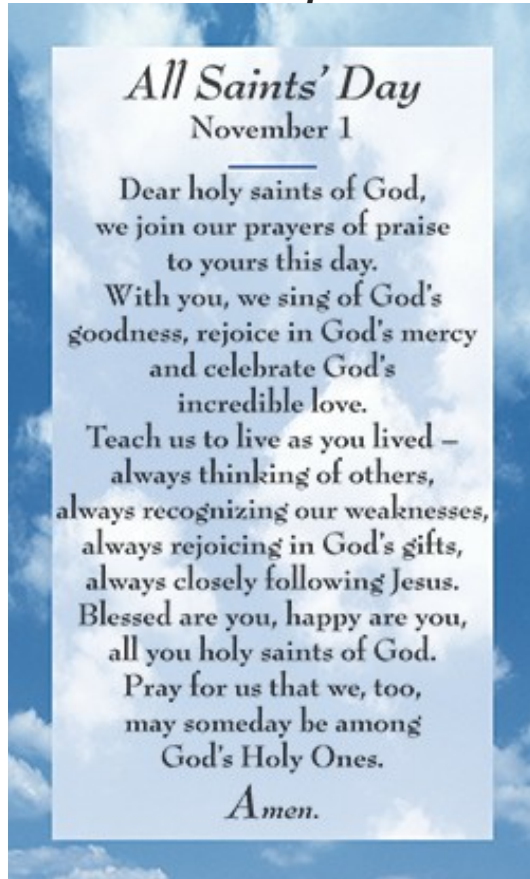




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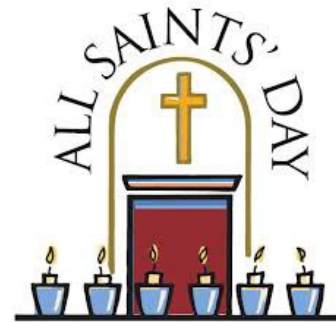
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Bringing Saints into the Classroom



Go to this website:

<http://www.catholic---pages.com/dir/saints.asp>

Here you find an alphabetical listing of many saints, some you may not recognize. Assign a different saint to each student in the class and have him or her give a brief report, even a few sentences. Use lesser---known saints. In this way, your students will grow in their knowledge of saints. At the end of this project, remind students that the communion of saints includes all who spend eternity with our heavenly Father.

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For a complete litany of the saints, go to:

<http://catholicfire.blogspot.com/2005/11/prayers-for-all-saints-day.html>

Pray this beautiful litany and ask the saints to bless your religion classroom and ministry as a catechist.

For Advent prayers for you and your class, go to:

<http://www.usccb.org/search.cfm?q=Advent+prayers>

Do keep in mind the prayers for Advent 2014 will be posted in mid-November on the USCCB website.

From the Resource Center

Jesse Box: The *Jesse Box* is an interactive tool that tells the narrative of salvation history. The diorama consists of a folding box with three segments for displaying three different scenes of the story. The *Jesse Box* kit includes a three-segment box; paper cut-out scenes, props, and characters; wooden cones that support the characters; wooden animals; a story manual; and reproducible activity book.



Available Kits:

KA 04690 Jesse Box: Creation
KA 04692 Jesse Box: Exodus
KA 04694 Jesse Box: Nativity
KA 04696 Jesse Box: Pentecost

KA 04691 Jesse Box: Noah's Ark
KA 04693 Jesse Box: David And Goliath
KA 04695 Jesse Box: Origins Of The Eucharist



A New Twist on an Advent Calendar

Make your own advent calendar using a blackboard, string and pegs.

Write the numbers 1 to 24 on the blackboard in chalk. Attach lengths of string above each row of numbers.

Attach a symbol of Advent or Christmas or even a Jesse tree symbol; hang each symbol above each number with a mini clothes peg.

On each day of December until Christmas break, you can have a student hang the symbol on a small artificial tree. Catechists and teachers may want to join together to make this Advent calendar so it can be used by Faith Formation classes and the Catholic school. Catechists may choose to make their own calendar on poster board so it is easily carried.

<http://www.allaboutyou.com/craft/Christmas-craft-ideas-advent-calendars>

Blessing of the Advent Wreath for your Classroom

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1---2 and 5---6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16---17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2---7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/.** Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid every sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. *From "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers"*



Praying Advent for Teachers/Catechists and Families

Please recommend this website for your teachers and catechists. From Creighton University comes:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>

There is a prayer for each day of Advent for at---home personal reflection. The prayers are brief but an excellent way to start each day of Advent.

You may also wish to put this link in your Faith Formation or school newsletter:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/parents.html>

Here parents will find what a privilege it is to be a parent and how Advent can be an inspirational time in their spiritual lives.

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