St. Gall Faith Formation

ST. GALL YOUTH AND FAMILY—OCTOBER 29



CATECHETICAL THEME:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened.

Matthew 11:28

NEXT CLASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
CLASS AND MASS
– ALL SAINTS DAY



Who is your favorite Saint? Grade 1-4 students will dress like their favorite Saint for the November 1 class and attend the All Saints Day 5pm Mass. They need to know 3 things about their Saint. Grade 5-6 students are asked to create a poster about a Saint and attend the 7pm Mass. See your email for costume ideas and assignments!

SAINTS ARE HEROES! FIND OUT WHY!



NOVEMBER SAINTS St. Martin de Porres—NOVEMBER 3

Martin de Porres was born in Lima,
Peru. Raised primarily by his
mother, a freed slave, Martin
experienced the effects of racism
and poverty early in his life. He
became the apprentice of a barber,
learning not only how to cut hair,

but to perform basic medical treatments. Feeling called to give his life to God in service of the lowly, Martin entered the Dominicans, who accepted him as a lay helper and later as a brother. He spent his days caring for the those who were sick and poor, as well as performing menial tasks within the monastery. His nights were spent in prayer, penance, and adoration. Martin treated everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their race or social status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage to care for Lima's many street children. People called him, 'Martin of Charity.' What can you do to help the poor? Do you treat everyone with respect and dignity? Try to keep it in mind this week. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/z823bvbh

Go to Faith Formation Info & Events for links, info about the Eucharist and more!

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Contact Donna Doherty for more information at donna@stgall.com or call 630-365-9166!

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Love God and Love Your Neighbor

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You can get your Children's Bulletins online, too! Complete, add your name and grade or phone number to the front and place in the contest basket on the book cart in the Parish Library!

Check out a book!

HALLOWEEN—ALL HALLOWS EVE 10/31 & ALL SAINTS DAY II/I

In our imitation of Christ, we grow in holiness. We love others and show mercy, just as God loves us and shows us mercy. This requires cooperation. As St. Therese of Lisieux once said, "You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all." If we fail, we get back up, trust in Christ, and keep pushing forward. The struggle helps make us perfect. This perfection that we are called to is so important for us and for our world. One of my favorite quotes is from St. Catherine of Sienna: "If you are who you were meant to be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" Though it seems to be a lofty goal, we are all called to perfect holiness. Of course, what sets us ablaze and what makes holiness possible is God's life in us. Only by His grace can we hope to be truly good and holy. The core of All Saints Day is the resounding response of every saint in heaven: Holiness is possible! It is true! It exists! To believe in Christ is to believe in holiness. To believe in his love is to believe in the capacity to become holy in that love. Why don't you, then, allow this beautiful feast to mark a change in your conception of holiness? Because the

quest for sanctity is the quest of quests. It is the adventure of an eternity. It takes root in the heart and blooms in all that we do, no matter our career, our personality, our background, our talents, our defects, Christ takes it all and makes it new in Him. Excerpts from

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The Pumpkin Prayer

Scripture Focus for OCTOBER 29

R./ I love you, Lord, my strength. Ps 18:2

Teacher, which law is the greatest?

Jesus cuts through all of the devil's lies to give us a simple answer. He summarizes the whole law and the prophets. It's easy! Okay, maybe it's

simple but takes a lot of practice. Put God first. Love with everything you've got. Then, show that love to your neighbor. If you need things like food, clothing, shelter and prayers, wouldn't your neighbor? Who is your neighbor? Everyone around us. Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 to find out how Jesus explains 'neighbor.'



- 1. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your mind."
- 2. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Challenge—follow the daily Mass to hear the whole story with a phone app or get your daily <u>Mass Readings</u> at www.usccb.org!



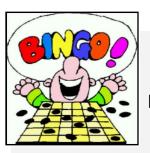
You're invited!
October 31
Group Study
7-8pm
Discussion on ZOOM

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Episode 3—The Lamb of God

At every Mass many of us use the phrase "Lamb of God" without fully understanding what it means. Dr. Pitre examines two key instances of sacrificial lambs in the Old Testament-and why John the Baptist's disciples were quick to leave him to follow the One he proclaimed as "the Lamb of God."

It's not too late to join the discussion and learn more about the Eucharist. Watch the episodes for free on Formed. Get your study guide for \$10. Contact Donna Doherty for your study guide, meeting dates and ZOOM link donna@stgall.com



ST. GALL BINGO and DINNER Friday, November 3 6-9pm

Love

Dinner \$5 per person, Family of 4 or more \$20. Bring a \$5 prize to play bingo! Register so we can anticipate food.

Volunteers needed!



Hosted by Faith Formation families. Contact Donna Doherty at donna@stgall.com to help with setup, cleanup or calling numbers!