

# Summary - Autumn: Harvest Festival, Angel Festivals, Remembrance Days

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## Beginning of Autumn

23. September

## Harvest Festival

Switzerland: Usually on the third Sunday of September = **Day of Thanksgiving, Repentance and Prayer**

Germany: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of October, in other counties on different dates between Michaelmas (29. September) and at the latest end of November (for example Thanksgiving in the USA)

## Michaelmas

29. September: Festival in the honour of the archangel Michael, who fought against evil: See the primeval drama of the War in Heaven; humanity as fallen angel on the way back from the realm of the dead to God – under the protection of Michael and his army.

## Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

2. October: Memorial of our heavenly companions

## Francis of Assisi

4. October: Anniversary of Francis (1181-1226), who lived as servant of Christ, his fellow humans and all of nature.

## Raphael

24. October: Festival in honour of the archangel Raphael, God's great angel of healing

## Halloween – 31. October

## All Soul's Day (catholic)

1. / 2. November: Memory of deceased saints and our beloved in heaven

## Totensonntag (= Sunday of the Dead)

Last Sunday of November: memory of our dead beloved

## Martin of Tours

11. November: Anniversary of Martin (316-397), a Roman soldier who converted to Christianity (famous picture: Martin divides his coat to share it with a beggar)

## Elizabeth of Hungary

19. November: Anniversary of the princess Elizabeth (1207-1231), who chose poverty in order to assist the sick and needy.