

Annual All Saints Day Children's Celebration

SAINT COSTUME IDEAS!



- This is just an inkling to the possibilities. ...find out more about any Saint online: <http://saints.sqpn.com> Patron Saints Index. A Great resource of information & images! Let your child pick out a costume, then find a Saint to match!
- With any costume: think of the time period, country, religious order & have fun!
- Check out the used clothing stores for inexpensive costumes you can work with. Go to local art, craft & party stores for making or buying accessories.
- **ALL SAINTS CAN WEAR HALOS!** Use gold pipe cleaners to bend into halos to put on any saint! Or gold, star, bendable wrapping ribbon wire.



Our beloved St. Therese dressed as St. Joan of Arc for a play she wrote and performed for the sisters. Imitation is good!

ALTAR BOY: St. Dominic Savio:

Died age 15, patron saint of boys, altar boys, & choirboys. Pictured as altar boy or in suit with bow tie.

ANGEL: Adult T-shirt(toddlers) or a dress, sash or belt at waist and sandals. For halo see HALOS. For wings use cardboard, wrapped in tin foil, attach elastic to go over the shoulders or buy.

Archangel Gabriel: with a horn at the belt. **St. Michael the archangel:** see KNIGHT/AMOUR or just put sword in belt. **Cherubim or Seraphim-** instrument hanging from belt. Also see WINGED CREATURE for St. Mark.

APOSTLE / BIBLICAL: Adult T-shirt(for toddlers), put rope, sash, or belt around the waist, sandals, and there is your costume! Take a piece of material, fold in half and cut a hole in the top for the head to go through. Use face paint for beard.

David

St. Peter: have keys or net hanging at his waist

Great St. Joseph: foster father of Jesus, carpenter by trade, hang a hammer from the belt

Joseph: coat of many colors

BEGGAR: St. Benedict Labre “Beggar of Rome”, homeless (1700’s) very shabby clothing, long beat up coat, messy hair

BISHOPS: Adult white T-shirt for toddlers with sash, rope, or belt. White graduation gown will work for bigger kids. Wear a cape.(Tree skirts work great!) To make a miter (the hat) go to www.StNicholasCenter.org ,they have a miter pattern. Crozier (the staff) can just be a walking cane for little ones or go to the site again for a plastic top, just add PVC piping & spray paint. Many other costume suggestions for Ol’ St. Nick that can be used for any bishop!

St. Patrick: colors: green, white (shamrocks, Celtic cross)

St. Nicholas: Santa Claus was actually a bishop from Myra: colors white, gold, red

St. Isidore: of Seville leading candidate for patron saint of computer users & the



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St. Valentine: (Yes, the Feb. 14th one!) pictured in reds/whites

BURIAL SHROUD: Lazarus could be wrapped in strips of burial cloth (an old sheet) starting to trail off...of course paper towels/TP will work too if you use clear tape.

CANDLE CROWN : *Saint Lucy* of Syracuse, also known as Saint Lucia, (283-304) was a rich young Christian martyr. A white robe or dress, a crimson sash, and a crown or wreath of greenery with candles. The candles symbolize the fire that refused to take her life. (Attach battery powered candles to a wreath-no real flames please! Or make one out of paper: Cut a wide strip of heavy paper or railroad board long enough to go around your child's head and adhere together with staples, glue or all head-pieces can be made adjustable with Velcro. Cut out holly leaves, red berries, white candles and orange flames and then attach to strip.)

CHAINS: *St. Vincent de Paul*, ragged clothes and in chains (captured by pirates, sold as slave)

CHINESE LAYWOMAN: *St. Agatha Lin*: a martyr for teaching the faith in the 1800's. Wear a tunic or jacket, dark pants, tabi socks (any socks will do), flip-flops and a conical rice hat (Hat is easily made with a large piece of paper: cut a circle, then a cut to the center, over-lap the cut edges and adhere to form a flattish cone)

DOCTOR: *St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Italian*. She died in 1962 to save her daughter. Wear doctor's (lab) coat and stethoscope around neck. She also liked to mountain climb and ski!

FARMER, Spanish: *St. Isidore*, loose peasant blouse, pants, don't forget a sombrero for the sun! (1070-1130)

FRIAR / MONK: Adult T-shirt for toddlers or use brown, gray, or black material, cut a hole in the top when folded in half or use a graduation gown. Wear a rope or sash around the waist and tie 3 knots in a row in one end, symbolic of poverty, charity and obedience. Wear sandals. Use face paint for beard.

St. Francis: sew on fake bugs and birds or cut out a bird and safety pin it on his shoulder, put patches on robe. Francis wore grey,

St. Brendan: 400-500's, Irish missionary monk in brown habit that went to America in a boat before the Vikings or Columbus!

St. Ultan: Irish priest that was considered a master in the art of illumination.

St. Constantine, St. Benedict and St. Anthony the Abbot (from Egypt) were monks, rosary in belt

St. Theophylact: Asian Monk, 8th century, established hospices, imprisoned the last 35 yrs. of life.

FUR GARB: *St. John the Baptist:* faux fur or leather tunic & sandals. Perhaps tie a strip of cloth around the forehead. A grasshopper sewed to his shoulder would be a bonus! He could give out honey sticks.

GARDENER:

St. Rose of Lima, Dominican-white habit, crown of flowers (& SEAMSTRESS)

St. Phocas the Gardener. He used surplus crops to feed the poor. Even cared for the soldiers sent to execute him for being a Christian to the point of feeding and sheltering them, and digging his own grave in the yr. 303.

JAPANESE SOLDIER: *St. Gaius Francis*, One of the Martyrs of Nagasaki. 1500-1600'S, Kimono over pants, socks with flip flops, Japanese sword, spear or bow and bamboo & metal looking armor attached by material, hair pulled into a ponytail in back. (*this was before the Samurai*)

KILT: St. Oswald, Scottish King. Writings describe him as having "arms of great length and power, eyes bright blue, hair yellow, face long and beard thin, and his small lips wearing a kindly smile". Reported to have had a pet raven for years. 600's. (KILT, ROBE, CROWN, RAVEN, SWORD, SHIELD, ARMOR!) We still have his chain mail!



KNIGHT / ARMOR / SOLDIERS:

Buy plastic armor or make from cardboard & tin foil or gold/silver

St. Joan of Arc: French

St. George and the Dragon

St. Gengulphus

St. Michael the Archangel: buy feather wings or make with cardboard with tin foil over them, can wear a skirt or "chain mail" pants

Maurice: (3rd century) Officer in a legion of Christian soldiers from Upper Egypt



MAID: St. Zita: Italy, servant at age 12--- apron, simple dress, hair kerchief

MARY, Queen of all Saints: Any combination of white & blue. (Dress or adult T-shirt for toddlers, sash, & a shawl or piece of material for a veil over head and shoulders.)

-*Our Lady of Guadalupe*- She appeared looking like an Aztec princess. Wear a white flowery dress, a black sash (sign of pregnancy) & a blue veil with stars on it.

MEXICAN INDIAN: St. Juan Diego, our Lady of Guadalupe's image is still on his tilma in Mexico. Use rough material such as canvas (or use poncho) tie around neck, attach a picture of Our Lady on it.

MINER: Bl. Nikolaus Gross . Coal-Face Miner, Wear a cap with bike-light or small flash light taped on all the way around hat, wear boots, over-alls or patched pants, a long sleeve shirt button -up shirt or Henley, suspenders work coat. Blacken face/back of hands with face-paint. (see Newspaper Man)

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER OR SKIER: Bl. Pier Frassati: Italy, 1901-1925. Nicknamed "Terror" due to his practical jokes. Smoked a pipe!, "Man of the Beatitudes" "*He testifies that holiness is possible for everyone...*" -JPII Outstanding athlete and mountain climber, promoted Eucharistic adoration, spent his fortune on the needy and visited the sick, contracting the disease that killed him.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Italian. She died in 1962 to save her daughter. She also liked to mountain climb and ski! (also DOCTOR)



NATIVE AMERICAN: Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha (Lily of the Mohawks), daughter of Mohawk chief and Christian Algonquin mother. Dress as a Native American. When she died, all her Smallpock scars miraculously vanished! (Cut fringe on adult brown T-shirt. Add a wooden cross around neck. I made a head-piece with a beaded strip with Velcro in the back for adjustment. I also made one out of a leather strip, Velcro in the back, with 2 holes punched on the side to push a feather through. Kateri was of the Turtle Clan, so any turtle symbols could be added. She is portrayed carrying lilies.)

NEWSPAPER MAN / EDITOR: Bl. Nikolaus Gross: A German, father of 7, he worked for the revolt of consciences against Hitler. His newspaper, the Catholic Workers' Movement was shut down, but

he continued to publish an underground edition. He was martyred. (Wear a fedora with a press pass in the brim, button up shirt with the sleeves rolled up, dress slacks, pencil behind ear.)

NUNS / SISTERS: For habit, cut a hole at the top of some material folded over, a graduation gown or toddlers can use an adult T-shirt. Wear turtleneck underneath, use a square of material over the head as a veil, wear crucifix. Wear a rope or sash around the waist and tie 3 knots in a row at one end, symbolic of poverty, charity and obedience. Wear sandals.

St. Clare: of Assisi, friend of St. Francis, (grey, brown, white) patron saint of television

St. Colette: Poor Clare, France (habit of patches) restored rules of St. Clare, named after St. Nicholas.

Bl. Marianne Cope: Franciscan who worked in the leper colony that St. Damien started. Considered "A mother to the Lepers" (Wear a lei, thin white cord for belt with a brown habit)

St. Therese: of Lisieux, France (the little flower) Carmelite at age 15. (Brown habit, white cape, black veil)

Bl. Mother Teresa: of Calcutta (A more Indian style, look at her photos for how the habit is worn- white, blue stripes along edge of —use blue painters tape, one thick stripe along the edge , 2 more stripes 1/4 the width inside) missionary to the poor & sick

St. Scholastica: (black habit) Twin sister of St. Benedict often seen with a crosier, if child is little, use a walking cane



NURSE:

St. Bertilla Boscardin: Italian sister who cared for wounded Italian soldiers in WWI.

Bl. Liduina Meneguzzi: An Italian nurse before and after becoming a nun. At the insistence of injured WWII soldiers who loved her, she was buried in a military graveyard.

PEASANT: St. Bernadette: Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady: dark skirt, apron over the top, blouse & veil over the hair.

The little children of Fatima, Portugal, who saw the Blessed Mother: **Blessed Francisco:** trousers, white shirt, cap, and perhaps a jacket. **Blessed Jacinta** and **Blessed Lucia** could wear the same as Bernadette.

PRIEST / BROTHER: Toddlers can wear an adult t-shirt. Anyone can take a piece of fabric, fold in half and cut a head hole. Graduation gowns work for bigger kids. For vestments, capes or tree skirts can be used and table runners with a hole cut for the head.

Bl. Damien of Molokai: missionary to the lepers in Hawaii (1800's-black robe, black shawl, round glasses, beard, black brimmed hat or straw hat)

St. Francis: Always a favorite, grey robe, rope with 3 knots, attach fake birds and bugs to shoulders and sleeves

St. Ignatius of Loyola: Spanish, founded the Jesuits (often seen in black)

St. John Bosco- He wore a black cassock. Perhaps use a large black T-shirt, with a white turtleneck underneath. He founded the Salesians to work with and educate boys. (We have a relic of him in our altar in the church.)

St. John Mary Vianney- (or Cure of Ars) Pictured in white, 2 black strips below his neck & red stole

St Philip Neri: Founded Oratorians: wear black T-shirt or sweater with white collared shirt underneath. (Make sure the collar sticks out) Wore 3 pointed black hat, make from black foam sheets or Poster board.



St. Martin de Porres: Dark skinned Dominican brother, son of Spanish Knight & Negro freed-woman from Panama. He helped the sick & poor, patron saint of interracial justice. White robe with black on top, like a T.

PRIEST IN DIGUISE: St. Nicholas Postgate: Martyred when a crime to be Catholic in England, after 50 years of hidden Masses. (Dressed as English peasant in time of King Henry VIII: late medieval period- tunic, flowing long sleeves, belt, hose and a flat hat could be worn.)

PRISONER:

St. Maximillian Kolbe, blue striped prison uniform & glasses, priest died at Auschwitz so a man with a family could live.

St. Edith Stein died at Auschwitz

PROFESSOR: St. John of Canty: A polish professor. Wear a doctoral gown.

ROMAN SOLDIER: red tunic, armor, roman hat with brush...easy to buy costume

St. Longinus: pierced the side of Jesus on the cross, converted, and was martyred by Pontius Pilate.

St. Sebastian was officer of the Imperial Roman army, and captain of the guard. Assisted Christian prisoners, martyred for his faith.

Acacius of Byzantium was centurion in the imperial Roman army, martyred (with bunch of thorns; in armor with standard and shield)

Adrian was a Pagan officer and body guard at the imperial court of Nicomedia. He was so impressed by the strength and faith shown by persecuted Christians that he declared himself a Christian, though he had not even been baptized. He was immediately arrested and tortured.

Martin joined the Roman imperial army at age 15. Encountering a beggar he cut his heavy officer's cloak in half, and gave it to him. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak.



Theodore: Roman general and covert Christian during a time of persecution

Eustachius: Pagan Roman general, converted to Christianity following a hunting trip during which he saw a glowing cross between the antlers of a stag

ROYALTY: For any royal saint, make a crown (cardboard with tin foil, gold/silver Poster-board) Tree skirts for capes and table runners with a hole cut for the head works too! Princess & king costumes are easy to find used at thrift store or to buy new.

GIRL

St. Queen Elizabeth of Hungary: carry a basket of bread

St. Margaret: Queen of Scotland, Scottish tartan clothing.

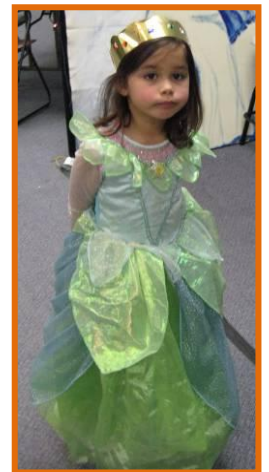
St. Bathildis: Queen of France

St. Adelaide: Queen of Germany and Italy

St. Helena: First Christian queen of Ukraine, lived 879-969 (relics found to be incorrupt) found relics of the true cross

St. Isabella: Princess of Spanish King, then Queen of Portugal (peacemaker-1200's)

St. Ursula: Legendary princess, the daughter of a Christian British king



Queen Ester: (Old Testament) Jewish

BOY

Emperor Charles of Austria: (1900's) Austrian military garb, crown, medals on chest

Good King Wenceslas: Bohemia. He could also wear armor along with his crown.

King Casimir: Poland (15th century, add a lily)

King Louis IX: France (13th century-crowned at age 12) Shown wearing: a crown of thorns

King Edmund: Model ruler in Germany, martyred

King Edward: England, the last of the Saxon kings

King Solomon and King David (Old Testament garb)



SAILOR / SHIP CAPTAIN: sailor hat

St. Godric: England. Referred to as a "pirate" until converted during a voyage, being touched by the life of Saint Cuthbert. Lived a rough life of penance, known for his close familiarity with wild animals, his supernatural visions, and his gift of prophecy. Wrote the earliest surviving example of lyric poetry. 1100's

Bl. Joachim Firaiana-Diz: Member of the *Confraternity of the Holy Rosary*. Japanese sailor. Captain of the ship that brought Blessed Peter Zuñiga and Louis Flores from Manila to Japan. The ship was captured by Dutch pirates. Martyred with his crew, 1600's.

Bl. Joannicus of Saint John: Sailor. Nephew of the captain of the ship. Martyred with Ignatius of Azevedo and the other Jesuits on board by French Calvinist pirates. 1570



SCOTTISH TARTAN: **St. Margaret**, queen of Scotland with crown

St. Brigid of Ireland - often pictured in Celtic colors, began life as slave & heard St. Patrick preach (Bright RED hair!)

SEAMSTRESS:

Tabitha or Dorcas: Sewed for the poor, was raised from the dead by St. Peter (*Acts 9:36-43*)

St. Rose of Lima, Dominican-white habit, crown of flowers (also GARDENER)

SHEPHERD / SHEPHARDESS: both could carry a crook (if child is little, use a walking cane)

David: as a young boy, sash around the head, sandals, slingshot & bag for pebbles at waist

St. Patrick: of Ireland, as shepherd slave when boy

St. Germaine: skirt, shawl, head kerchief (right hand deformed, from France)

St. Genevieve: saved the city of Paris from Attila the Hun (also SPINNER)

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STIGMATISTS: There are many! Either use costume paint for the wounds of Christ, or wrap bandages around hands.

St. Francis of Assisi: grey robe

St. Padre Pio: brown robe

St. John of the Cross: black robe

St. Frances of Rome: black habit with a white veil, accompanied by her guardian angel, and sometimes carrying a basket of food

Faustina Kowalska: black habit, white collar, give out Divine Mercy image

St. Colette: brown habit of patches, black veil

ST.VERONICA: (She wiped the face of Jesus.) Wear a dress or adult T-shirt tied at the waist, sandals, & veil. Biblical costume. (Attach a picture of Jesus' face to veil.)

TOGA: St. Helen: Married co-regent of the Western Roman Empire led group to Holy Land & found the True Cross. (326)

VIKING:

Edith of Polesworth: Viking queen, became Benedictine nun, 900's

St. Olaf II: King of Norway. Viking pirate that converted in 1010, labored to spread the Gospel.

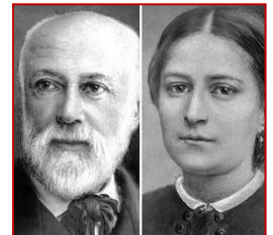
WINGED CREATURES: The 4 Gospel writers are also known by symbols. St. Matthew as a winged man (or angel), St. Mark: a winged lion, St. Luke: a winged ox, St. John: an eagle. A lion costume, adding a set of wings is easy to find pre-made!

MARRIED COUPLES: (for us parents!)

Blessed Louis and Marie-Azélie Martin: The parents of St. Therese (1800's) Marie would have her hair in a bun. French! Both pictured in suits of the time.

Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi of Rome: (1880-1965) First married couple beatified together. Maria would have her hair in a bun. Italian! Both pictured in suits of the time.

Saints Joachim and Anne: Mary's parents (bible garb)



BOOKS:

A great saint book for kids: *115 Saintly Fun Facts* by Bernadette McCarver Snyder Available at Agnus Dei or here http://www.catholiccompany.com/product_detail.cfm?ID=4831 GOOD IDEAS HERE! Really fun daily tidbits for the kids!

A fun collection of printable comic like saint info http://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php

A book explaining the symbols of some Saints is great for making appropriate shields and coat of arms is *Saints, Signs, and Symbols* by W. Ellwood Post.

HOLY CARDS: Buy holy cards of your child's saint for him/her to pass out to others. The kids can be trading holy cards! Available at: Agnus Dei Bookstore downtown or make your own on your computer with perforated business cards from an office supply store



ONLINE COSTUMES --Some offer adult size costumes

www.ourcoatsofmanycolors.com Many catholic Saint costumes

www.autom.com ---Carries altar boy garb that can work for a child to use as a priest (holy cards too - 100 for \$7)

www.christiancostumes.com --- Many costumes



All you Saints and angels in heaven, pray for us!



