line up on the right side of the Altar in front of the pews. I will make a list of which saints we have and when they walk to the altar steps, I will call out their saint name. The children will be sitting

with their classes, so make sure to sign them in with their catechists prior to Mass and sign them out after Mass is over. You can video and/or take pictures during the Saint Procession just no flash, please.

## Holy Days continued



JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST INVITES US TO JOIN HIM AT MASS.

Him and having a meal with Him. This is the Holy Mass! He comes to us physically in the Eucharist and gives us His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity at every Mass! Christ is present, He's waiting for us to come spend time with Him and tell Him how our week has gone, the joys, the struggles, the highs, the lows.

(Some of you may be wondering where the Ascension is on this list. The Bishops in the US have transferred that feast to the nearest Sunday, so since it falls on a Sunday now, it's not listed, like Easter, which is always on a Sunday.)

There are MANY other feast days on our calendar and by all means celebrate those by attending Mass if you can. But these are the ones we are obliged to attend Mass. At St. Anthony's we have a set schedule of 6:00PM (vigil), 7:15AM and 12:15PM for the Masses for Holy Days of Obligation. If you can't come here, then you can certainly find a Mass time in town that will work with your schedule!

(A vigil Mass is the night before, that's why Saturday evening counts for Sundays!)

**"IF ANGELS COULD  
BE JEALOUS OF  
HUMANS, THEY  
WOULD BE SO FOR  
ONE REASON:**

**HOLY COMMUNION."**

**-ST. MAXIMILLIAN  
KOLBE**



THE PRIEST, IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST, HEARS YOUR CONFESSION.

Father Joseph will be hearing the children's confessions beginning on Nov. 15. We will begin with the 3rd graders and work our way up through 6th graders.

We will hand out Examinations of Conscience for your child to use. It would be very helpful for you to go over Confession with your child at home, so they remember how to

go, what to say, what to expect, especially if it has been a while. Also, help them remember the last time they went to Confession, they will need to tell Father Joseph how long it's been.

There are Confessions in the Church every Tuesday 4:45-5:15, Thursday 4:30-5:30, and Saturday 3:45-

4:45.

You and your children are always welcome to go to any of these times. During Advent there will be several Penance Services around town, so keep an eye out for those as well!

# NOVEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 6PM in the Church—Children may dress up as a saint for Mass.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Regular classes	9	10	11
12 Sacramental Prep class 9AM—Malinowski Center	13	14	15 Regular classes w/ Confessions Adult Faith Formation class—The Bible	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 No classes	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Regular classes w/ Confessions	30		

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



# DECEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 1st Sunday Advent	4	5	6 Regular Classes	7	8	9
10 Sacramental Prep class 9AM—Malinowski Center	11	12	13 Regular Classes w/ Confessions	14	15	16 Reconciliation Retreat 9AM-noon Mal. Center
17 3rd Sunday Advent	18	19	20 No Classes—Have a wonderful Holiday!	21	22	23
24 4th Sunday Advent Christmas Eve!	25	26	27 No Classes!	28	29	30
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November is the month we dedicate to prayers for those who have died and gone before us to eternal life. We pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in particular.

### Some November Saints and Feast Days

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day—Holy Day of Obligation (Mass at 6:00PM in church)

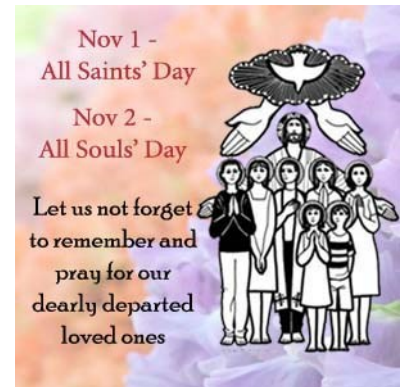
Nov. 2—All Souls' Day

Nov. 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Nov. 22—St. Cecilia

Nov. 26—Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov. 30—St. Andrew, Apostle



## Sacramental Preparation Information

9:00AM in the Malinowski Center

- November 12—Class
- December 10—Class
- December 16—Retreat and 1st Confessions 9:00AM—noon

Children and parents come for the lessons on Reconciliation. Please bring the children's book with you.

If you missed the first classes, it's not too late.

Please come on Sunday, November 12th to get started. Contact Mrs. Beth for details or questions.



### Items of Interest in our Gift Shop:

- ◆ Children Bibles
- ◆ Adult Bibles
- ◆ First Communion Bibles
- ◆ First Communion Gift sets
- ◆ Confirmation Gifts
- ◆ Religious Art
- ◆ Religious Jewelry
- ◆ Rosaries
- ◆ Prayer Books
- ◆ The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Crosses and Crucifixes

We can only accept cash in exact change or checks during RE evenings. During office hours, there is change available.