



# COSTUME IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

## For the ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

Holy Family Social Hall – November 7th 5:30

Find out more about any saint online: <http://www.catholic-forum.com>  
(Patron Saints Index)

Great resource of information, images & tons of ideas!

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



**ALATAR 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 aluminum foil or buy. *Archangel Gabriel:* with a horn at the belt. *St. Michael:* see KNIGHT/ARMOR 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, fold material in half, cut a hole in the center (for neck opening). 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 some patches on robe.

*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 years of his life.

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

*St. John the Baptist:* fake fur or leather for clothing & 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](http://www.StNicholasCenter.org) They have a miter pattern, plastic crozier top, and many other costume suggestions for St. Nicolas 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 (the Feb. 14th one):* pictured in red & white

**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 like to nountain climb!

**FARMER, Spanish:** *St. Isidore (1070 – 1130)*, loose peasant blouse, pants, sombrero

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



#### KNIGHT/ARMOR/SOLDIERS:

Buy plastic armor or make from cardboard & aluminum foil or gold/silver poster-board

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

*St. Michael the Archangel*: buy feather wings or make with cardboard with aluminum 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 Christian covert 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:** *St. Juan Diego*, our Lady of Guadalupe's image is still on his ilma. 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, fold piece of brown, black or white fabric in half, cut hole for neck opening in center 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 a 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 & 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.

*St. John Mary Vianney*— (or Cure of Ars) Pictured in white, 2 black strips below his neck and 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 poster board.

*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 the letter T.

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

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**GIRL**— Princess dress

*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 & 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— 1200s)

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

*Queen Ester:* (Old Testament) Jewish



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### 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)

**SHEPARD/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 a shepherd slave when boy

*St. Germaine:* 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 of adult T-shirt tied at the waist, sandals & veil.  
(attach a picture of Jesus' face to the veil)

**Witch:** *St. Helen:* married co-regent of the Western Roman Empire – leg group to Holy Land & found the True Cross (326)

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

**HALLOWEEN:** Use gold pipe cleaners or gold wired ribbon to bend into halos. Gold or silver Christmas garland works well too.

*Check out used clothing stores for inexpensive costume garments and accessories*

Michael's, Joann Fabric, WOW outlet & Fun Services Party stores are also great places to find what you need for your costumes

**ONLINE COSTUMES** – some offer adult sizes costumes

[www.fofcostumes.com](http://www.fofcostumes.com) – *Flight of Fancy Costumes*

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

[www.justcatholic.com](http://www.justcatholic.com) – Wiseman – royalty

[www.catholicfamilycatalog.com](http://www.catholicfamilycatalog.com) – full Armor of God play set for: knights, St. Michael, Joan of Arc, etc.

[www.automonline.com](http://www.automonline.com) – altar boy clothing for a child – can work as a priest also

[www.christiancostumes.com](http://www.christiancostumes.com) – Mary, Joseph, Moses, biblical, angels, Roman, various priest hats

