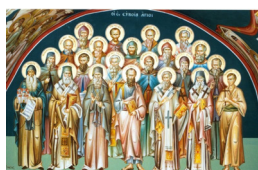




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ENCOUNTERING THE SAINTS

Encyclopedia of Saints-Second Edition (Book) Bunson, Matthew, Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Encyclopedia of Saints puts massive amounts of information at your fingertips, including: Patron saints; various spellings of saint's names; details of the saint's life in the context of his or her times; companion martyrs and family members, a calendar of feast days; a complete history of the canonization process; doctors of the Church; canonized popes; emblems of the saints; documents from the Council of Trent and Vatican Council II, and much more! Completely indexed and cross-referenced for easy searching, A fun book to simply browse through and find new saints and blessed you want to get to know! (S,A)

Saints to Lean On: Spiritual Companions for Illness and Disability (Book) McGrane, Janice Cincinnati, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006. Come find comfort in your time of need with 11 inspiring and faith-filled spiritual companions. These holy men and women, each from a different background and time period, suffered illness or disability, and through prayer found acceptance, strength and hope. Author Janice McGrane gives a biographical sketch of each spiritual companion and then shares how each companion faced adversity in physical, mental and emotional pain. As you journey through your own pain-or walk a difficult path with a loved one-you will want to look to these spiritual companions and their stories to find your own meaning in suffering. (A)

The Saints Devotional Bible -New American Bible Rev. Ed (Book) Our Sunday Visitor Pub. Division, 2012. An excellent devotional aid for anyone who wants to study Sacred Scripture as well as be encouraged and enlightened by the wisdom of the saints, who intercede for us every day. It includes over 200 readings from the saints, including their own reflections, prayers, letters, and more; the saints' reflections broaden appreciation and understanding of old testament and new testament texts; A twenty-part lesson on studying, praying, and living the Scriptures, with longer selections from the writings of the saints; a calendar of saints and a list of patron saints and a mini-biographies of all the saints whose selections are quoted. (S,A)

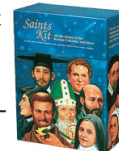
The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Everyday Wisdom from the Lives of the Saints (Audio CD) Ellsberg, Robert, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2004. A series of "lessons" in the life of the spirit: the struggle to feel alive in a frenzied society; the search for meaningful work, real friendship, and enduring love; the encounter with suffering and death; and the yearning to grasp the ultimate significance of our lives. In these "lessons," our guides are the saints: historical figures like Augustine, Francis of Assisi, and Teresa of Avila, and moderns such as Dorothy Day, Flannery O'Connor, and Henri J. Nouwen. (A)



Many Saints, Many Ways: Multiple Intelligences Activities for Grades 1 to 6 (Book) Wezeman, Phyllis Vos, Ave Maria Press, 2003. Draws on the latest research surrounding the concept of Multiple Intelligences (kinesthetic, linguistic, spatial...etc.) and offers appropriate exercises, activities, and other lesson ideas for children in grades one to six who are learning about saints. (P,I)

Saints Kit: All the Saints of the Roman Calendar and More

(Mixed Material) Loyola Press, 1994. This popular kit contains 189 colorful cards, each featuring a picture of a Catholic saint and his or her life story, feast day, country, dates of birth and death, and date of canonization. Through these fun and informative cards, kids come to know each Catholic saint as a real person while they learn their Christian values and discover role models within the Church. Each card also contains prayers and activities related to the Catholic saint being featured. (I,J)



Ablaze: Stories of Daring Teen Saints (Book) Swaim, Colleen, Liguori Publications, c2011. Shares stories of eight young men and women whose selfless heroism and refusal to deny their faith led to their becoming saints of the Christian church, including Saint Teresa of the Andes, Saint Stanislaus Kostka, and Blessed Pedro Calungsod. (J,S)

Radiate: More Stories of Daring Teen Saints (Book) Swaim, Colleen Liguori Publications, 2012. You will be inspired by the heroism of these teenage saints from around the world. Stand with Peter Yu Tae-chol, a Korean teen, as he deals with a family split by faith and is later imprisoned for his beliefs...with Bernadette Soubirous, who saw and heard Our Lady of Lourdes but wasn't believed by her family and parish priest...and come to know more about many other dynamic young lives. (J,S)

52 Saints to Pray With (Book) Hiesberger, Jean Marie, Paulist Press, 2010. A brief presentation of fifty-two saints' lives with reflections and practical ways to follow their example in our own life and times. (S,A)

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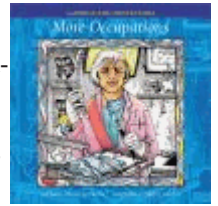
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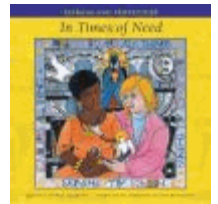
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LEVEL: P (Primary Grades K-3) I (Intermediate Grades 4-6) J (Junior High Grades 7-8) S (Secondary Grades 9-12) A (Adult)

Patrons and Protectors: More Occupations (Book) McGrath, Michael O'Neill, Liturgy Training Publications, 2002. Images of saints as patrons of occupations remind us that we are called to build God's reign through our labor, an essential part of Christian life. Among the saints in this volume are Martha, who served meals to Jesus in her home; Francis of Assisi, associated with nurturing animals; and Katharine Drexel. Alongside McGrath's commentary about why a saint is associated with a particular occupation are essays by men and women engaged in that work. As we see the variety of ways human beings contribute their talents and skills, we become inspired to view our jobs with fresh eyes. (I,J)



Patrons and Protectors: In Times of Need (Book) McGrath, Michael O'Neill, Liturgy Training Publications, 2002. Michael O'Neill McGrath, shifts his attention from the role of saints as patrons of occupations to their role as protectors in times of need. From the mundane anxiety of losing one's keys to major life challenges such as serious illness or catastrophe, there is likely to be a saint to inspire and guide us. (I,J)



Holy Crocodile! Stories of Saints and the Animals Who Helped Them (Book) Cory, Caroline, Our Sunday Visitor, 2013. Imagine riding across a dangerous river on the back of a friendly crocodile! Or making friends with a whole pile of snakes. Or going into hiding with the help of some spiders! These are not your everyday saint stories! God used both wild and tame animals to help saints when they needed it most. Here are just a few you'll find in Holy Crocodile! (P,I)

Saints for Kids: 32 Friends of Jesus (DVD) Pauline Books & Media, 2000, 2012. Delightfully animated stories that introduce children to the saints. Each four-minute story highlights how a particular saint followed Jesus. Francis of Assisi, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Martin of Tours, Nicholas, Stephen, Anne and Joachim, Clare, John Bosco, Andrew, Peter, Lucy, Anthony of Egypt, Mary, Mother of Jesus, Paul, Rita, Mark, Joseph, Catherine of Siena, Cecilia, Benedict, Raphael, Luke, Albert the Great, and many more. (P,I)

Brother Francis Presents The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends (DVD) Herald Entertainment, 2014. Join Brother Francis as he introduces children to their heavenly friends, the saints! Learn about the wonderful comfort, encouragement, and help given through those that serve God in His heavenly Kingdom. This entertaining and instructive DVD is a wonderful way to help children better understand who the saints are and why they are so very important. (P,I)

NEW ITEMS

New Feast Days!
Saint John XXIII ~ October 11th
Saint John Paul II ~ October 22nd
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Forming a Community of Faith: A Guide to Success in Adult Faith Formation (Book) Regan, Jane, Twenty-Third Publications, 2014. How can parishes engage people living in a postmodern world? Regan offers a commonsense approach to adult faith formation, showing us how to tap into adults' unique learning patterns and teach as Jesus did. "Through story and conversation, through example and shared interactions, we convey to others the reign of God," she says. "And we witness to a life shaped by gospel values." A brief yet powerful book for RCIA teams, education advisory boards, and anyone who ministers to adults. (A)

Common Sense Catechesis: Lessons From the Past, Roadmap for the Future (Book) Hater, Robert J, Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Discover Fr. Hater's concept for catechesis -- a Common Sense approach. It takes into account the historical framework over the course of the 20th century and overlays key concepts to give catechists what they need to succeed. Common Sense Catechesis requires two main things of the catechist: 1. Knowing the basic teachings to be taught, and 2. Devising ways to present them clearly and effectively. Fr. Hater acknowledges the elements of each catechetical approach along the way... The memorization approach of the early 20th century, and the use of the Baltimore Catechism; The chaotic approach of the late 60s and 70s, and the effects of Vatican II; The experiential approach of the 80s and 90s, including the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; The systematic approach from the 90s to today, and the influence of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (A)

Transforming Parish Communications: Growing the Church Through New Media (Book) Landry, Scot, Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Pope Francis is calling for Catholics to embrace the new evangelization. But there has been ongoing confusion about who is responsible, what it really means and what it looks like in practical application. How can we respond to the Holy Father's call, creating evangelization opportunities that help bring people back to the Church? By transforming Catholics into digital missionaries - ready and able to take the joy and warmth of the Gospel online via social media to infrequent, inactive, or ex-Catholics around the corner or across the globe. (A)

The Fault in Our Stars (DVD) 20th Century Fox, 2014. Adaptation of John Green's novel about two teen cancer patients who meet at an Episcopal Church-sponsored support group in Indianapolis. They bond over a novel that also concerns the disease and, accompanied by her mother, travel to Amsterdam to seek out its author. But the scribe turns out to be an abusive drunk. The remainder of director Josh Boone's drama -- which, through Woodley's performance, presents its audience with an appealingly literate and sensible teen heroine -- is a rumination on the harsh reality of dying in which religious faith gets only oblique mentions. Though sexuality and language put his film on the adult side of the ledger, it may be acceptable for the most mature adolescents. Implied premarital sexual activity, fleeting crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. (CNS).

