



SMCS NEWS

ALL HALLOWTIDE *Triduum of Honoring the Dead*



HALLOWEEN

Halloween gets its name from All Hallows' Eve - the eve of All Saints' Day. It is the first day of All Hallows' Eve, when living members of the Church (*the Church Militant*) honor those who have died in Christ. In centuries past, believers would dress in costumes to hide themselves from evil spirits during this time when the veil between earthly life and eternal life is at its thinnest.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

On this holy day of obligation, the Church honors all the saints in Heaven (*the Church Triumphant*) both those Saints we know by name and the multitudes of nameless saints and martyrs who rest with God. We thank these saints for interceding for us.



ALL SOULS' DAY

All Souls' Day provides us with the opportunity to pray for the souls in Purgatory (*the Church Penitent or Suffering*) who can no longer pray for themselves. Purgatory is a necessary step on the path to Heaven for those who die in a state of venial sin. Souls in Purgatory are in need of cleansing and perfecting. Our prayers can help these souls reach Heaven.



Next Week:

Monday, October 30: 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, October 31: Beginning of All Hallows' Eve/Track-or-Treat

Wednesday, November 1: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) - All School Mass at 8:15 AM

Thursday, November 2: All School Mass at 8:15 AM/ 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip/5th & 6th Grade Field Trip

Friday, November 3: Middle School Dance (Teachers will send out additional details to the families of their students)

NOTES FROM OUR CATHOLIC IMMERSION DIRECTOR

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2023



Our baby bottle coin drive raised \$950 for the Women's Center. Way to go Archangels!

Virtue of the Month

October

~Reverence~

showing deepest respect for God and things of God

November

~Stewardship~

returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure

Adoration is available in the church every Friday from 9:00 until 4:00. Stop in after carline to spend some quiet time as a family in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest."

~ Matthew 11:28



Undivided Heart

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Loving the Lord begins with a relationship with Him; receiving that love in prayer allows us to love oneself and others as God commands us to love.

God deserves our undivided heart. In order to say that He is first in our lives, we must check our priorities and put other things in their proper places.

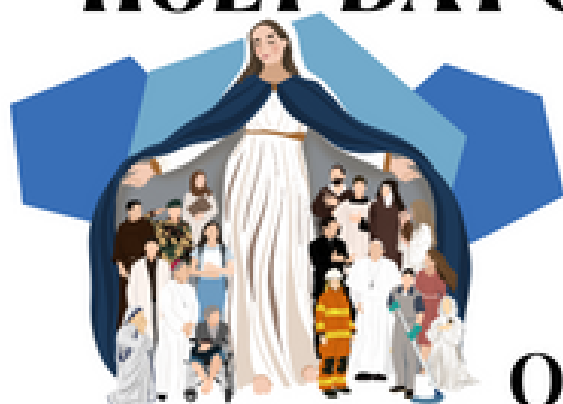
What does this look like?

- Examine my heart to see that God is first.
- Give God all my love, not a portion or corner of my heart but all.
- Strive to love my neighbor as myself.
- Do no harm or wrong to others.
- Be generous, compassionate.
- Imitate the Lord.
- Serve the true God not false idols.

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



All Saints Day **MASS TIMES**

Oct 31st Vigil 4:00pm

Nov 1st 6:30am, 8:15am, & 6:00pm



SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE OF OUR MINISTRIES!

MINISTRY FAIR

LITURGY • DISCIPLESHIP • SERVICE • AFFILIATED GROUPS

**Weekend of
Nov 4 & 5**

**After All Masses
in PLC Cafe**



LA MISA *en español*

A partir del 4 Noviembre
el primer y tercer sábado
de cada mes a las 7:00pm



WEEK OF October 30, 2023

FROM THE OFFICE

FLOCKNOTE

Are you receiving our text messages? We highly recommended signing up for our Flocknote for important information. <http://www.saintmaryschool.net/>

Tuition/Facts questions? Contact Kristin White,
850-243-8913. kristin.white@saintmaryschool.net

Welcome



Archangel Sports

**Join us in welcoming our new
Athletic Director and P.E.
Teacher, Frank Cacioppo,
a.k.a Coach C.**

**He will be teaching 5th-8th grade
P.E. and handling everything
sports at SMCS.**



https://youtu.be/BU7hCUIA1_0?si=DmTKSOy5SFaz1RWkA

**Clikc the link above to view video.
This video has a very powerful
message for sports parents.
It offers a young athlete's perspective
on how parent behavior impacts their
game. Give this a watch and share it
with other sports parents you know!**

Cross Country

Good luck to our XC runners at the
State Meet in Lakeland this weekend!

Soccer

Players needed for our girls' teams!

Boys and girls practice began on

Monday, 10/23

at SMCS, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Join the Soccer Remind group
text reminders about soccer games
and practices, dial- 81010

for boys soccer text @smcsboys

for girls soccer text @smcsgirlss

Basketball

Players needed for our girls' team!
Practice began on Monday, 10/23, and
is held at Liza Jackson Preparatory
School. See schedule on the website
for dates and times. **Join BB text**

Remind group, dial 81010

@smcsbba (for boys team)

@smcsgb (for girls team)

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PTO CORNER

SONNY'S
BBQ LOCAL
PITMASTERS
SINCE 1968

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to all who participated in our Sonny's BBQ Family Night! Your participation makes a difference in our school community!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



We still need volunteers for Track or Treat!

Only parents with their name on the volunteer list will be allowed on campus.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

<https://signup.com/go/KTQMnHy>

DONATE CANDY!

Please bring **pre-packaged** Halloween candy to the school office for us to hand out during this year's Track Or Treat event!

PTO Meeting Tuesday, November 14



In-Person

8:00 am
Saint Mary School Cafeteria

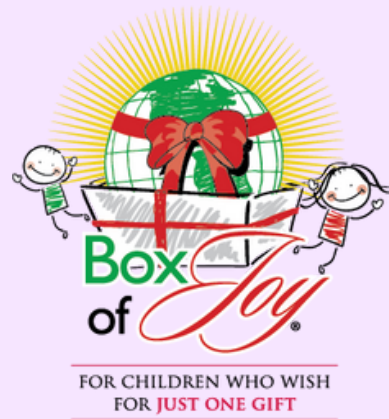


Online

5:30 pm
Online Only!
<https://meet.google.com/hyj-dset-cji>

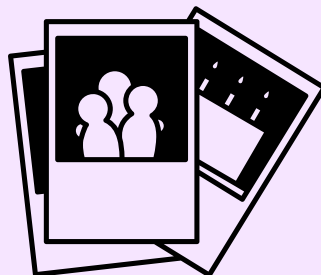
HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Boxes of Joy!



Oct 17th-31st Box of Joy
We will continue with the
tradition! Each class will collect
and fill 2 boxes together as a class.
Teachers will send more info
home.

Yearbook Photos



Parents, do you have group
pictures from school activities
or SMCS sporting events that
you would like to share with
others in our yearbook?
Please send them to
yearbook@saintmaryschool.net

Thank you!

FALL 2023

Family Adventures begin after the 10am Mass in the PLC until 12:30pm. Only one parent needs to be present, but whole family is invited!

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th

Register at
www.saintmary.life/explorers





Fort Walton 2nd Annual **COMMUNITY DAY**

Saturday, November 4th 10^{am} to 1^{pm}

135 Perry Ave SE • Fort Walton Beach, FL • 850-244-5151

- FREE for everyone to attend
- Local non-profit organizations
- Live Remote Broadcast with 98.1 WHWY
- FREE Popcorn & Sno Cones
- FREE Drinks, Hot Dogs & Snacks
- FREE Face Painting & Bounce House for the kids
- Register to win give-a-ways
- Forever Warrior will be giving out Diapers & Pullups while supplies last



Storybook Village

Presented by  Early Learning
Coalition
OF THE EMERALD COAST

Please be sure to visit each table in the village to receive your free books!

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| • If You Give a Pig a Pancake | • How do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? |
| • Noisy Breakfast | • The Best Mouse Cookie |
| • If You Give a Dog a Donut | • I'll Wait, Mr. Panda |
| • Pancakes, Pancakes! | • Dona Esmeralda, Who Ate Everything |
| • Pancakes, Crackers, and Pizza | • What you Eat |

**We will giving away a total of 3,000 books
&**

**giveaway 5 tablets every hour
(5 at 11 am, 5 at 12 pm and 5 at 1 pm)**

We will also be giving away a grand prize at 1 pm!



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— Oct 17th - 31st —

BOX OF JOY

*Each box
represents
Jesus' love!*



*Thank you
for your
generosity!*

**Help provide a Christmas for
developing countries.**

**Each class will collect and
fill at least two boxes!**

**Don't have time to fill a
box? DONATE ON OUR
AMAZON WISH LIST
USING QR CODE**



 **800-914-2420**

 **www.crosscatholic.org**