

COSTUME IDEAS FOR CHILDREN *for the* ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

St. Joseph's Church-October 28th

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Great resource of information, images & tons of ideas!

With any costume: think of the time period, country, religious order & have fun!

ALTAR BOY: *St. Dominic Savio:*

Died age 15, patron saint of boys, altar boys, & choirboys. Pictured as altar boy or in suit with bow tie.

ANGEL: Adult T-shirt or a dress, sash or belt at waist and sandals. For halo see HALOS. For wings use cardboard, wrapped in tin foil or buy. Archangel Gabriel: with a horn at the belt. St. Michael: see KNIGHT/AMOUR or just put sword in belt. Cherubim or Seraphim- instrument hanging from belt)

APOSTLE/ FRIAR/ MONK/OLD TESTAMENT: Adult T-shirt, put rope, sash, or belt around the waist, sandals, and there is your costume! Or use brown, gray, or black material, cut a hole in the top when folded in half. Use face paint for beard.

St. Peter: have keys or net hanging at his waist

St. Francis: cut out a bird and safety pin it on his shoulder, put on some patches

St. Brendan: 400-500's, Irish missionary monk in brown habit that went to America before the Vikings or Columbus!

St. Constantine, St. Benedict and St. Anthony the Abbot (from Egypt) were monks, rosary in belt

St. Theophylact: Asian Monk, 8th century, established hospices, was imprisoned the last 35 yrs. of his life.

Great St. Joseph: foster father of Jesus, carpenter by trade, hang a hammer from the belt

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: fake fur or leather & sandals. Perhaps tie a strip of cloth around the forehead.

BEGGAR: *St. Benedict Labre/ "Beggar of Rome", homeless (1700's) very shabby clothing*

BISHOPS: Large white T-shirt with sash, rope, or belt. Wear a cape. To make a miter (the hat) go to www.StNicholasCenter.org They have a miter pattern, Plastic crozier Top, and many other costume suggestions for Ol' St. Nick that can be used for any bishop!

St. Patrick: colors: green, white (shamrocks)

St. Nicholas: Santa Claus was actually a bishop from Myra: colors white, gold, red

St. Isidore: of Seville leading candidate for patron saint of computer users & the Internet

St. Valentine: (Yes, the Feb. 14th one!) pictured in reds/whites

CHAINS: *St. Vincent de Paul,* ragged clothes with chain (captured by Pirates, sold as slave)

DOCTOR: *St. Gianna Beretta Molla,* Italian. She died in 1962 to save her daughter. She also liked to mountain climb!



FARMER, Spanish: *St. Isidore*, loose peasant blouse, pants, don't forget a sombrero for the sun!
(1070-1130)

GARDENER & SEAMSTRESS: *St. Rose of Lima*, Dominican-white habit, crown of flowers



KNIGHT/ARMOR/SOLDIERS:

Buy plastic armor or make from cardboard & tin foil or gold/silver Poster-board, tin cans.

St. Joan of Arc, *St. George and the Dragon*, *St. Gengulphus*

St. Michael the Archangel: buy feather wings or make with cardboard with tin foil over them

Maurice: (3rd century) Officer in a legion of Christian soldiers from Upper Egypt

Roman soldiers:

St. Sebastian was officer of the Imperial Roman army, and captain of the guard.

Acacius was centurion in the imperial Roman army.

Adrian was an officer at the court of Nicomedia.

Martin joined the Roman imperial army at age 15. Encountering a beggar he cut his heavy officer's cloak in half, and gave it to him. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak.

Theodore: Roman general and covert Christian during a time of persecution

Eustachius: Pagan Roman general, converted to Christianity following a hunting trip during which he saw a glowing cross between the antlers of a stag



MAID: *St. Zita*: Italy, servant at age 12--- apron, simple dress, hair kerchief

MARY, queen of all saints: Any combination of white & blue. (Dress or adult T-shirt, sash, & a shawl or piece of material for a veil over head and shoulders.)

-*Our Lady of Guadalupe*- She appeared looking like an Aztec princess. Wear a white flowery dress, a black sash (sign of pregnancy) & a blue veil with stars on it.

MEXICAN INDIAN: *Saint Juan Diego*, our Lady of Guadalupe's image is still on his tilma. Use rough material such as canvas (or use poncho) tie around neck, attach a picture of Our Lady on it.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER:

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati: Italian. He spent his fortune on the needy and visited the sick; during this ministry he contracted the disease that killed him in 1925.

Nicknamed "Terror" due to his practical jokes. Smoked a pipe!

St. Gianna Beretta Molla: Italian. Doctor. She died in 1962 to save her daughter. She also liked to mountain climb!



NATIVE AMERICAN: *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha* (Lily of the Mohawks), daughter of Mohawk chief and Christian Algonquin mother. Dress as a Native American. Cut fringe on adult brown T-shirt. Add a wooden cross around neck.

NUNS/SISTERS: For habit, cut a hole at the top of some material folded over or use an adult T-shirt. Wear turtleneck underneath, use a square of material over the head as a veil, wear crucifix.

St. Teresa: of Avila. Brown habit. Carmelite, Doctor of the Church!

St. Brigid: of Ireland- often pictured in Celtic colors, began life as slave & heard St. Patrick preach

St. Scholastica: (black habit) Twin sister of St. Benedict often seen with a crosier, if child is little, use a walking cane

St. Therese: of Lisieux, France (the little flower) Carmelite at age 15. (Brown habit, white cape, black veil)

St. Colette: Poor Clare, France (habit of patches) restored rules of St. Clare, named after St. Nicholas.

St. Clare: of Assisi, friend of St. Francis, (grey, brown, white) patron saint of television

Blessed Mother Teresa: of Calcutta (white, blue stripes along edge) missionary to the poor & sick



NURSE: *Bertilla Boscardin*: Sister that cared for wounded Italian soldiers.

PEASANT: *St. Bernadette*: Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady: dark skirt, apron over the top, blouse & veil over the hair.

The little children of Fatima, Portugal, who saw the Blessed Mother: *Blessed Francisco*: trousers, white shirt, cap, and perhaps a jacket. *Blessed Jacinta* and *Blessed Lucia* could wear the same as Bernadette.



PRIEST/BROTHER:

St. Ignatius of Loyola: Spanish, founded the Jesuits (often seen in black)

St. John Bosco- He wore a black cassock. Perhaps use a large black T-shirt, with a white turtleneck underneath. He founded the Salesians to work with and educate boys. (We have a relic of him in our altar in the church.)

St. John Mary Vianney- (or Cure of Ars) Pictured in white, 2 black strips below his neck & red stole

St. Philip Neri: Founded Oratorians: wear black T-shirt or sweater with white collared shirt underneath. (Make sure the collar sticks out) Wore 3 pointed black hat, make from black foam sheets or Posterboard.

St. Martin de Porres: Dominican brother, son of Spanish Knight & black freed-woman from Panama. He helped the sick & poor, patron saint of interracial justice. White robe with black on top, like a T.

PRISONER: *St. Maximilian Kolbe*, blue striped prison uniform & glasses, priest died at Auschwitz so a man with a family could live.

ROYALTY: For any royal saint, buy or make a crown (cardboard with tin foil, gold/silver Poster-board)

GIRL Princess dresses are everywhere!

St. Queen Elizabeth of Hungary: carry a basket of bread

St. Margaret: Queen of Scotland, Scottish tartan clothing.

St. Bathildis: Queen of France

St. Adelaide: Queen of Germany and Italy

St. Helena: First Christian queen of Ukraine, lived 879-969 (relics found to be incorrupt)

St. Isabella: Princess of Spanish King, then Queen of Portugal (peacemaker-1200's)

St. Ursula: Legendary princess, the daughter of a Christian British king

Queen Ester: (Old Testament) Jewish

BOY

Good King Wenceslas: Bohemia. He could also wear armor along with his crown.

King Casimir: Poland (15th century, add a lily)

King Louis IX: France (13th century-crowned at age 12) Shown wearing: a crown of thorns

King Edward: England, the last of the Saxon kings



King Solomon and King David (Old Testament garb)

SHEPHARD/SHEPHARDESS: both could carry a crook (if child is little, use a walking cane)

David: as a young boy, sash around the head, sandals, slingshot & bag for pebbles at waist

St. Patrick: of Ireland, as shepherd slave when boy

St. Germaine's: skirt, shawl, head kerchief (right hand deformed, from France)

St. Genevieve: saved the city of Paris from Attila the Hun

ST.VERONICA: (Who wiped the face of Jesus.) Wear a dress or adult T-shirt tied at the waist, sandals, & veil. (Attach a picture of Jesus' face to veil.)

TOGA: *St. Helen:* Married co-regent of the Western Roman Empire led group to Holy Land & found the True Cross. (326)

VIKING: *Edith of Polesworth:* Viking queen, 900's

HALO: Use gold pipe cleaners to bend into halos to put on any saint! Or gold, star, bendable wrapping ribbon wire. These are available from Beverley's Fabrics. The party stores also carry halos.

HOLY CARDS: Buy holy cards of your child's saint for him/her to pass out to others. The kids can be trading holy cards! Available at: Agnus Dei Bookstore downtown, Autom, (800-521-2914 or www.automonline.com) www.archangelbooks.com

Check out the used clothing stores for inexpensive costumes you can work with...

Lenz Arts, Beverley's, & party stores for making or buying accessories.

ONLINE COSTUMES --Some offer adult size costumes

www.fofcostumes.com ---*Flight of Fancy Costumes*

Mother Theresa, Bl. Kateri, Jesuit, Benedictine, & Franciscan habits, captain, historical, Renaissance, knight, princess

www.justcatholic.com --- "Wiseman"-royalty

www.catholicfamilycatalog.com --- full Armor of God play set for: knights, St. Michael, Joan of Arc, etc.

www.automonline.com ---carries altar boy clothing that can work for a child to use as a priest as well (holy cards too- 100 for \$6)

www.christiancostumes.com ---Mary, Joseph, Moses, biblical, angels, Roman, various priest hats

**All you Saints and angels in heaven,
pray for us!**

