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# CCD Newsletter

October 24, 2018

Prayer for Halloween

God of Laughter and Joy,  
We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors,  
grateful for the abundance of food and festivity  
that surrounds us at this time of year.

Keep all children safe as they embark on  
their Halloween revels.

Light their way through the dark night  
and enfold them in your love.

May the real treat in their lives be grace  
that multiplies in depth and breadth as  
they grow older.

We pray this with all the saints in heaven  
Amen.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Free. Family. Fall. Fun.

**Calling all school, parish, friends and family!!**

*Sponsored by the SJS Parents Club*

**Friday, October 26th**

Cars may enter the gated area at 6:00 p.m. to set up and decorate (first come, first parked)! If parking spaces fill up, lawn chairs can be set up down the middle of the playground to allow additional attendees! Children are welcome to attend from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for a safe, NUT FREE, trick-or-treating!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 24	CCD
October 26	Trunk or Treat!
October 31	NO CCD
November 1	All Saints Day! (Holy Day of Obligation)
November 7	CCD
November 10	Club 3:16 The Incredibles
November 14	CCD Scapular Ceremony
November 21	NO CCD Happy Thanksgiving!
November 28	CCD

## THE INCREDIBLES MOVIE NIGHT!

**FAITH CAN SAVE THE DAY**  
**November 10th**  
**5:30-8:30pm**  
**FREE!**  
**K-6th Grade**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center**  
Register for this event online at [stjosephpekin.org](http://stjosephpekin.org) or call the parish center!

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Dear Families,

It fills me with so much joy to have the halls full of children again on Wednesday nights! It is so exciting to see old faces return as well as meeting so many wonderful new ones! It feels as if we have just begun but we are already 7 weeks into the year! It is moving so quickly I wanted to make sure we did not miss anything important.

Over the last few weeks your children have been busy in the classrooms. Learning more about God and growing closer to Him! Our Kindergarten class received backpacks not just to carry their classroom materials in but also serve as a reminder that we are all children of God!



The Third grade class learned about their classroom saint and made wooden crosses.

St. Kateri, Pray for Us!

Last week during CCD, student gathered in the Church to join in our new tradition of praying the living Rosary! With the living rosary, student create the rosary by representing the different beads. As we made our way through the prayers, each group would stand up for

their prayer so we could see where we were visually in the rosary. While the big kids (5th-8th grade) lead the prayers the younger students sat and stood when it was their turn. It is always exciting to see the older students helping with the little ones, especially when it comes to learning our faith! (picture below)

First Grade classroom has also been super busy! Students created their sock babies and learned all about Baptism with the help of Deacon Mark Wilder over in the church! The excitement from the kids when Deacon Wilder opened up the Baptismal fount was one of the sweetest moments and a reminder that we should all get that excited about our faith! Thank you Deacon Wilder!



Newsletters will be emailed and be available on the parish website [stjosephpekin.org](http://stjosephpekin.org) under Faith Formation, CCD Religious Education. On our website you will also find more pictures from CCD, the handbook, schedule, and other useful information. I hope that everyone has a safe Halloween and a wonderful All Saints and All Souls Day!

God Bless,  
Anna McMahan, D.R.E



Let us run to Mary,  
and, as her little children,  
CAST ourselves into her arms  
with a perfect confidence.  
Saint Francis de Sales

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