PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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WEEKLY REFLECTION!

As we enter into the Feast Days of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, let us contemplate our own immortal lives. Saints are those whose lives imitated God. In the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 4:32-5:8 it says, "Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones, no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving." The Saints are now in heaven, because they desired what God desired and they avoided the occasion of sin.

All Souls Day is an opportunity to pray for those who have passed. Unless the church declares our loved one Saints, we can't be 100% sure they are in heaven. Some souls have to go through a cleansing or purification in order to be with God. All Souls Day is an opportunity to pray for those in purgatory. We can help speed up the process for them, as there is no time frame in purgatory.

During this time, if we say specific prayers while in mass or at a cemetery, go to confession, and receive communion, it will help reduce the time we may possibly spend in purgatory.

What do you desire? Do you desire to be with God above everything else?

Important Items

- November 1: All Saints Day– Holy day of obligation
- November 1: Saints Wax Museum
- November 2: Movie Night 7pm
- November 6: Board Meeting

Curriculum

- Novembers Virtue of the Month is Stewardship, returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure. The Saints are St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Bl. Fra Angelico, and St. Joseph Moscati.

Saint of the Week:

Saint Martin de Porres was an illegitimate son of a Spaniard and a freed slave from Panama. He was of mixed race, with darker features, so he was not acknowledged by his father and grew up in poverty. He experienced ridicule and discrimination for being of mixed race. At a very young age, he was devout. He was sent to work with a barber/ surgeon, where he learned both trades. By law, initially, he was not allowed to become a full member of religious orders because of his race. He was accepted as a volunteer but was eventually allowed to take vows. He continued to be mocked by members of his order. He is best known for his abilities in aerial flight, bilocation, and instant cures.