

Week of November 3: Saints and “Praying to the Dead”? What Catholics Really Do

Do Catholics “pray to the dead”? Not in the way it’s often misunderstood. **We believe that those who die in Christ are alive in Heaven**, and we ask them to pray for us—just as you might ask a holy friend to pray for your family.

Jesus says God is “not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Mark 12:27). The saints are fully alive in Christ, and their prayers are powerful. Revelation 5:8 even shows the saints offering our prayers to God, like incense.

So when we “pray to” a saint, we are really saying, “Pray for us.” It’s not worship—it’s a holy friendship across Heaven and Earth, united in Christ’s Body.

Have a Great Week!

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Congratulations to Coach Williams and Coach Beasley for a very successful cross country season. Best of luck to runners Levi Beasley, Walker Beasley, Wyatt Beasley, Jewlie Beach, Mason Taylor and Austin Williams, who will all be running in the state meet this weekend in Lakeland, Florida. Go Irish!
2. Thank you to everyone who made this year's Trunk or Treat so wonderful. We appreciate all of the moms and dads who took time to come out and decorate their cars to make the event so great for our students!
3. We will be commemorating Veterans Day with our annual Red, White and Blue dress down day on **Thursday, November 6**. This year, we are asking students to donate \$2 to dress down, with all of the proceeds going to a veteran-related charity. Students who prefer not to dress down can wear their school (or PE, if it is their scheduled day) uniform.
4. As part of our commemoration of Veterans Day, we will hold a prayer service on **Thursday, November 6 at 8:30am** that will include a slideshow of our military moms, dads and relatives. We will also be recognizing the first quarter honor roll recipients after the prayer service. Parents are welcomed to attend.
5. If you have a family member who was, or is, in the military, and you would like their picture included in Thursday's slideshow, please email it to Mr. Meyer no later than **Tuesday, November 4**. Mr. Meyer's email is cmeyer@spcsjax.org.
6. A reminder that we do not have school on **Tuesday, November 11**, in commemoration of Veterans Day.
7. Our fall bookfair is almost here! You should be receiving some information today in Friday folders about the event. The fair will run from **Monday, November 10 through Friday,**

November 21. Volunteers are desperately needed! To volunteer, please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-59921783-i55>

8. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Grandparents Day will be held on **Friday, November 21**, along with our early dismissal day to begin Thanksgiving Break (there will be NO aftercare that day).

9. St. Patrick's will be participating in iGive Catholic, an event taking place on **Tuesday, December 2**, on the National Day of Giving. Our goal is to raise money for continuing technology upgrades as well as for our scholarship fund. More information will be shared with you as we get closer to the day, including how you can help spread the word about the event.

10. We will be selling popsicles for \$1 at lunch on Fridays as a fundraiser for an upgrade (repair) to our school PA system.

11. **DON'T FORGET!** Ms. AJ is offering "Art in Your Heart" classes **Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30**. There is a fee involved in these special art classes, so if you are interested, please reach out to Ms. AJ at ajallen@spsjax.org.

12. We are looking for assistance during our daily lunch periods. If you are interested in helping out (and earning service hours), please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-58117443-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at ahayes@spsjax.org.

13. If your child is in 2nd grade, and is planning to make his or her First Communion this year, or if your child is in 8th grade, and is planning to make his or her Confirmation this year, then you must sign up for Sacramental Prep classes through our parish's Religious Education program. Classes won't begin until the second semester (they are already on our school calendar), but registration is already open. To sign up for these prep classes, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/252178565200050>. For more information, contact our DRE Cathy Taylor at ctaylor@spsjax.org.

14. Congratulations to our students who earned honor roll for the first quarter:

- **AB Honor Roll:** Wyatt Beasley, Lilly Mae Berhmann, Mia Blaine, Urijah Broadwell, Jadon Burlaza, Larrion Cassidy, Colton Clark, Cassandra Correal, Julian Darrow, Kaleigh Ernest, Arsema Essayas, Nathan Essayas, Makenzie Falk, Alice Ferm, Brian Ferm, Matthew Grumbly, Raelynn Hartwell, Jaidyn Hollinghead, Lareen Khoury, Julian Mainster, Romeo Nunez, Jenny Okafor, Kitara Ott, Tatiana Perez, Wesley Pratt, James Purvis, Adalind Robinson, Semhar Samuel, Kayzel Sanchez Martinez, Aubrey Scott, Sofia Thompson, Chloe Tipper, Emma Wetherell, Mia Wilson, Alexander Wisnewski, Delilah Workmon
- **A Honor Roll:** Obaapa Asare, Zoey Carpenter, Julian Echele-Rodriguez, Kamille Ernest, Amahia Figueroa, Makenna Ford, Corbin Freyoux, Ella Nunez-Salinas, Kyla Paysinger, Marcella Pratt, Lucas Roodt
- **Principal Honor Roll:** Hallie Gray, Lucia Pearson

15. Congratulations to our alumni at Bishop Kenny who earned honor roll for the first quarter:

- **First Honors:** Brooklyn Baptist, Irena Le, Rielle Glover, Donavon Mattis, Tommy Taylor
- **Second Honors:** John Bagan, Aubrey Hagan, Gabriel Hernandez, Sophie Kluessner, Gabrielle Umpleby, Maryjane Arjona, Allahyah Rey-Collazo, Victoria Welliver, Alexandra Richards

16. Congratulations to our alumni at Bishop Snyder who earned honor roll for the first quarter:

- **Second Honors:** Chase Geisenberg, Kailee Glover, Nate Lewis, Ryiah Stamper, Abigail Van Blaricum

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1.SAVE THE DATE: Our HSA is planning a super special GLOW Party on November 15. More details will be sent out as they become available.

Week at a Glance

Monday, November 3

- Sports Practices TBD

Tuesday, November 4

- Final day to send in pictures for the Veterans slideshow
- Soccer Shots
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art in the Heart Class 3:00-4:30
- Sports Practices TBD

Wednesday, November 5

- Sports Practices TBD

Thursday, November 6

- Red, White and Blue Dress Down Day (\$2 donation)
- Veterans Prayer Service followed by honor roll, 8:30am
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Sports Practices TBD

Friday, November 7

- All-School Mass 8am
- Sports Practices TBD