



# Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## All Saints Day Mass is Friday at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Gerard Battersby Will Celebrate Mass *Letter from the Principal*

Dear All Saints Families,

The school year is flying by and we are enjoying every minute! God's abundant grace continues to fill our community, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with you and your children! As we move into November, we wanted to share the following updates:

- We completed our Star Renaissance testing and parents should have received student scores in the mail. Our students continue to do exceptionally well with testing! We are thrilled that our average for math in grades 1-8 is the 78th percentile (top 22% in the nation) and our reading average in grades 1-8 is 72nd percentile (top 28% in the nation). If you have any questions regarding scores, please feel free to contact me directly (kstrausbaugh@allsaintscs.com).
- Parents in Prayer has received overwhelming support and we are so grateful to all families who are joining us. The power of prayer truly transforms, and our community is so blessed to be lifted up in prayer every Friday! It's also been wonderful to see prayer buddies completing so many projects across grade levels and sitting with each other at Mass!
- We have filled the Assistant Athletic Director position and are pleased to welcome Mrs. Bridget Beattie-Smith to our All Saints family. Bridget graduated high school from St. Mary's Catholic High School. She went on to earn her bachelors and masters degree from the University of Michigan. She recently graduated from the University of Toledo Law School. She lives in Canton with her husband and one year old son, Oliver. Her email address is bbeattie-smith@allsaintscs.com. We also welcome Mrs. Alicia Baker, who will be assisting in our kindergarten classrooms as an additional aide.

We look forward to this month of many blessings. Celebrating our Catholic faith and school traditions on All Saints Day and remembering all who have gone before us on All Souls Day. We are grateful every day.

God bless,

*Kristen Strausbaugh*

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THE FUND FOR  
ALL SAINTS  
2019-2020



## **Support the Fund for All Saints**

The 2019-2020 Fund for All Saints campaign is in full swing!

We continue to receive a strong response to our annual fund appeal.

Please take this moment to make a difference in the lives of our students and contribute to our annual fund. Imagine the possibilities if 100 percent of our families donate!

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# In The Know

Tuesday, October 29

No Mass

Thursday, October 31

No Early Childhood Classes  
K-3 Halloween Parade, 11:00 a.m.  
K-8 Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.

All Students May Wear Orange and  
Black Tops With PE Bottoms

Friday, November 1

All Saints Day  
Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 5

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 6

School Photo Retake Day

Report Cards Available

Parent-Teacher Conferences  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
and  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 8

No School

## **Help Support CYO: Donate 2-Liters for Casual Day**

Students bringing a donation of a 2-liter bottle of pop, fruit punch, or lemonade on Thursday, November 14 can attend school that day in casual clothing. The 2-liters will be prizes for Pop Shots during CYO basketball season.

## **Volleyball Celebrates**

Congratulations to the girls Varsity volleyball team on their weekend victory of 2 sets to none over St. Patrick of Brighton. Tonight, the team is playing in the Final Four versus St. Michael of Livonia at Notre Dame Prep. Go Blue Thunder!

# **Honoring Our Departed Loved Ones**

All Saints Spanish classes and art classes are learning about the Mexican holiday Día de Muertos, and in the spirit of this holiday, they have constructed an "Ofrenda," or altar, to honor and remember loved ones we have lost or ancestors who are special to us.

All Saints students and staff members are invited to participate by bringing in a photograph of a loved one who has departed or a small object that represents them and placing it on the Ofrenda outside the art room in front of the bulletin board. On Día de Muertos (November 1st and 2nd), we will light "candles" and decorate the Ofrenda with flowers in order to celebrate and pay tribute to all those who are no longer living, but continue to live on in us. Families who display mementos should pick them up by November 4.

## **Save-the-Date for Halloween Celebrations**

On October 31, all students may wear orange and black tops with PE bottoms. Students in K-3 will participate in our annual Halloween costume parade, starting at 11:00 a.m. There is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal that day, and no Early Childhood classes will be in session.

## **Families Enjoy Pumpkin Night Fun**



More than 200 members of the All Saints community enjoyed Pumpkin Night on Tuesday. Students and their parents had a chance to play pumpkin-themed games, carve their family pumpkins, and share cider and donuts with their friends. Some new games were added that reinforced math concepts our students are learning in class. Thanks to all of our volunteers and attendees for participating in this community-building event!

# RSVP Today for the Mother/Son Event

Our annual ASCS Mother/Son(s) event will be held at Super Bowl in Canton on Saturday, November 23, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of bowling, fun, and food. The price is \$16 per person and includes bowling, pizza lunch, favor, and fun photo props where you and your son(s) can take pictures to remember your day together! Please note on your RSVP the names of other participants with whom you'd like to share a bowling lane, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Please join us by clicking on the following link to RSVP by Friday, November 8: [www.allsaintscs.com/events](http://www.allsaintscs.com/events).

As we reflect on November's virtue of stewardship (which focuses on returning to God our time, talents, and treasures) and look forward to an afternoon together with our son(s), we would like to provide you with the opportunity to help other mothers in need. Mary's Closet Collection at OLGC is in need of baby wipes, diapers, formula, gift cards, and gently-used baby clothing. If you are able to make a donation, please bring it to Super Bowl the day of the event.

## All Saints Honors Veterans' Day

We are excited to extend a heartfelt welcome to all veterans for our second-annual Veterans' Day celebration on Monday, November 11, 2019.

We would be honored to have all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special family friends, and alumni who have served or currently serve our Armed Forces to take part in this special prayer service and recognition event.

A light breakfast, donated by Leo's Coney Island of Canton, Luca Pastry, Canton Center Tim Horton's, Bob Evans on Michigan Avenue, and Busch's of Plymouth/Northville, will be served to veterans and those in the Armed Forces starting at 8:30 a.m., before the school-wide program starts at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP by November 6, 2019, at [www.allsaintscs.com/2019Veterans](http://www.allsaintscs.com/2019Veterans).

Please complete and turn in the star at the end of this newsletter to recognize a veteran or Armed Forces member on our wall of honor.

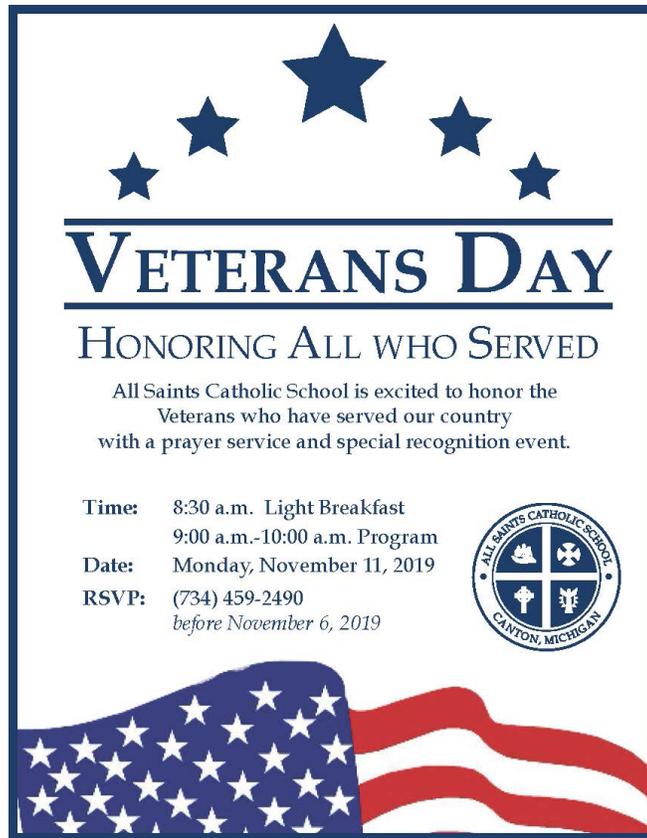
## October Virtue in Practice: Reverence

Prayer to Saint Hyacinth:

Saint Hyacinth, you taught us that God will help us when we are acting out of reverence.

Help us to show deep respect at all times, places, and people dedicated to God. Amen.

Saint Hyacinth, pray for us!



The poster features a blue border. At the top, five blue stars of varying sizes are arranged in an arc. Below the stars, the words "VETERANS DAY" are written in a large, blue, serif font, underlined. Underneath that, "HONORING ALL WHO SERVED" is written in a smaller, blue, serif font. The text "All Saints Catholic School is excited to honor the Veterans who have served our country with a prayer service and special recognition event." is centered below. To the right of this text is the circular logo of All Saints Catholic School, Canton, Michigan, which contains a cross and other symbols. At the bottom of the poster is a stylized American flag with white stars on a blue field and red and white stripes.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. Light Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Program

**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2019

**RSVP:** (734) 459-2490  
*before November 6, 2019*

# Register for Advent Reflection

Advent can be such a busy time of year, with holiday parties, shopping, and other end-of-the-year activities clamoring for your attention.

Last year, a number of us at All Saints loved the “Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary!” This year, we are offering a brand-new Advent journal from Ascension called “Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph!” It features:

+ a 30-minute introductory video, featuring Fr. Mark Toups, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Sr. Miriam Heidland

+ Daily Meditations for each day of Advent

- A word---Focus on a single word each day to draw out the details, the specifics of who Joseph is
- A reflection---Learn more about Joseph, the culture in which he was raised, and the world in which he lived
- A Psalm--Each day, you’re given a Psalm to pray (just as Joseph himself would have prayed) to help you enter into prayer
- A reading--In reading Scripture, you find the Word of God,, bringing you closer to Mary, who carried the Word in her body
- A prompt--Space is provided each day to journal. Record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent.

+ Weekly supplemental videos for each week of Advent featuring Fr. Toups leading imaginative prayer

The introductory session will be on Thursday, November 21st in the chapel at ASCS. You are then invited to sign up for our three accompanying sessions to see how God is speaking to you this season. These sessions are designed so you may participate regardless of how much or little time you have to prepare. Child care will be offered in the morning sessions.

Initial Advent Reflection Session

Thursday, November 21st                      8:15-9:15 a.m.                      or                      7:00-8:00 p.m.

Accompanying Sessions

Thursday, December 5th, 12th 19th                      8:15- 9:15 a.m.                      or                      7:00-8:00 p.m.

If you can’t join us for the sessions, but would still like to participate, you may do so by ordering the “Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph” journal for \$3. Email Mary Ann Jenkins at [mjenkins@allsaintscs.com](mailto:mjenkins@allsaintscs.com) to get your copy.

What a great Advent this will be with growing in relationship with St. Joseph, as well as in fellowship with other families from All Saints!

To register, click on this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHkFntTuKV6c9RW5dSxDJYkqDBa4pgG682R7ITP-DXTTNFew/viewform>

## Buy Winter Uniforms Now

Purchase your winter uniform items in anticipation of the cold weather from Educational Outfitters. See the flier at the end of this newsletter for more information.



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# Classroom Happenings

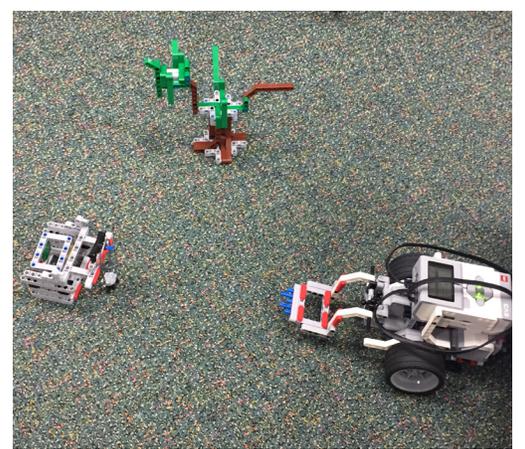
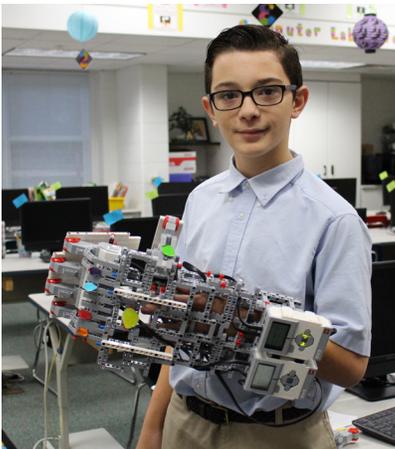


Last Monday, our kindergarteners enjoyed a field trip to the apple orchard. The kids took a tractor ride and picked their own apple and pumpkin. Following the ride, they each enjoyed cider and a donut. Fortunately, the students had time to see the animals, play in the corn pit, and climb on the haystacks before the afternoon rain arrived.



Mrs. Blanchette's 7th grade literature classes are reading the novel, "The Giver," by Lois Lowry. In the book, the community has determined that it is "best" for their society to embrace "sameness." In contrast, in our community, we celebrate the unique qualities each person possesses. Everyone has unique gifts and talents that God designed especially for us. People bring those rich and valuable gifts to share with their respective communities (family, class, team, group, club, etc.).

For their collage project, students collected five pictures of themselves that depicted their unique gifts and talents. In addition, they collected at least three pictures of themselves within a group – a place where they share interests and share their gifts. With the pictures, the students created a collage and wrote one paragraph describing their gifts and talents and the groups with which they share these gifts.



Mrs. Kalkun's junior high Lego Robotics elective students demonstrated their culminating projects on Friday. The class learned how to build and program using Lego EV3 Mindstorm robots.

# Fifth Graders Visit Solanus Casey Center



Our 5th graders spent Thursday at the Solanus Casey Center as part of their class retreat. Their day began with a celebration of Mass at St. Bonaventure, which is connected to the center. Fr. Preuss challenged students to always have conversations with God and to be mindful of constant prayer. Afterward, they watched a video about the life of Blessed Father Solanus and continued on for docent-led tours, where they saw the Creation Garden, life-sized Beatitudes, the museum, and prayed at the tomb of Blessed Father Solanus Casey. It was a prayerful day filled with inspiring moments watching the students engaged and excited about their faith! Blessed Solanus Casey...Pray for Us!

## Join the SJN Children's Christmas Choir

Rehearsals for the St. John Neumann Children's Christmas Choir start Wednesday, November 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the SJN choir room.

Children are invited to sing at the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 24. There will be six rehearsals on Wednesdays, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The rehearsal dates are November 6, 13, and 20, and December 4, 11, and 18.

Bring a friend who likes to sing as much as you do! Registration forms are being emailed to SJN families at ASCS or can be downloaded from the end of this newsletter.

Please email completed registration forms by Monday, November 4 to Mrs. Borke at [sharborke@gmail.com](mailto:sharborke@gmail.com). For more information about the choir, contact Sharlene Borke, at [sharborke@gmail.com](mailto:sharborke@gmail.com) or 734-787-1939.



## Parents Pray for Our Intentions



Each Friday from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m., our Parents in Prayer meet in the Chapel to pray for the intentions of the All Saints community. Attendees read the intentions gathered from each homeroom and then pray the Rosary together. We are blessed to have so many parents and little ones join us every week to share in this experience and pray for us.

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# Families Serve In Our Community



Thank you to our All Saints families who generously donated their time to serve at the Open Door Ministries in Canton on two Thursdays this month. Our participants packed food and helped organize groceries that were given to people in need in our community. Stay tuned to Facebook and our newsletter for more family service opportunities!

## Service Opportunity to Make Blankets

All families are welcome to cozy up with us to create fuzzy fleece blankets that will provide comfort to a child in need. The service opportunity happens from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at All Saints. No sewing is required! In addition to practicing the virtue of charity, this is also a great chance to work with other families in our school. The event will be held at All Saints Catholic School. We will have music and a hot chocolate bar for the kids. All blankets will be donated to The Children's Center in Detroit.

Your family can purchase a no-sew blanket kit from us for \$15, or you are welcomed to bring your own! Please use the following form to sign up.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sUf2pwHgyP9HlbgXfiUCzjG27jibAKwgAFUc8hQMY/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sUf2pwHgyP9HlbgXfiUCzjG27jibAKwgAFUc8hQMY/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## Eighth Graders Receive Sweatshirts

Celebrating an annual tradition, our 8th graders received their class sweatshirts on Friday. The students voted on the winning design. Before distributing the tops, Mr. Wisniewski noted that the Class of 2020 has enjoyed many memorable moments during their years here at All Saints--and they will have many to come while wearing their new apparel. Eighth graders can wear the sweatshirts over their uniforms from now until graduation.



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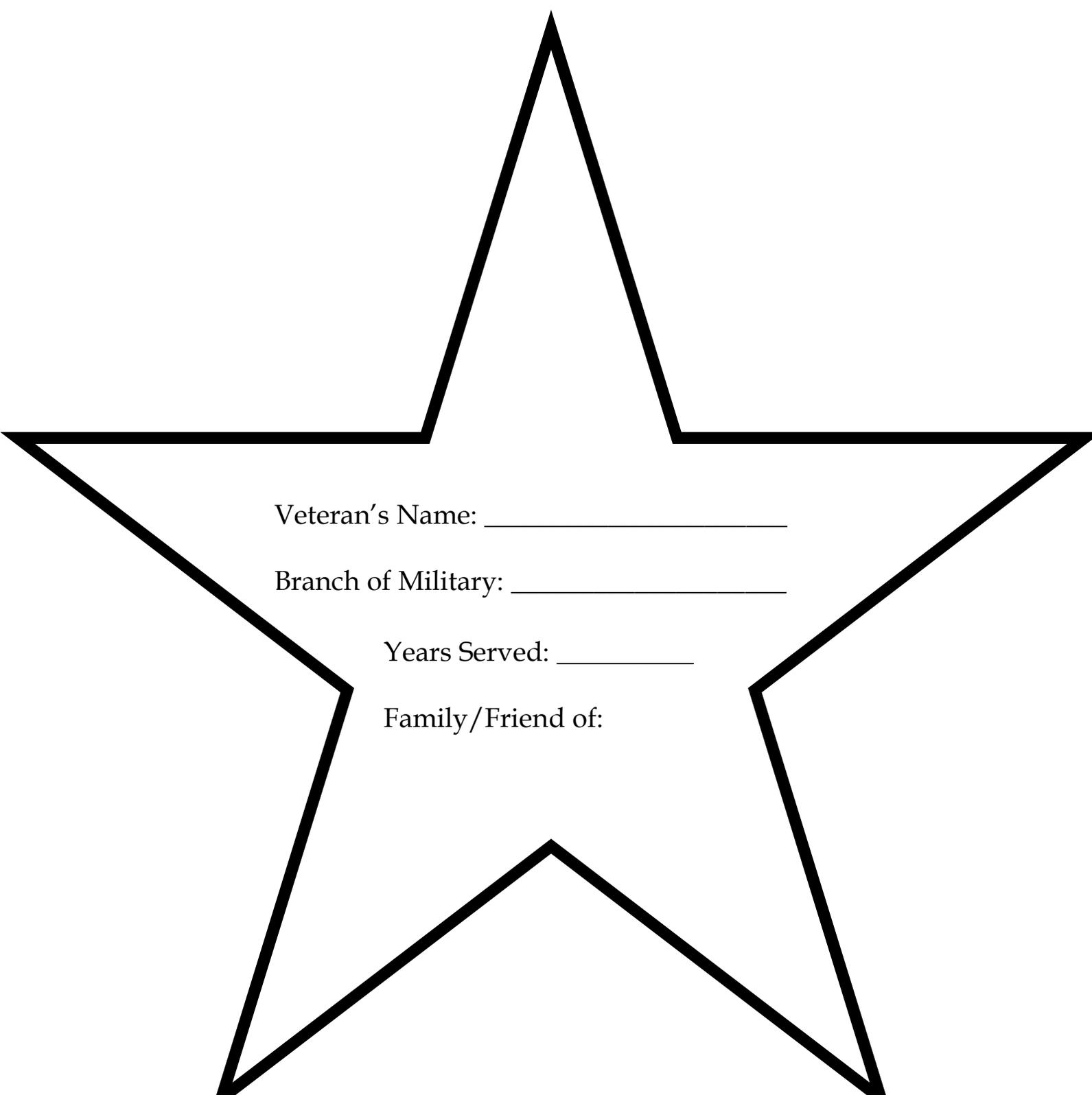
On Monday, November 11, All Saints Catholic School will be honoring all of our community's loved ones who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. If your family has a loved one or friend you would like to honor, please complete the star, cut it out, and send it to the school office by November 6.

Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Military: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Friend of:



ASCS Student Registration Form – SJN Children’s Christmas Choir



**“Children’s Christmas Choir”, grades 2 - 6**

**St. John Neumann Church**

**4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019**

6 rehearsals: Wednesdays: 6:30 – 7:30. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18

Bring your friends! Bring your best buddy!

Questions, more info?

Mrs. Borke. [sharborke@gmail.com](mailto:sharborke@gmail.com) , 734-787-1939 or Kurt Kulikowski, Director of Music, 734-455-5910 ext. 109

***This is your invitation to serve God and the people of St. John Neumann Church.***

***See old friends and make new friends. Sing because you love to sing!***

----- SJN Children’s Christmas Choir Registration -Please return to Mrs. Borke at [sharborke@gmail.com](mailto:sharborke@gmail.com) -----

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s email \_\_\_\_\_



\*\*\*Helpers Needed for bathroom breaks, attendance .....

Yes. I can help! Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed registration by Monday, Nov. 4 to Mrs. Borke at [sharborke@gmail.com](mailto:sharborke@gmail.com)

**Parents, please, walk your son/daughter to the SJN choir room the first week.**

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