

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Kids Bulletin November 2022

Learn about All Saints Day,
St. Martin of Tours, National
Adoption Month, Election Day
and Odd Socks Day

All Saints Day — November 1st

On the feast of All Saints, we honor those men and women who—whether they've been canonized or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. Saints are big dreamers. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them. Saints are go-getters. They don't wait for someone else to do good first; they jump right in. Saints are love-bringers. They try to see Christ in every person and every situation. Saints tell us what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.

Collect Prayer from the solemnity of All Saints

Let us pray today.
Almighty ever-living God,
By whose gift we venerate in one
Celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many
intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation
with you
for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



St. Martin OF TOURS

November 11

one wintry day, young Martin, soldier and catechumen, met a shivering beggar in the street. He cut his cape in two, giving half to the man. That night in a dream St. Martin saw Jesus wearing it and heard him say, "Martin is still only a catechumen, but has covered me with this garment." Stunned, soon afterward Martin presented himself for baptism.

Martin's father, a Roman tribune, had arranged for his son's conscription into the army at age 15. So Martin performed military service until he decided that it contradicted his Christian commitment. Sulpicius Severus, the saint's first biographer, described the day that Martin became the first Christian conscientious objector:

- *... The barbarians were invading the Gallic provinces. Assembling an army at the city of the Vangiones, Emperor Julian prepared to distribute a bonus to his troops. The men were called up in the customary manner, one by one, until Martin's turn came. He recognized that moment as a suitable time to ask for his discharge, and he did not think it would be honest for him to accept the bonus when he did not intend to fight. "I have fought for you up to this point," he said to Caesar. "Now let me fight for God. As for your bonus, let someone who is going to join the battle receive it. I am a soldier of Christ: combat is not permitted me."*

Julian exploded with rage and threatened Martin, calling him a coward.

"If my act is set down to cowardice rather than to faith," he said, "I shall stand unarmed tomorrow before our lines. In the name of the Lord Jesus and protected only by the sign of the cross, without shield or helmet, I

shall penetrate the enemy's ranks and not be afraid.”

The next day, the enemy sent an embassy to sue for peace, handing over themselves and all that was theirs. From this can anyone doubt that the victory was due to the blessed man— a grace granted to prevent his being sent unarmed into combat?

As there was now no war to fight, Martin got his discharge.

Martin was renowned as a miracle worker, performing many cures and even raising a dead man. Once, for example, he healed St. Paulinus of Nola's diseased eye by touching it lightly with a fine paintbrush. Martin died on November 11, 397. Because of his reputation, he became one of the most admired saints of the Middle Ages.



National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month. It is the month when the broader community acknowledges the efforts of those whose lives have been impacted by adoption and who facilitate the process. This month helps spread awareness and encourages all of us to learn about adoption. National Adoption Month celebrates the families who have grown through adoption. It also recognizes the journey of the many children who are still waiting for their destined families. It further highlights the thousands of children worldwide in need of adoption, and how easy it is to make a difference even if you cannot adopt.

- **Approximately 150,000 children are adopted in the U.S. each year, with about a third coming through the foster care system .**
- **Around 7 million Americans are adopted.**
- **The time an average child waits for an adoptive family is more than three years.**

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FAMILY
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HAPPINESS
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KIDS
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LOVE
MOTHER
SHARING
WELCOME

celebrate adoption and foster care families

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ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 8TH

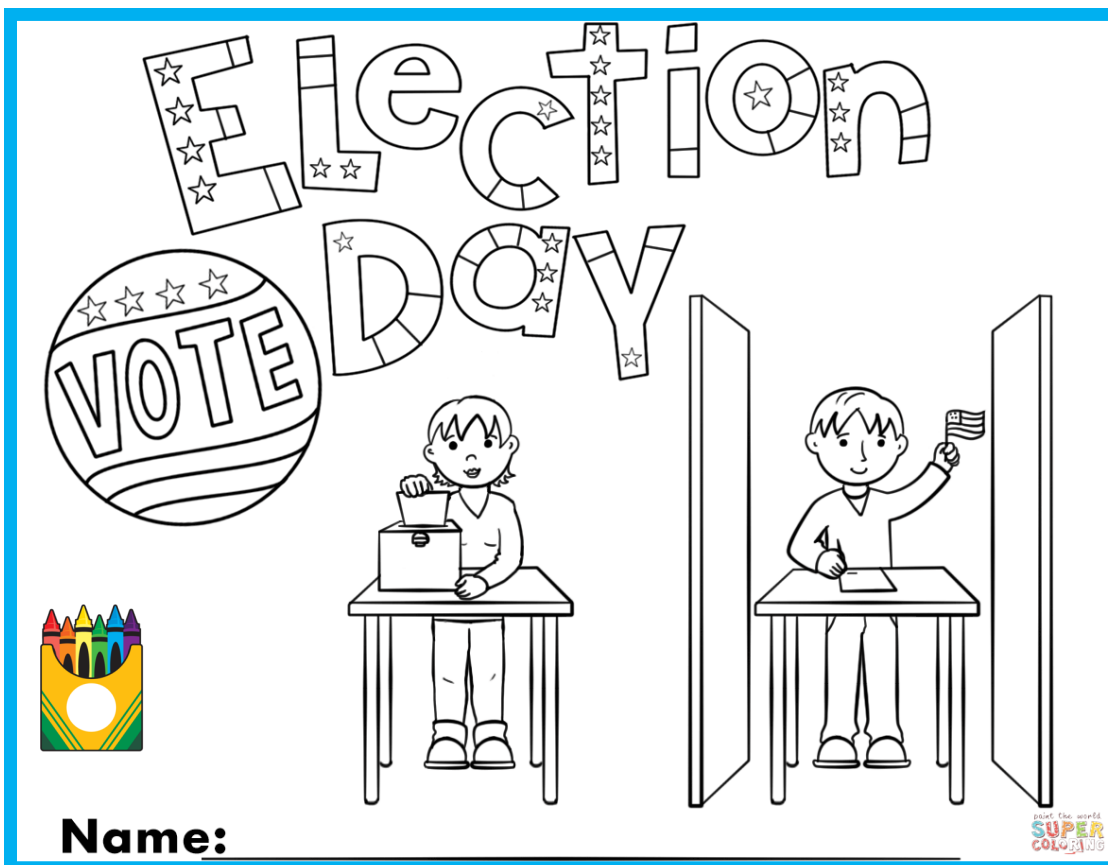
ELECTION DAY IS OBSERVED ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, TAKING PLACE ON NOVEMBER 8 THIS YEAR. THIS IS THE DAY WE CAST BALLOTS TO SELECT PUBLIC OFFICIALS – FROM LOCAL TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ARE HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS, IN YEARS DIVISIBLE BY FOUR, WHILE THE ELECTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE ARE HELD EVERY TWO YEARS. OTHER STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD IN ANY YEAR THAT IS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE.

⇒ **JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS 43 WHEN HE WAS ELECTED TO OFFICE.**

⇒ **VOTES WERE OFTEN COUNTED BY RAISING HANDS OR**

SPEAKING OUT LOUD IN THE 1700S AND EARLY 1800.

⇒ **SECRET BALLOTS STARTED BECOMING COMMON IN THE 1890S ELECTION.**



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Odd Socks Day — November 21st

Odd Socks day is held on the first day of the third week in November. The event is not only a great way to express uncanny styles, it's also promoting a good cause. The day is meant to remind us to think about our words before we say them and their effects on others.

Odd Sock Day first started in 2017 as a way to deter bullying in school. With the rise of technology and the added pressure children face social media and at school, the An-

ti-Bullying Alliance created the day to remind people that it's good to stand out. By expressing oneself without fear of judgment reaffirms the idea that being who you are is more than enough. If we can appreciate someone else's odd socks, we can also appreciate each individual's differences.

