

# Saint Fair Project

## 1<sup>st</sup> year Sacramental Prep Students for Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> year Sacramental Prep Students will participate in a Saint Fair Open House to earn credit for their first sacramental prep year. Families are invited to an Open House while students stand by their boards and make a mini-presentation. Our parish family will be invited to join us as well.

**Due by: One week before Saint Fair**

**Saint Fair Open House: Announced at Parent Meeting**

A “Canonized Saint” (Blessed or Venerable) will be chosen by the student & their family and researched to complete the following on a tri-fold science board:

- Saint’s Name, Dates of Birth, Death, and Feast Day
- What are they the patron Saint of?
- Symbol associated with the Saint (if any)
- Picture of the Saint – a color page by student is great
- Saint’s vocation and/or background of life
- What you most admire about the Saint in child’s own hand writing.
- One thing you can do to become more like your Saint who will be your new family friend for life.
- Optional: Hand out Holy Medals, Cards or anything associated with your Saint to visitors
- Child should be very familiar with their board and be able to do a small presentation for one of the Youth Formation office staff. This will be a very kid friendly interview to ensure knowledge of Saint.

Do not rely on Wikipedia!!! Trusted Websites to learn about the Saints include:

- [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)
- [www.theworkofgod.org/saints](http://www.theworkofgod.org/saints)
- <http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>
- <http://www.catholic-saints.info/>
- <https://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>

Although much reading on the Saints is at a higher reading level than 1<sup>st</sup> grade, parents are encouraged to explain in familiar terms and have students put ideas into their own words as they understand them. Students may hand write or type the information on the board. Creativity on this Saint board is encouraged and welcomed!

All youth are required to present their saint to one of the Youth Formation Coordinators during the Saint Fair. Students should be able to answer basic questions as well as provide a little background on the Saint and his/her life. Youth may refer to their board during the presentation.

This project is intended to be worked on with parents and students complete cooperation. Do not procrastinate. I would recommend working on 2 bullets a week starting this week!(-: Ways to work on this Saint Fair project together:

- Choose a Saint that you want to learn about or has meaning to your family.
- Read a story about the Saint together at bedtime. Read about traditions associated with that Saint.
- Print a Color Page of Saint and have child color. Print a portrait and have child embellish.
- Have student highlight information to add to the board from gathered material.
- Parents may write on board with pencil and have student trace over it.
- Allow students to decorate board creatively.

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