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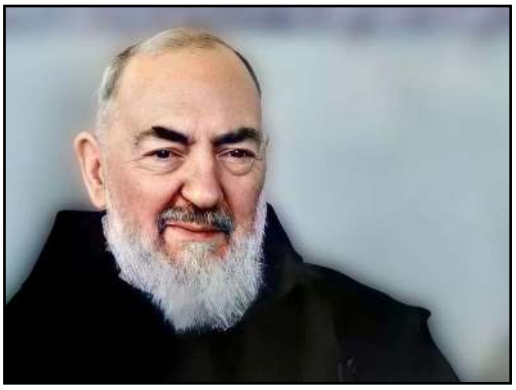
ST. PADRE PIO



BORN: May 25th, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy

DIED: September 23rd, 1968, in San Giovanni Rotondo

FEAST DAY: September 23rd

PATRON SAINT OF: Adolescents, Civil Defense Volunteers

Out of all the fruits of the Holy Spirit, Padre Pio exemplified **Faithfulness** the most. He said upwards of 30 Rosaries per day while also hearing, on occasion, 16 hours of daily confessions.

The second fruit of the Holy Spirit that he showed was **generosity** by using his popularity to build a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo instead of being greedy and using his fame to get self gratification.

AMAZING FACTS

- One time in WWII a massive image of him appeared in the sky. It freaked out the pilots and they stopped a bombing run on San Giovanni Rotondo. When the pilots heard about Padre Pio they went and visited him. When they saw him, they immediately recognized him and became friends
- St. Pio decided he wanted to be a priest at the age of 5
- Padre Pio would have attacks from the Devil himself daily
- The Stigmata which he suffered from healed 3 days before he died without leaving any scars, which he had foretold fifty years earlier
- The blood from the Stigmata (the wounds of Jesus) smelled of floral Perfume
- Padre Pio met a photographer named Modesto Vinelli in 1918, they became close friends. They would meet once a year on September 20th and at the end of every visit, Pio would say exactly how many years of these annual meetings remained. At their last meeting he looked at him and said "The fifty years has now passed." Two days later Padre Pio died.
- Upon his death, he left his stigmata wrapping gloves to Conchita Gonzalez who was a visionary in the amazing Garabandal apparitions. He said the events (the prophecies, future Warning and Miracle) were true. They remain in her home today in NY as she awaits to announce the future miracle.

I chose St. Padre Pio because it is very cool that he had the wounds of Jesus (stigmata). He could bilocate, meaning, to be in two places at once. He had the ability to see peoples'sins and help them confess all of them. But most of all St. Padre Pio was devout and said many Rosarys and heard many confessions. He was determined to save people and help them amend their lives. Because of his holy nature, he was able to foretell many things throughout his life and perform many miracles I think he is one of the coolest Saints ever.

DID YOU KNOW?

Padre Pio has a local connection. About 2 hours away, you can visit the National Centre for Padre Pio which features a confessional that Padre Pio used in Italy. This center was built by a family whose child was cured by and illness through the intercession of Padre Pio. They built this to honor him.

Prayer to Saint Padre Pio:

O God, You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son, grant me through his intercession the grace of ... which I ardently desire; and above all grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection.

Glory be to the Father... (three times)

Submitted by XAVIER H.

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Born: 1098 - Bermersheim vor der Hohe, Germany
Died: 1179 - Bingen am Rhein, Germany

Feast Day: September 17
Patron Saint of Musicians and Ecologists

Saint Hildegard showed joy, kindness, and was a gentle person. She showed joy with her "Cookies of Joy." She wrote that eating these cookies helps people to relax and open their hearts and minds, be open to their senses to be happy, and fill their minds with cheerfulness and strongness. She showed kindness from caring deeply for the poor and the sick. She stood up against corrupt leadership to protect ordinary people. She showed gentleness by caring for the sick. She was a natural healer. She used nature to create gentle herbal remedies to care and heal the sick.

I chose Saint Hildegard because I love music and care about the environment. I play the flute, love to sing, and I listen to music all the time. I also want to protect the earth and help stop pollution. Saint Hildegard used natural resources to heal people and she wrote music.

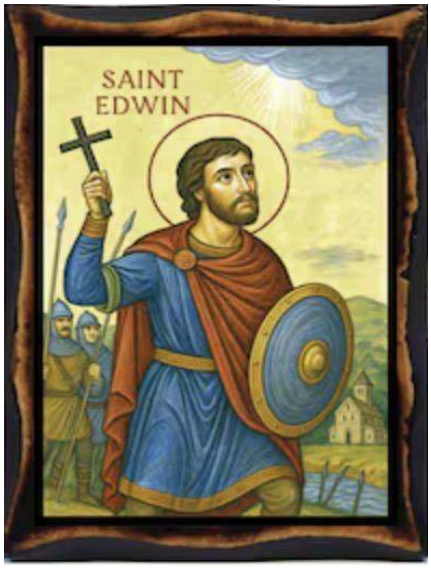
By: Rose C.

Saint Edwin

(586–633 A.D.)

Feast day was October 12

Patron Saint of large families, the homeless and wanderers, converts to the Catholic faith, and Kings or Civic leaders.



Edwin's Story including the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Edwin's childhood was in exile. There was a prophecy that he would regain the throne. Edwin had **self-control** and **patience**, waiting to return to his home . Once he returned home, he was married to a princess of the Catholic Church. Her name was Saint Ethelburga. Edwin learned the Christian faith through his wife's devotion to Jesus. Edwin converted to become a Catholic. He **generously** created many churches . He also spread Jesus's word out the **kindness** of his heart. He died in battle, defending against a pagan army. His **faithfulness** helped him become a martyr.

Why did you choose this saint?

I chose Saint Edwin because he was courageous in battle against people who wanted to kill Christians.

Also, Saint Edwin dedicated his life to doing good deeds for others. He chose to follow God teachings.

By: Odin W

Saint Lawrence

Born: December 31st, 225 AD, in Huesca, Spain

Died: August 10th, 258 AD, San Lorenzo in Panisperna

Feast day: August 10

Patron Saint of Cooks and the poor

Saint Lawrence was born in a time where being Christian was dangerous and could get you killed. Instead of cowering in fear and hiding who he was he chose being faithful to God and took care of the history of the church so it would not be forgotten. He was also known for being generous by helping the poor, feeding them, and selling his items and giving the money to them. And at the very end of his life instead of being angry at Rome and God for having him die by being grilled His love for God was so great he didn't feel the flames and prayed for the conversion of Rome and the world.

I chose Saint Lawrence because he is the type of person I aspire to be. In his life he showcased great faith and cared for others. He never seemed to lose his calm and get angry at people. He showed what a peaceful life would be like staying happy and full of love for God.

By: Paloma H

Saint John Paul II of Wadowice, Poland

Born: 1920 in Wadowice, Poland
Died: 2005 in Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

Feast Day in October 22
Patron Saint of World Youth Day, young Catholics, and families

Saint John Paul II was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland and died on April 2, 2005. He was the youngest of three children. While attending Krakow's Jagiellonian University during the war, he tragically lost his mother, brother, and sister. As a young boy, he was encouraged by his father to stay active. He enjoyed many sports and often would join other teams so they would be even and fair.

He exemplified **love** because he showed deep love for all people. He went to over 129 countries and cared for the sick and the poor. He loved working with young people, which gave them **joy.** He also sang with youth at World Youth Day events. As Saint John Paul slowly became a saint he quietly and slowly built a reputation as a powerful preacher and a man of both great leadership and charm. On May 13, 1981in St. Peter's Square Saint John Paul was shot by a Turkish political extremist, Mehmet Ali Agca. After he got released from the hospital, the pope visited him in prison, where he had begun serving a life sentence, and personally forgave him for his actions.

I chose Saint John Paul because he was Athlete like me and I relate to his quote *"Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person.*

By: Conor M.

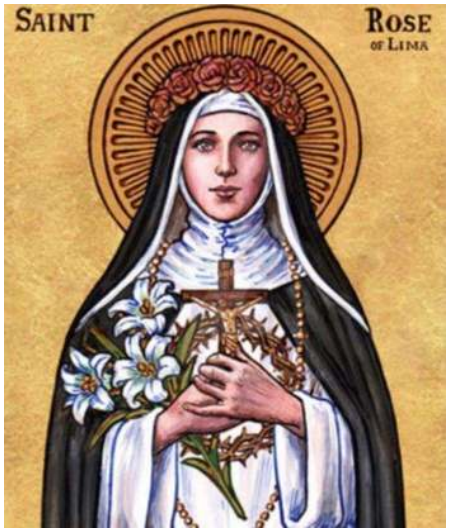
Saint Rose of Lima

Saint Rose was born on April 20th, 1586 in Lima, Peru. She passed away on August 24, 1617 in Lima, Peru.

Saint Rose was known for her kindness because she spent her time helping the hungry and sick in her town. She even brought some people back to her home to take care of them. Saint Rose was also known for her generosity, she grew flowers to raise money for the poor and to help her family. She also did amazing needlework and embroidery to sell and help her family as well.

Rose of Lima feast day August 23rd.
She is Patron Saint of florists, the Americas, Peru, The Philippines, embroidery, and needlework.

I chose Saint Rose of Lima because of her kindness, she helped people in need and her story really inspired me. I like to pray the Novena to Saint Rose of Lima.



Cassie M

Saint Andrew the Apostle

By: John |

Patron Saint of Fisherman, Singers, and Rope-Makers

Feast Day: November 30

Born: ~ 5-10 AD
Died: Nov. 30, 60 AD

Background

Saint Andrew the Apostle was born in a village called Bethsaida. It is located in Israel and its name means “house of fishing”. Like his father, Andrew was a fisherman. Andrew also had a brother, his name was Simon Peter, better known as Saint Peter.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Saint Andrew showed many and if not, all of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, but the two that stand out the most are **Faithfulness** and **Peace.** He showed **faithfulness** because he committed to be one of Jesus’ followers. This is why Saint Andrew is known as the “First Called”. He also exemplified **peace** when he saw the X-shaped cross, which is the cross he would be executed on, he did not show any fear. Instead, he embraced it with peace because he thought that it was a privilege dying for Christ.

Why I picked Saint Andrew

I picked Saint Andrew because my great-grandfather’s name was Andrew and I never had the chance to meet him. Also, my dad picked Saint Andrew as his Confirmation name. Additionally, I have a love for fishing, and Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of fishing.

Saint Margaret of Scotland

By: Ella M.

Margaret embodied the many fruits of the holy spirit. She was faithful to the lord. When she was crowned, Margaret built a church so that all her family may go to heaven. Margaret taught her children self control. A quote from her is "My children, love and fear God; for they who fear God, have not to fear death and they who love God with their whole heart, will not only be happy for the short space of time we live on this earth but, will be eternally blessed in the life to come.". She also taught her children to be respectful in church. Margaret was a kind person. She often gave to the poor and fed and cleaned the needy. She also took in 9 orphan children into her court.

I chose Saint Margaret because my great grandmother and my great, great grandmother shared the name Margaret along with other members of my family on both sides. My ancestors came from Scotland and I learned that she was a queen of Scotland.

Picture: Margaret's picture on her 13th century family tree.

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Saint Anne

The Mother of Mary and Grandmother of Jesus

Feast Day: July 26th

Saint Anne was born in Bethlehem, Judea in around 50 BC. Saint Anne's exact date of death is unknown but people believe she died during 4 AD. To 12 AD.

Saint Anne is the Patron Saint of mothers, women in labor, grandmothers, and minors

Saint Anne is best known for being the mother of the Virgin Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Saint Anne and her husband Joachim prayed for years for a child. In her old age her prayers were finally answered and she gave birth to baby Mary.

- Saint Anne showed **faithfulness** by fulfilling her promises of giving her first child to the temple. Saint
- Anne showed gentleness by raising Mary carefully and educating her in holiness.
- Saint Anne and her husband showed **patience** by not quitting during their years of infertility. Saint Anne's name means grace.

I chose Saint Anne because my middle name is Mary and Anne is the mother of Mary.

By: June K.

Saint John the Apostle

Born: 6 BC in Bethsaida, Galilee

Died: 100 AD in Ephesus

Feast Day: December 27

Patron Saint *of Loyalty, Friendship, Authors, and Love*

Saint John was born in 6 BC in Bethsaida, Galilee. He is the son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of James the Great, the disciple. John and James were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. John along with his brother, James and apostle Peter were a close group of friends with Jesus. Saint John exemplifies the fruit of the Holy Spirit through his **love** and friendship to Jesus and his loyalty to him by being one of Jesus' closest friends. John showed he was a **faithful** friend because he stood by Jesus during the Agony in Gethsemane, his death on the cross, and he was the first apostle to run to the tomb when Jesus rose from the dead after St. Mary Magdelyn announced the resurrection. Saint John showed **kindness** and **generosity** to Jesus by taking care of Jesus' mother, Mary as well as healing the crippled and injured. John is one of the Gospel writers. He wrote about what he witnessed first-hand and he spread Jesus' word.

I chose Saint John for my Confirmation name because I am a loyal friend like John was to Jesus. I also believe he was a great saint who helped a lot of people and I want to help people when I grow up. John was willing to do a lot of work to help out as a disciple.

By: Alex K

St. Lucy of Syracuse

Born: Around 283 AD in Syracuse, Italy.
Died: Around 304 AD in Syracuse, Italy.

Feast Day: December 3.
Patron Saint of the blind, people with eye disorders, and sight.

St. Lucy was born into a very wealthy family. She demonstrated the holy fruit of Love (**charity**) by donating her wealth to the poor and dying for her faith. When St. Lucy donated all of her money to the poor, her husband grew mad over the lost money and denounced her as a Christian to the Roman authorities.

St. Lucy showed the holy fruit of (generosity) by sneaking out at night to bring food and supplies to Christian believers hiding underground. When her husband found out about this he reported her illegal christianity to the Roman authorities.

St. Lucy also showed the holy fruit of (faithfulness) by making a vow to God to never marry and refused to break it, even for a rich husband. When Roman soldiers tried to force her to change her mind, she stayed strong and died for her beliefs.

She showed true love for God; she even got her eyes taken out in execution.

I chose St Lucy not only because we have the same name but also because she showed how hard working and strong a woman could be for God.

By: Lucy

St. Katharine Drexel

Date of birth: November 26, 1858, Philadelphia PA

Date of death: March 3, 1955, Cornwells Heights PA (Age: 96)

Feast Day: March 3rd

Patron Saint of Racial Justice and Philanthropists

St. Katharine Drexel was born into one of Philadelphia's wealthiest families; she shocked her family (and nation) with her decision to become a Roman Catholic nun and social activist at age 31. Exemplifying **generosity** she used her inheritance of $7 million to build missions, schools, and churches for Native Americans and African-Americans. St. Katharine's **faithfulness** was recognized in 1987 when she was beatified 100 years after she met Pope Leo XIII who inspired her to enter religious life. The first miracle ascribed to her occurred in 1974 when a boy's eardrum was healed.

I became interested in her after I saw her last name was Drexel, knowing that the school Drexel is right in Philadelphia (also my dream college). After reading many articles and stories about her I realized she is so much more then just her name. She helped many people get a good education that otherwise would have suffered under the prevalent racism of her time. It was not easy to highlight the injustices she observed, but she devoutly prayed and had faith that what she was doing was right. Despite her tenacity she died after fighting a serious illness for over 18 years, but now we hope she is resting in **peace.**

By: Kate S.

St. John the Apostle

The Apostle of Love and Faithfulness

Who Was St. John?

St. John the Apostle was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and one of His closest disciples. He was the brother of St. James and the son of Zebedee. John is traditionally known as the "beloved disciple" and is especially remembered for his **LOVE** for Jesus and his **FAITHFULNESS** to Him.

His Faithfulness to Jesus

St. John stayed **faithful** to Jesus even during the most difficult moments. He was present at the Crucifixion when many others had fled. From the cross, Jesus entrusted His mother, Mary, to John's care. John's courage and **FAITHFULNESS** show what it means to remain close to Jesus even when it is hard.

A Message of Love

John's writings emphasize that God is love and that Christians should show **LOVE** to one another. The eagle is a traditional symbol of St. John because his Gospel is said to soar to great spiritual heights.

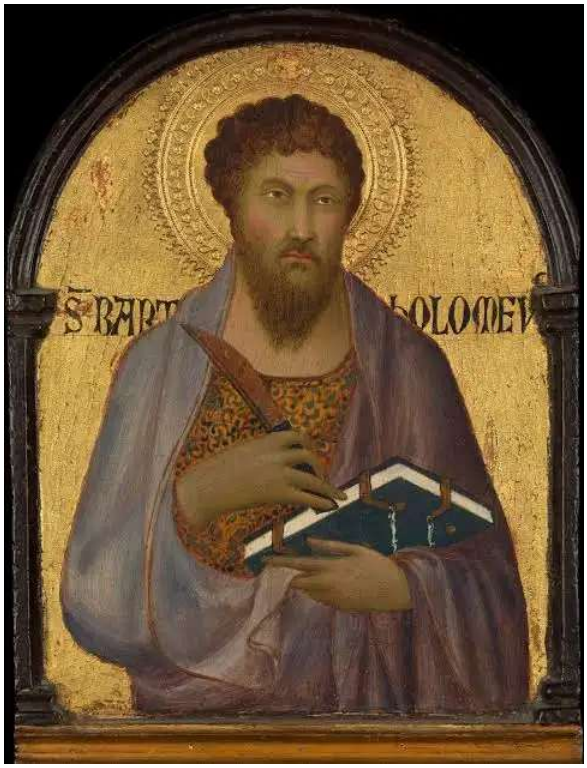
Why I Chose St. John

I chose St. John because he reminds me of my uncle. St. John's **LOVE**, loyalty, and **FAITHFULNESS** to Jesus are qualities that make him special to me.

"Let us love one another, because love is from God." - 1 John 4:7

Anderson M

ST. BARTHOLOMEW



- *Born during the 1st century AD in Cana of Galilee, Roman Empire*
- *Died around 69/71 AD in Albanopolis, Armenia*
- *One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus*
- *Feast of Saint Bartholomew is celebrated annually on August 24*
- *Patron saint of tanners, leatherworkers, bookbinders, and butchers because of the way he died*

St. Bartholomew embodies faith in all ways, shape and form. He believed in God so much that even when being prosecuted and faced with the alternative of death, he stood for what he believed in and pronounced his faith.

He was also immensely patient throughout his life. He was so patient some said that he endured extreme persecution and the violent agony of his martyrdom with "such patience that he seemed to be dead and no longer to have feeling, for he was so filled with the Spirit of God."

Last but not least, he loved more than his heart could give. This was exhibited through an undivided heart and total selflessness for others, spending his life bringing local populations and royalty the word of Christ out of a deep love for God and neighbor.

The reason I chose St. Bartholomew is because I like his name.

Brennan B.

St. Cecilia

Virgin and Martyr • Patron Saint of Music and Musicians

Born: about 200 A.D. in Rome, Italy
Died: about 230 A.D. in Rome, Italy
Feast Day: November 22
Patron Saint of: Music, musicians, and sacred song
Also called: Cecilia of Rome

How St. Cecilia exemplified the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

St. Cecilia was born into a wealthy Roman family and raised as a Christian. She exemplified ***faithfulness*** because she promised her life to God as a young woman and kept that promise even when her parents forced her to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian. On her wedding night she told Valerian that an angel guarded her and that she had vowed to belong to Christ. Because of her witness, Valerian was baptized. He later brought his brother Tiburtius to the faith as well. Both men were martyred, and Cecilia stayed true to Jesus until her own death.

She showed ***love*** by caring more about God and other people than about her own safety or wealth. She converted many people in Rome and gave her possessions to the poor. After she was arrested, the prefect tried to kill her by locking her in a burning-hot bathhouse, but she was unharmed. An executioner then struck her neck three times but could not cut off her head. Cecilia lived for three more days. During that time she preached to the people who came to her, gave her goods to the poor, and left her house to the Church so it could become a place of worship.

Cecilia also showed ***joy***. At her wedding, while musicians played worldly songs, she sang hymns to God in her heart. That is why the Church honors her as the patron saint of music. Even while she was dying she continued to praise God and to encourage others. Her joy did not come from an easy life. It came from loving Jesus.

Why I chose this Saint

I chose St. Cecilia because she is the patron saint of music, and I like music. I also liked that she was young and still stood up for what she believed in, even when it was hard. I am still learning a lot about my faith, but her story made sense to me. She showed me that you do not have to be old or perfect to try to live a good life and stay true to God.

By: Ava B.

ST. VITUS (290-303)

St. Vitus was a 4th century young Christian martyr whose association with dance evolved from medieval healing traditions. St. Vitus is the patron saint of dancers and his feast day is celebrated June 15th. His feast day was celebrated in Germany with dancing in front of his status. St. Vitus became the patron saint of dancing due to Europeans dancing in frantic and compulsive movements in front of his statue. There is a medical condition, now rare, called Sydenhams chorea, which causes sudden, involuntary dance like muscle spasms and it was name the St. Vitus's dance. He is also the patron saint of actors, comedians, epileptics and people with nervous system disorders

St. Vitus prayer:

"Holy St. Vitus, through your example and faith and your compassion that cost you your life, I pray my faith remains strong and my dance inspires and benefits those who see it. Amen"

I picked St. Vitus for my confirmation name because I am a dancer. His name is unique and I never heard before picking a saint for confirmation. I enjoying dancing and hope that St. Vitus will continue to provide me strength and coordination to continue to dance.

Georgia C

Saint Maria Goretti

Born: October 16, 1890

Died: July 6, 1902

Why I chose Saint Maria Goretti

I chose her because my father's family is Italian and my middle name is Marie. I was inspired by her because even though she was my age and Alessandro hurt her she didn't fight back or cause trouble for his family. She also forgave on her deathbed him even though he did something he cannot take back she also didn't cry but worried about other people and not herself.

St. Maria Goretti was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer. She did not have an opportunity to go to school, so she could not read or write. She was only 12 when she became a martyr, not long after her first communion.

One day in July, Maria was at the top of the stairs at her house fixing a shirt when her neighbor Alessandro Serenelli ran up the stairs and tackled her. She tried to call for help, but no one answered, she cried out "No, God does not wish it," and "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking her with a long dagger. Even when she was getting hurt, she still had God in mind showing her **faithfulness** was never-ending.

After that, she was taken to a hospital and, in her last moments, she showed **kindness** by wondering where her mother would sleep and forgiving her murderer. She showed **peace** because even though she had been in fear of him she didn't say anything for the sake of his family.

About 24 hours later, at the age of 12, she passed away. Alessandro was sentenced to three decades in prison and, for a long time, he did not have any regrets. One night, he had a dream of Maria picking flowers and offering them to him, after that, his life changed. When he was released 27 years later, the first thing he did was go and beg Maria's mother for forgiveness. Her beatification was performed in 1947. Three years later, at Maria canonization, 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli cried tears of joy among 250,000 people.

By: Alex W

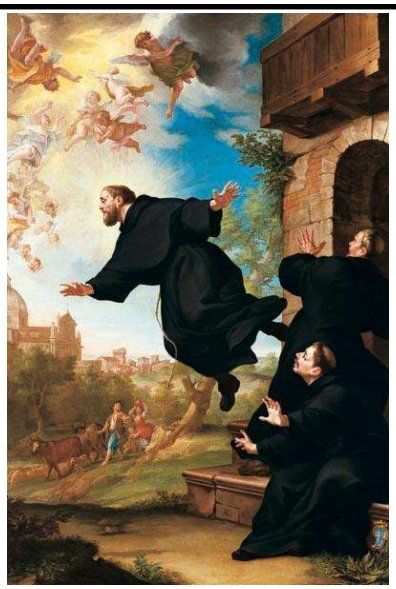
St. Michael

By Alex. B

St. Michael exemplifies the Fruits of the Holy Spirit In three ways. He exemplifies them with love, peace, and faithfulness. St. Michael exemplifies love through his total loyalty to God, his fierce protection to the heavens and humanity, and by his great humility toward God. A second way St. Michael exemplifies the fruits of the Holy Spirit is by peace. St. Michael exemplifies peace by, actively fighting evil to restore order in the heavens, as the leader of the army in heaven. And he is the defender of justice by protecting those who hold truth. A final way St. Michael exemplifies the fruits of the Holy Spirit is through his faithfulness. St. Michael exemplifies faithfulness by leading the faithful angelic hosts to cast out rebellion against all evil, which proves his loyalty. And he exemplifies his faith by redirecting all glory and power back to God. These are the ways St. Michael exemplifies the fruits of the Holy Spirit, through love, peace, and faithfulness.

I chose St. Micheal because he is the defender of the heavens and humanity. And he Is also very loyal to God and redirects all the glory and power to God instead of himself. That is the reason why I chose St. Michael.

St. Joseph of Cupertino



Feast Day: September 18

Known as: "The Flying Friar"

Patron Saint of Aviators

1603-1663 in Cupertino, Italy

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit that St. Joseph of Cupertino exemplifies are Patience and Faithfulness.

Patience because he kept doing schoolwork even though it was hard. Faithfulness because he was strong with God so much that he levitated when he prayed.

Why did you choose this Saint?

Because he is known as the “Flying Friar” because he was seen levitating while praying. Like me he struggled in school but kept going and he eventually was successful. Most importantly, I want to be a Navy Pilot and he is the Patron Saint of Aviators. He has two prayers, one is for people who have a hard time taking tests and one is for flying.

By: James Eric

St. Dominic

He is the Patron Saint of : Astronomers and Natural Scientists

Birth Date: August 8, 1170
- Place: Caleruega, Spain

Death Date: August 6, 1221
- Place: Bologna, Italy

How did he exemplify the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

Generosity :|: Sold possession in time of famine to give to the poor

Joy :|: Was known as the "Joyful Friar" who sang the praises of God along the roads, showing kindness to pilgrims.

Self-Control :|: Believed that true strength does not come from conquering people or acquiring wealth, but from controlling your desires and emotions.

I chose St. Dominic because he shares a name with my dad. I find astronomy Interesting.

by, Carmine C

Saint Daniel the Prophet

Feast day: December 17

Patron saint of courage, fortitude, and strength

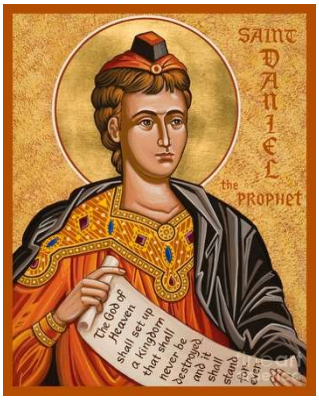
I chose Saint Daniel because we share a name. My middle name is Daniel and he has a really fascinating story. Saint Daniel was a great prophet in the Old Testament. He lived 600 years before Jesus. He was a Babylonian captive that was selected as part of a special group that would be prepared for service to the king. He was in this group because he has a special gift from god. He could interpret dreams and visions and was very intelligent. The court personnel got jealous, so they asked the king to sign a decree that no one was to pray to god for 30 days. Failure to comply was punishable by death in a lion's pit. Daniel didn't know about this decree and he continued to pray and the king unfortunately had to enforce the law. Daniel was thrown into the lion's pit to be ripped to pieces. The next morning after a restless night the king came to see that Daniel was still living and well. The king was very happy that God had saved Daniel. Daniel said "My god sent his angel and shut the lion's mouth's, and they have not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him and before you O' king."

Faithfulness

Saint Daniel put his full faith in God and he survived because of it. God sent an Angel to him and the angel closed the lion's mouths. This shows that Daniel is faithful to God with everything he does and fully trusts God to show the way.

Peace

Saint Daniel was peaceful to the people and the king even after they tried to execute him in a lion's den. This shows that he was peaceful and kind to everyone even if they were not kind to him. This is a something all should live and stand by.



By Griffin S.

St. Sebastian

Born: AD 255, in Narbonne, France

Died: AD 288, in Rome, Italy

Feast Day: January 20th

Patron Saint of: Athletes, archers, and soldiers

St. Sebastian was a "secret Christian" who joined the Roman army under an anti-Christian emperor. Sebastian used his high rank of Captain to act as a silent supporter and visit Christians who were imprisoned, tortured, and ultimately slain for their faith. Unfortunately, Sebastian's Christian faith was discovered, and he was ordered to be tied to a stake and shot by archers. Sebastian survived this attempted execution, and after recovering, publicly confronted the emperor about his cruel actions towards Christians, demanding justice. Sebastian was taken, and ordered to death by clubbing. Sebastian did not survive this execution and died in 288 AD, while staying true to his faith.

St. Sebastian showed **faithfulness** by demonstrating his extreme faith in God when he joined the Roman army to assist persecuted Christians. He showed **kindness** by risking his life to provide food, clothes, supplies, and comfort to Christians imprisoned in Roman dungeons. Lastly, he showed **gentleness** by comforting imprisoned Christians and reminding them to remain strong in their faith to God, even during the most trying of times.

I chose St. Sebastian because I enjoy being active, playing sports, and practicing archery. I believe St. Sebastian will help guide me to face hardships with confidence and strength, and to stand up for what is right, even when it is not the popular choice.

Patrick G.

St. Teresa of Avila

Born March,28 1515
Died October 1582

Saint Teresa of Avila was born
in Avila, Spain.
Her religious name is Teresa of Jesus.

Love- She helped the disabled people, Saint Teresa also was disabled herself, her health collapsed, at that time she was disabled 3 years after that time she was better.

Kindness- She helped people in need of grace from suffering from their illness.

She was the Patron Saint of Headache Sufferers.

She wrote spiritual classics, she was also a Doctor of the Church.

Gentleness-Her miracles praying over her nephew deeply who was crushed by a wall and brought him back to life.

She opened 16 convents.

She was canonized a Saint in 1622 in Rome by Pope Gregory.

She was a woman of Prayer and Compassion .

Her heart belonged to God.

Her Feast Day- October 15

By Jeweliana T

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy around 1182. He was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone but his father nicknamed him Francesco. His father was a rich cloth merchant so the family had a lot of wealth. St. Francis was a **generous** man because he gave all his wealth to the poor and the church. He **loved** all animals and was very gentle them. He is the patron saint of animals, the environment, and **peace**. Many churches still gather outside on his feast day, October 4th, to bless family pets.

I chose Saint Franis of Assisi for my saint project because of his love for animals. I volunteer at the SPCA where you take dogs on walk, feed them, and take them outside to play with them so they can use all the energy that they have. I also volunteer to take care of the cats as well by cleaning out their cages, playing with them, and feeding them. I also have a golden retriever named Jasper so I get to spend a lot of time around animals. That is why I love animals.

Carter G.

St. Michael the Archangel

Feast Day: September 29

Patron Saint of Law Enforcement and Military

Saint Michael the Archangel is the leader of the army of angels who cast Satan into Hell. St. Michael is often depicted as a knight wielding a flaming sword and holding scales to weigh souls at their death. Some of the battles Archangel Michael fought in are the war with the angel Lucifer (Satan) and his army of fallen angels in Heaven, the dispute with Satan over Moses' body, and the battle with the Prince of Persia. Archangel Michael serves as Israel's defender and protector of the faithful. He exemplifies the Fruits of the Holy Spirit of Peace, Love, Faithfulness and Kindness by protecting people through his main responsibilities:

1) Soldier – fights Satan and forces of evil (Peace)
2) Rescuer – saves people from evil especially at the hour of death (Love)
3) Protector – defends God's People and the Church (Faithfulness)
4) Guide – leads souls to God for judgment after death (Kindness)

I chose St. Michael the Archangel because I like those who defend others. I also like that I share my Baptismal name with St. Michael. Pope Leo XIII wrote the Prayer to St. Michael asking for his protection of the Church in 1884. People recite the Prayer to St. Michael for protection or when they are in temptation:

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

By: Michael R

St. Joseph

Born: Around 90 bc **Died: AD 12- AD 30**

Feast day; March 19th and May 1st

Patron saint of universal Church, fathers, workers, families, the dying, and those seeking a holy death.

St. Joseph was a person who showed faithfulness because he took care of Mary and became the father of Jesus. He trusted God's plan and stayed loyal to his family. St. Joseph also showed his love by being the protector of Mary and Jesus and using his carpenter skills to build a house for Mary and Jesus and keep food on the table.

I chose Saint Joseph because he is the father of Jesus and husband of Mary, I also have a cousin and uncle named Joe.

Billy M.

Saint Helen (Helena)

Feast Day: August 18
Patron Saint Of : Archaeologists,Converts, New Discoveries, and Difficult Marriages.

I chose Saint Helen because she shows a great amount of generosity towards the poor. I am very inspired by her because she had a lot of money that she could do so many different things with and she decided to help other people that weren't as lucky as her.

Saint Helen was born around 248 AD in modern day Turkey. Then around 270 AD Helen got married to a Roman officer named Constantius Chlorus. A little bit after her marriage they had a child named Constantine. Then Helen got a divorce for political reasons with her husband. Constantine rose to power and brought his mother to court and gave her the name Augusta and that gave her access to a lot of money. But Helen was a very **generous** person so instead of keeping the money she decided to help the poor and supplied them with materials and help. Helen decided to convert her religion to Christianity and all her **love and devotion** for God had her take a pilgrimage to the holy land in around 326 AD. Then around 330 AD Helen had passed away with her son by her side, and she left a great example of faith that made her a saint.

By:Norah W

Saint Gabriel The Archangel

Saint Gabriel is a celestial being therefore he has no birth or death day.

Feast day

September 29 (Feast of archangels)

March 24 (Saint Gabriel's feast day)

Patron Saint of Communication, Media, and Delivery Workers

Saint Gabriel the Archangel exemplified **Peace** by delivering the news of Jesus to the world, then Jesus went on to bring peace to the world's sinners. Gabriel was known for his **faithfulness** in God due to his position as God's messenger. He demonstrated **Joy** by spreading the news of God's son to the world.

I choose Saint Gabriel the Archangel because without his existence nobody would know that Jesus was God's son. Therefore to me he is one of the most important Saints in Christianity.

By: Leo S.

St. Sebastian

Patron Saint of Athletics

St. Sebastian is the patron saint of athletics. I choose St. Sebastion because I like sports. I like winning and running around. I also like sports that I can play with my friends. One of the Fruits of the Holy spirit I choose was love. He showed love by healing a local official named Zoe's mute wife so she could convert to Christianity. The other fruit I choose was peace. He showed peace by giving a speech about the joys of heaven to families having people sentenced to death. The final fruit I chose was Joy. St. Sebastian survived getting shot by arrows, by Mauritanian archers, he got shot because he converted his fellow soldiers into Christan's. He did not hide he joyfully confronted the emperor Diocletian.

Born in Narbonne, Gaul (modern day France) and lived in Italy

Died in Rome

St. Sebastian played Soccer

Ryan G

Saint Clare of Assisi

Born: July 16 1194 in Assisi Italy
Died: August 11 1253 in Assisi Italy
Feast Day: August 11
Patron Saint of: Television and eye disease

St. Clare of Assisi was born into a privileged family. Her mom was deeply religious, as a girl she had a intense **love** for christ and desired to sever him. As a child she fasted, helped the poor and meditated. As she got older her family wanted her to get married but she wanted to have a life with God. St. Francis and her became good friends and she choose to follow his path to God by leaving her name and consecrated her life to Christ. Her family tried to force her home but she founded an order of poor ladies known as poor clares preaching poverty. She fought and won the battle with the pope to keep her orders right to complete poverty. It was the first time in history of the church that a norm written by a women was officially recognized. A couple years later she died in peace. Later there was a basilica built in her honor of her **generosity** and **faithfulness**.

Saint Clare of Assisi

Saint Clare of Assisi showed love, generosity and faithfulness. She showed generosity by founding an order of poor ladies known as poor clare preaching poverty. She showed her faithfulness by fasting, helping the poor and meditating. She showed her love of the poor by fighting and winning a battle with the pope to keep her orders right to complete poverty.

I choose Saint Clare of Assisi because I admired that she was the first woman ever to be recognized for writing a norm about wanting more poverty.

Cora P.

Saint Andrew

By Nate

St Andrew was born between 5-10 AD in the village of Bethsaida in Galilee

He died between 60-70 AD in Patras

His feast day is November 30th

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishing and is the protector of many countries, especially Scotland

St. Andrew was a fisherman and one of Jesus' first Apostles. Andrew first followed John the Baptist. When John taught Andrew that Jesus was God's son, Andrew followed Jesus. He brought his older brother Peter to follow Him too. He brought many other people to follow Jesus. He never tried to be the most important or famous person. He just wanted to help others be like Jesus. This showed his faithfulness and love. He was even crucified in Greece when he refused to stop preaching about Jesus! He was tied to an x-shaped cross which is now part of the Scottish national flag.

I chose Saint Andrew because he was a fisherman like me! He showed courage and self-control when he left his life as a fisherman to follow Jesus and bring others to Jesus. He became a "fisher of men!" He taught me that I can make a difference by sharing my faith with others.

St. Paul the Apostle

Born: Tarsus, Turkey c. 5 AD
Died: Rome, Italy from c. 64–67 AD

Feast Day: June 29th.
Patron Saint of writers, authors, journalists, and publishers.

St. Paul the apostle was in Tarsus Turkey in c. 5AD. He showed faithfulness by staying obedient to Jesus until he died by being executed because was a follower of Jesus. St. Paul showed love putting his life at stake to spread the gospel and faith of Jesus. St. Paul showed patience by going through shipwrecks and multiple types of beatings but still kept going.

I choose St. Paul the Apostle for my confirmation name because I like how he kept going even when times were hard. It encourages me to keep going even when I want to give up. I also chose him because my father, brother, and Paul were my great grandfather's first name.

By: Garet W.

Saint Mary Magdalene de pazzi

Born: 1566 in Florence, Italy
Died: 1607

Saint of the sick

Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi was born as a caterina in Florence Italy as the only daughter of a wealthy noble family. She exemplified kindness because she would give the poor her food. As she got older she demonstrated lots of faithfulness by spending more than several hours everyday praying. And even when she was confined to her bed in 1584 with illness she embraced every suffering with so much joy that it seemed she didn't suffer at all.

I chose Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi because I love helping people and I think she did a lot of that. My favorite hymn at church is On Eagle's Wings.

By Jules T.

St. Michael the Archangel

Born: Unknown
Died: Unknown
Feast Day: September 29th
“ Know as Michaelmas”

Patron Saint of protectors, specifically police officers, military personnel, paramedics, and grocers

St. Michael the Archangel was made by God and was not a human. In christian tradition, he served 4 main jobs such as battling Satan, defending the faithful, protecting the church, and guiding the departed souls to heaven. St. Michael brought peace by defeating Satan and bringing harmony and order. He showed faithfulness by showing loyalty to God by leading against Satan. Finally St. Michael showed kindness protecting the church and guiding souls to heaven.

I chose St. Michael the Archangel because he served God and protected everyone. He also showed courage and loyalty. Here is the prayer for St. Michael the Archangel.

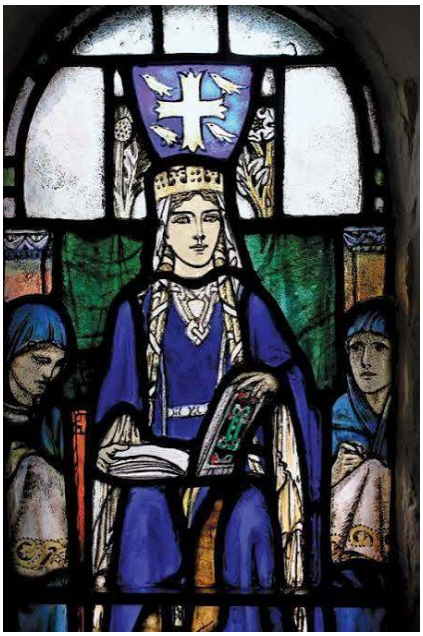
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly prey,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
By the power God,
Cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
Who prowl about the world
Seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

By: Nick L

St. Margret of Scotland or Margret of Wessex, was an English princess born in 1045. Her parents were Princess Agatha of Hungary and English Prince Edward. Margaret had two siblings, Cristina and Edgar were also born around this time. When Margeret was 10, her family moved to England when they heard how her father could potentially be in line for the throne. However, Edward died right when the family arrived in England. When her father died they went onto a ship that led them to south England. However, on their journey they experienced a shipwreck and wound up in Scotland where Malcolm Canmore the 3rd, the king of Scotland. Helped Margret and her family and took them under his protection. Soon after, Malcolm fell in love with Margaret and they got married in 1070. Margaret and Malcom had 8 children (2 girls and 6 boys). Margaret's **gentleness** was a good influence on Malcolm; she helped him control his temper and helped him become a great king of Scotland. Malcolm and Margaret prayed together and fed the hungry.

Margaret was a good faithful influence on the world. She helped people believe in God, practice prayer, and much more. She also helped build churches, even the Abbey of Duflermine, where a relic of the true cross is kept. Margaret's **love** for god really impacted on the other people in Scotland. In 1093 Macolm and one of their sons were killed during the battle of Alnwick. Margret died 4 days later on her death bed on November 16th 1093. In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint.

I picked this Saint because I adored her love for God and her faithfulness. I also picked this saint because my grandmother's name is also Margret.



By: Lizzie C

St. Rose of lima

Born: April 20th 1586 Lima, Peru
Died: August 24th 1617 Lima, Peru

St. Rose of Lima was born with the name Isabel Flores de Olivia. She was from Lima, Peru. And she was the first person in America to be canonized as a saint. St. Rose of Lima exemplified love because she loved and followed God and the people around her for as long as she lived. She also exemplified peace and joy. She exemplified peace because she wanted everyone to feel like they had a purpose to life. Finally she exemplified joy because when she was young she loved to do gardening with her family so she felt joy in nature outside.

I chose Rose to be my confirmation name because I think it will sound nice with my name and because I believe I exemplify love, peace and joy in my life. I love my family and friends. And I try to find joy and peace in my life like St. Rose did.

Anna H.
7th Grade
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St. Elizabeth

By: Mia M.

I chose St. Elizabeth because she was Mary's cousin and she was John the Baptist's mother.

I think she showed the Fruit of Faithfulness by believing that God would give her a son in her older age. "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" (Luke 1:41-45). I also think she showed the Fruit of Love. She was happy for her cousin and showed her love when she came to visit her. Mary was probably scared to be pregnant with Jesus and really needed someone to show her love and kindness. I know when I grow up and have a family, I will want my cousins to be there for me.

St Joseph Of Cupertino

Patron Saint of Aviation, Air Travel, Students & Test Takers

Aviation is my passion, which led me to study him. He is the Saint of aviation because he rose into the air while praying, long before airplanes existed.

KINDNESS: The basis of daily acts, prayer, and community inclusion.

GENTLENESS: The act of daily acts, prayer, and community inclusion.

JOY: The sumileare with emon, prayer and levittion.

THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

St Joseph of Cupertino was a 17th century Italian Fanciscan friar. Was knowm for deep prayer. He was very animated and livrising.

His **gentle** nature allowed him to be relatable to students and children alike as he too struggled with school. He was open and transparent about his struggles, and this helped other kids feel understood.
For this, He is also known as the patron saint of students and test takers.

RELATABLE TO STUDENTS: is **kindness**. Kindness is the basis of the many little things St Joseph and all parishioners do every day. Kindness to me, means going out of your way for people to do something nice. St Joseph went out of his way daily and prayed within his community, in public and included everyone.

SPREADING JOY o make a better place. With his enthusiastic prayer style including levitating and gathering groups of church goers in public forums, he was able to spread **joy**. This is very special to me. I like to help spread joy within my friend groups, and school and community just like St Joseph.

By: David H

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