

# God's W.I.S.H.

## God Is Working In School & Home

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November 2010

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The month of November begins in a beautiful way as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on the 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by All Souls Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On All Saints Day we take time to pay honor to all the saints of the church. The students will celebrate at an all-school Mass that day.

All Souls Day is a day when we can pray with special focus for all of the faithful departed. Wow, what a prayerful couple of days!

Another significant day is the feast of St. Martin de Porres on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a good opportunity to share with your children the joy of being charitable. Consider donating some of your family's extra blessings locally at the St. Martin de Porres Center.

November 4<sup>th</sup> brings us the feast of another fascinating man, St. Charles Borromeo. St. Charles made some very significant contributions to the Catholic Church and would be a great saint to research as a family. As patron of seminarians and catechists, this feast is a reminder to pray for the seminarians in our diocese as well as all those individuals preparing to join the Catholic Church through RCIA.

The middle of November highlights such saints as St. Leo the Great who repelled the invasion of Attila the Hun into Rome and St. Frances Cabrini, the first American citizen to become a saint.

Then end of November leads us to the First Sunday in Advent on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Can you believe Advent is nearly upon us?

This is a great month to pick up a book on the lives of saints. After your delicious Thanksgiving feast, play a game where someone reads a description and others try to guess which saint.

Have fun and enjoy all the beauty and family time that November brings with it. Please keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in your prayers as they receive their First Reconciliation the evening of November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### November Highlights:

November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day (All-School Mass)  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls Day  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Martin de Porres  
November 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Charles Borromeo  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - St. Leo the Great  
November 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Frances Cabrini  
November 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
November 28<sup>th</sup> - Advent begins  
November 30<sup>th</sup> - St. Andrew the Apostle

We encourage you to learn more about these saints and special days at [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)