

St. Michael Swords Newsletter

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*to be friendly, respectful,
responsible, and Christ-like*

All Saints' Day

Next Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is a day to honor all the saints in heaven. Students will attend mass at 8:00 a.m. Mass uniform is required. Our second graders will dress as saints to help us learn about several saints' lives.

All Souls' Day

Thursday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. On this day, and all through November, the Church prays for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those we have known and loved. Students in grades K-8 will walk to the cemetery to celebrate the 8:00 a.m. mass there.

Students are invited to bring small bouquets of flowers to put on the graves of someone they know or on those who have no one to care for them. Permission slips for this are due October 27th.

***May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

Veterans Day Mass

Veterans Day is November 11th. We will be recognizing all veterans at our mass on November 10th. The Student Council members are busy preparing gift bags to present to them that day. Our 7th and 8th grade band is practicing patriotic songs for the mass. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate our Veterans. A short program and reception will follow for veterans in the Family Center after mass.

***Classes will dismiss at noon next week
Friday, November 3rd, for the
monthly faculty meeting. There will not
be any after-school care that day.***

HSA Corner 10/26

Catholic Life Sweepstakes - Don't forget to take a peek at the sign-up genius sent out last week, and consider signing up to sell tickets after a Mass or two sometime in the next couple of months. Families are also encouraged to contact local businesses like MG or McCoys to sell on Saturday mornings.

Souvenir Cups - HSA is selling two different stainless steel souvenir mugs for our school supporters! These make great stocking stuffers! Please see informational flyer about how to purchase these for \$15 each.

HSA Board Vacancy - HSA has an open position on the Board. If you would be interested in serving on the board to help coordinate fundraising efforts and activities, please contact HSA President Amy Brandt at 979-732-7624.

Catholic Life Sweepstakes Incentives

Those families that sold at least two books of Sweepstakes tickets and earned a free dress day on **November 7th** are: Patrick Baggerly, Kyle Barrow and Collin Brown, Ethan Divin, Kole and Korie Fogleman, Hudson Hillje, Claire Holman, Nolan Holik, Kortlyn and Kendall Jahn, Brandt Kahane and Palmer Janecka, Gage Kainer, Dayson Mace, Isabelle and Cullen Marek, Finley Marshall, Owen Scardino, Layton Schimcek, Matthew Srubar, Casen Strickland, Brooklyn True, Brady, Kennedy, and Avery Vanicek, Charlotte and Hadley Wick, and Emily and Kelsey Wied.

Those families who turn in four sold books of Sweepstakes tickets by **November 6th** will receive a coupon to Dairy Queen.

The Vocations Crosses on Friday will be given to the Layne and Jentry Schimcek family and the Nolan Holik family.

Next week's Vocations Crosses will be given to the Joseph Rowland family and the Owen Scardino family

Be sure to take a picture of your family praying the Vocations Prayer and send it to bherzik@stmichaelswords.org so it can be put on our Facebook page.

Rosary

Thank you to the fourth grade for leading us in the rosary this week. The eighth grade will lead us in the rosary next Friday, November 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

Altar Servers

Altar servers on Friday are Nicholes Williams, Frank Janecka, and Lainey Melnar.

Altar servers on Saturday, October 28th at 5:30 are Wyatt Janecka and CCD students.

Altar servers on Sunday, October 29th at 7:30 are Emily Wied, Kelsey Wied, and a CCD student.

Altar servers on Sunday, October 29th at 10:30 are Brandt Kahanek, Sarah Berger, and Owen Berger.

Remember, if you are unable to serve, you are responsible for finding someone to take your place.

Prayer Before Trick or Treating

God bless all the people whom we will meet.
Let our visit with them be a pleasant treat.
Whatever the costumes we wear tonight, may
all your children be clothed with Christ.
Protect us from danger and evil ways,
that tomorrow with the saints
we may give you praise. Amen.

SMCS Sports

Annual Volleyball Tournament

Thank you to the teachers, parents, and students who helped make our annual volleyball tournament a great success! Thank you especially to Brianna Janecka for running the tournament and Nancy Koehl and the Student Council for sponsoring the concession stand.

Volleyball – From Mrs. Janecka

Our 6 team volleyball tournament ran smoothly this weekend thanks to the parents, volunteers, and faculty who dedicated their time, effort, and donations. St. Rose went undefeated in the tournament taking home the championship.

Thank you to all the parents and families who helped not only with the tournament but those who were involved on a regular basis with game day operations, scheduling, transportation, words of encouragement, and everything in between. A special thank you to Kim Brandt for her bookkeeping, organizational skills, cheerleading, and willingness to help at any given time. Our season was possible because of you all!

Our Lady Swords ended the season with losses to the St. Rose teams. We showed great improvement throughout the season and never gave up. Andie Melnar shined all season with her passing, defense, and communication while our most improved server, Sarah Jane Berger, kept us in many games with her diving saves! Chloe Brandt's aggressive attacks that were assisted by our setters Kendall Jahn and Andie Melnar gave us a boost in times of need along with their dynamite serving streaks! Emily Weid ended the season with confidence in the back row allowing us to rally with her greatly improved passing and float serves. Olivia Elstner's lefty attack will be our secret weapon in the years to come. Mallarie Williams and Macie Davis improved their serves and knowledge of the game and will only get better with time and effort. Keep fighting Mighty Swords!!! The season is over but we are not done!

Football

The final game of the 2023 football season was played last Wednesday in Columbus. Our Swords fought hard but were unable to bring home a victory. Thank you to Jason Klam for volunteering to coach the team this year, especially since his son has graduated. Thanks also to assistant coach Josh Morgan for his help this year. Players: If your football equipment was not already turned in, please do so tomorrow.

Basketball

Basketball practices begin next Monday, October 30th. The girls' team will practice from after school until 5:00 and the boys' team will practice from 6:00 – 7:30.