

St. Michael Swords Newsletter

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

All Saints' Day

This Friday, 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. An offertory collection will be taken. Our second graders will dress as saints to help us learn about several saints' lives. Be sure to stay after mass to hear about each of these saints.

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is November 2nd. It is a day for special prayer to honor all those who have died. Grades K-8 will visit the St. Michael Catholic Cemetery on Monday, November 4th, to pray the rosary, weather permitting. We will all walk together at either 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m., depending on weather conditions. Students may bring flowers to put on the graves of loved ones, or perhaps a grave that has no flowers at all. A permission slip was sent home previously.

Veterans Celebration

All veterans are invited to join us for the mass on Friday, November 8th. Following mass, the students will have a short program for them in the Family Center. The Student Council will present goody bags to them and host a small reception in their honor. We are accepting donations of snack crackers, lip balm, pens or pencils, microwave popcorn, trail mix, hand lotion, playing cards or small games, pocket tissues, or candies. We will be putting together 25 bags for that day. Donations are due Monday, November 4th. Thank you to those who have already donated.

HSA Corner 10/31/2024

Congratulations to those families who turned in two sold books of *Catholic Life Charitable Raffle* tickets by October 21st and have earned a free dress day on November 5th: Patrick Baggerly, Kyle Barrow, Sarah Jane, Owen, and Addy Berger, Kole and Korie Fogleman, Kylen and Kaden Grohmann, Ryder and Roslyn Hatfield, Owen and Lily Hubenak, Wyatt, Grant, Luke, and Kori Janecka, Finley and Joe Marshall, Bryn Pesak, Cora & Finlay Prichard-Jones, Layne & Jentry Schimcek, Matthew Srubar, Casen and Camden Strickland, Aniyah Trejo, Brooklyn True, Avery, Kennedy & Brady Vanicek, and Hadley and Charlotte Wick.

Those families who turn in six sold books by November 11th will earn a movie party. If you need more tickets, contact Kristen Janecka at 561-7104. Remember that you can sell outside local businesses or after the weekend masses.

***We have early dismissal this Friday,
November 1st, for the monthly faculty meeting.
There is no after-school care that day.***

***The All Souls' Day mass on November 2nd at
5:30 p.m. will be celebrated at St. Michael
Catholic Cemetery. Bring a lawn chair as
seating will not be available.***

***The Scholastic Book Fair begins next Monday!
Hours are from 8:00 – 3:30 each day with
extended hours until 6:00 on Thursday.***

Vocations Crosses

The Vocations Crosses on Friday will be given to the Kyle Barrow family, the Ethan and Kade Divin family, and the Kassie Moeller family.

Next week's Vocations Crosses will be given to the Patrick Baggerly family, the Dylan Ambriz family, and the Will and Walker Pihoda family.

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

Altar Servers

Altar servers on Friday are Hannah Conners, Emily Wied, Gage Kainer, and Brandt Kahaneck.

Altar servers on Saturday, November 2nd are Patrick Baggerly, Emily Wied, and Kelsey Wied.

Altar servers on Sunday, November 3rd at 7:30 are Grant Janecka, Frank Janecka, and a CCD student.

Altar servers on Sunday, November 3rd at 10:30 are Chloe Brandt, Hadley Brandt, and Beau Anders.

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

Basketball practices begin on Monday, November 4th. Permission slips must be turned in before a student is allowed to practice. The girls will practice from 4:30 – 5:45 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The boys will practice from 6:00 – 7:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Thank you to Codi Wessels and Ann Willhite for volunteering to coach the girls and Rex Kloesel for volunteering to coach the boys.

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day. Be sure to vote if you haven't already!

Wednesday, November 6th is a free dress day for first and second graders only. Thank you to the Justin and Erin Prichard-Jones family for purchasing this item in the NOTT auction.

The fifth graders will be attending Vocations Day at the Incarnate Word Blessed Sacrament Convent in Victoria on Wednesday, November 6th. A permission slip was sent previously.

"Color Wars" will be held next Thursday, November 7th, sponsored by the Student Council. Wear the color chosen for your class and be the most creative class.

PreK – Green

Kinder – Purple

Gr. 1 – Brown

Gr. 2 – Pink

Gr. 3 – Orange

Gr. 4 – White

Gr. 5 – Yellow

Gr. 6 – Red

Gr. 7 – Blue

Gr. 8 – Black