Voice of Saint Michael November 17, 2024



"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest
Donut Social and Poster Judging
On Thanksgiving Day
in the MPR

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for children ages 5 to 14 from St. Michael School and our Religious Ed programs.

Judging of the posters will take place on Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 28 – in the MPR after the 9:30 a.m. and before the 11:00 a.m. Masses.



Please come to choose the posters for each age group that best reflects Christ at Christmas and enjoy fraternity and refreshments prior to your Thanksgiving Day dinner.



Congratulations to the St. Michael School Virtue winners for October. The Virtue for October was **reverence** and these students were chosen by their teachers as true examples of reverence in the classroom by showing their deepest respect for God and all things of God.



## **SMS** Remembers the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students stepped into the cultural side of their World Language class by bringing pictures of deceased relatives and friends to place on the Ofrenda. The Ofrenda is an altar set up in the school hallway to honor deceased loved ones during the annual Mexican celebration of Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, and throughout November, which is a month devoted to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

The children learned that the Day of the Dead is seen as a day to celebrate those who have departed from their earthly homes. Some families visited the cemetery and shared stories of the relative whom they were "visiting." Various families brought a small picnic lunch containing the favorite meal and goodies of the deceased, while others brought recorded music that reminded the family of happy times in the past. The most important part of the day was those who brought their rosaries and prayed for all of those who have departed from our families. "Eternal rest, grant unto them, oh Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them."

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