

September 18, 2016

Dear 3rd Grade Parents:

Our students will spend time this year learning about the saints. A fun way to help this become important to the children is to have them pick a "Companion Saint" to learn about throughout the year. We are asking that you spend a little time over the next two weeks looking for a saint with your child. Finding a connection with your child such as:

- a.) *Bearing the saint's name.*
- b.) *Sharing a birthday with the saint's feast day.*
- c.) *Having a hobby or quality that connects with the work of a particular saint.*

These are only three of the connections that can help get you started as you look for your saint. One of the best resources is available free on the internet at www.catholic.org. Choose **Saints and Angels** from the left column to find an extensive list. We also have books available in our resource center. The students should have their saint picked with some facts about them in time for the **September 25th and October 16th classes**. They will begin creating posters, (*look for pictures and symbols they can draw to represent their saint*) about their saint to carry with them at a **special presentation before the 3rd grade Mass on October 30th**. As the year progresses, students will continue to add to their posters in class. We hope this will become a fun way for the kids to learn more about the role models in the Catholic Church. Thank you,

The 3rd Grade Teachers

Some facts to look for: *Not all saints will have everything listed below and some may have different, interesting facts that are not listed. Use this list to help you gather information and bring it with you to class on **September 25th and October 16th** to begin work on your poster.*

Saints name: _____

Feast day: _____

What this saint is noted for: _____

Symbol of the saint: _____

What this saint is the protector of: _____

Traditions this saint started: _____

Special prayer for this Saint: