



## Virtue of the Month: Compassion

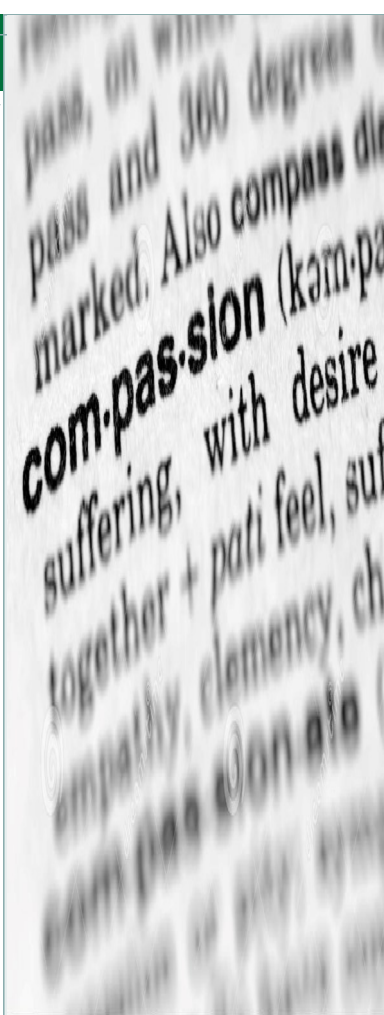
Regis Catholic Schools pick a virtue every month to study and highlight in all subject matters. We learn all about the virtue and do our best to employ in our everyday lives.

May's virtue is Compassion.

- ◆ Compassion is the virtue of empathy for the suffering of others.
- ◆ A compassionate person feels another person's pain and opens their heart to that person's needs.
- ◆ God is spoken of as the "Father of Compassion".
- ◆ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

### PUPIL SERVICES WITH MRS. FOEGEN

As we approach the end of the school year students are faced with many concerns as well as are parents. Who will watch my child? How can I keep them busy? Students are concerned with what to do and who will I be with. This is the time of year we see more anxiety and stress in families and in school. Talk with your child about summer plans and make sure they know they will be cared for. While this sounds like something they should know there are many that honestly don't. Also please keep doing the things you do with your child during the school year like reading to them and working with them. The library is a wonderful place to explore during the summer. I hope you have a relaxing, family and faith filled summer in mind, body and spirit and look forward to working with you again in the fall.



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## 4K WITH MRS. CHRISTIANSON

In Mrs. Christianson's 4K we are just starting the "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" unit. In this unit we will be talking about all the changes that will be taking place as the students prepare for Kindergarten. We will also be wrapping up all projects and getting ready for our graduation ceremony. The students have had such a wonderful year!

## KINDERGARTEN KAPERS

The countdown is on and the days are quickly passing. We have had a wonderful year and I feel so blessed to have been a part of each student's school career. When I look back at where each child started and where they are now, the progress made has been awesome!

I am convinced that all students are in need of some reading/math activities during the summer to keep them challenged and ready for the next school year. Teachers can really tell who mixed some reading in with summer fun. So, be sure to sign up at the library for their summer reading program!

Have a super summer.....first grade here we come!

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*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12*

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## SECOND GRADE SCOOP

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. I've really enjoyed teaching your children. The children have grown both academically and spiritually. Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children who received their First Holy Communion. I look forward to seeing the students dressed in their First Communion attire Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the Children's Mass. In math we are learning about money and will soon be learning about telling time. Mark Willer, a volunteer for Junior Achievement has been coming in to teach the students about the Community. The children have learned about community workers, how a factory works and how money circulates around the community. It's very important that your child reads and continues to practice math facts this summer. If you get a chance please give Verlene a big THANK YOU for all the time she spent volunteering in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. Thank you to Mrs. Crow for being such a great Room Mom. Thank you all for making Teacher Appreciation Week such a great experience. I wish you all a happy and healthy summer!

## THIRD GRADE THOUGHTS

In 3rd grade religion we will be learning about acts of compassion and about Mary, our mother. Our bible verse of the month is "Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones." ~ Isaiah 49:13

In reading, we will be exploring the genre of historical fiction and photo essays. We will also be starting our creative writing unit with fictional narratives and poetry. Students were excited to publish their personal narrative writing about vacations. Come see our hallway for the finished project!

In math we are in the middle of our fractions and decimals unit. Students are working in groups to create a presentation about their knowledge about fractions. We will be creating fraction critters showcasing our knowledge of equivalent fractions. We will be reviewing rounding and place value to the ten thousands by the end of the school year.

In science we enjoyed learning about the states of matter through hands-on learning stations, and are now learning about light, heat, and sound.

The U.S. Government has been our unit of study for the last two weeks. We have been learning about the branches of government and their function. We practiced guided notetaking skills and will be using our study guides to develop questions for our government test.

## FIFTH GRADE FUN

Tuesday, May 1st was a beautiful spring day and outside of school by the statue of Mary, May Crowning was led by the fifth grade! Lilly Hoeschen crowned Mary with a lovely crown of flowers. Mary is also being honored with the fifth grade leading the Rosary each Tuesday morning under the direction of Mrs. Becky Alexander. Thank you, Mrs. Alexander for helping us with this beautiful prayer!

We are winding down the year by reading "The House of Dies Drear." This is a spellbinding mystery focused around the Underground Railroad and the hundred year-old secret of the mysterious house in which Dies Drear lived. We are able to make many connections by studying the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, and Reconstruction in social studies class.

We are looking forward to Promotion on June 1st at the 9:00 Mass and our class Talent Show on June 6th. Please join us if you are able!

## FABULOUS FIRST GRADE

The first graders have been learning about money in the classroom. They enjoyed the trip to Northwestern Bank and the visit from RCU.

We are also learning about trading and bartering. We have been learning how to say the Rosary and about the different Mysteries. We are also wrapping up the year with reviewing all the awesome Energy Bus principles.

You're Awesome!!!  
You're the Best!!!  
You Rock!!!





## SPANISH WITH SENORA LARABEE

After Spring Break Grade 4 started their Food and Restaurant Skit projects and Grade 5 started working on Spanish music videos. Kindergarten through 3rd have been working on animal vocabulary. A favorite song for all grades has been "Un Pulpito" or "Slippery Fish" by Charlotte Diamond. In May Kindergarten - 1st will study transportation and shape vocabulary. Grades 2nd - 3rd will finish their unit on animals and work on simple house and community vocabulary. Remember to check my Spanish website on your school's website for further information and song lyrics.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children this school year. I hope you all have wonderful summers and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall!

## GUIDANCE WITH MRS. ESLINGER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Our Energy Bus lesson for May was a review of all the Principles and Rules. The students did a nice job of remembering everything that we learned and it was fun to recap it all. You're Awesome, You Rock, You're the Best!

In the month of May, our guidance lessons are focusing on Career Awareness. In Kindergarten the students will learn about careers and the tools needed for each career. First graders will play a career game and will also create a career book that will include a career for every letter of the alphabet. Second graders will discuss gender stereotypes and listen to the book LMNO Peas. Third graders will think about how their hobbies relate to careers and then create ice cream cones that highlight their skills and careers. Fourth graders will learn about careers and the education/training needed for careers. The fifth graders will learn more about themselves; including their interests, and career possibilities through CareerLocker, a career exploration website at <https://wiscareers.wisc.edu>. Your child can login at home to show you!

The fifth graders will also be completing activities for their transition to middle school. On June 4<sup>th</sup> Jill Urdahl, the RCS Middle School Counselor, will join us during guidance class to share information about the middle school and answer any transition questions that students may have.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.  
Thank you for partnering in your child's education!

## ART WITH MS. LAROSE

### *Regis Auction Projects!*

*K: Wind Chimes*

*1: Class Canvas Art and Regis Wreaths*

*2: Ceramic Collaborative Hand Bowls*

*3: Weavings - Shadow Box*

*4: Art with Multiples - Class Poster/Canvas*

*5: Collaborative Art - Clay*

All three elementary schools will be participating in class group projects for the Regis Auction from Mid-April into May.

St. Mary's Artists! We will be doing some found object art together as a school for the Regis Auction next fall. Keep sending in those cool objects! I love what you've come up with so far! Remember, our collection ends on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

With the end of the year approaching, there are probably a lot of school supplies that have seen better days. If you have any dried out markers please do not throw them away. We can box them up and send them to Crayola! They will recycle our markers so none of the plastic ends up in landfills. This includes any markers, not just Crayola! Check out Crayola ColorCycle <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx> and send those dead markers to Miss LaRose!



## FANTASTIC FOURTH GRADE

Wow! I can't believe the school year is winding down. Currently, we are working on projects in several subject areas. In religion students are constructing a lap book for all the mysteries and prayers of the Rosary. This will be a wonderful keepsake for leading family or individual rosaries over the summer and beyond.

In social studies students are working on their Heritage Projects. They will be researching a culture/country from their family's heritage. They will also be making a family tree and collecting artifacts from their family's history.

In reading they were given two non-fiction books about horses or turtles. After previewing both books, student needed to take notes and write a report on the book of their choice. They are getting good at this! To connect this with science, students will be classifying animals and making a model backbone.

In addition to these projects students are learning to multiply large numbers by 2 digits and will also be learning more about decimals. Finally they will end the year with a summer math scavenger hunt!

Our goal, is to keep learning right up to the end of the year and throughout the summer. Learning can happen in many ways. I am hoping the fourth graders will look for, discover, and take advantage of the opportunities they have every day!

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION WITH MRS. HOESCHEN

**Wow! What a sensational year!** We are wrapping up the school year with wiffle ball baseball, parachute games, tennis and racket skills. I love being the Physical Education teacher at St. Mary's and the children have been so helpful. They come to PE excited, ready to learn, and give their best effort.

Sports Day was a huge success from the beautiful weather to the wonderful helpers we couldn't have asked for a better day! It is such a great tradition to gather all the fourth and fifth graders from St. Mary's, St. James, and Immaculate Conception. I am so proud of the students for showing great camaraderie and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the volunteers and to Lori Escot for coordinating Sports Day.

**Congratulations second, third and fourth grades...our Golden Sneaker Award winners!** Each classroom will display the trophy outside their classroom for a week. So be sure to stop by and congratulate them! Way to be great role models!

Here's the PE schedule:

K-2: Monday and Thursday

3-5: Wednesday and Friday

## LIBRARY WITH MS. HOFFMAN

Regis Catholic Schools policy is that all library books must be returned to the library and all fines paid before the end of the school year. A bill will be sent in the summer if any monies are still owed after school ends. If an item has been lost, it must be paid for. If your child(ren) have any fines to pay and/or lost books, please take care of payment before the last days of school. If a lost item is paid for and found at a later date, return it to the library for a refund. Thank you for your cooperation.

I have again enjoyed sharing this school year with you and your children. I love sharing my love of books and reading. The students are so enthusiastic about using the library and discovering new books to read that it truly makes my job a pleasure. Please keep in mind these statistics: Children who read at least 6 books during the summer, maintain or improve their reading skills. Children who don't read any see their skills slip by as much as an entire grade level. Have a blessed and safe summer and keep reading! I hope to see you and your children next fall.

## **HALO Awards**

**HALO stands for  
Helping And  
Loving Others.**

**The following  
students in  
Kindergarten  
through 5th grade  
have received  
HALOs since our  
last newsletter.**

Aiden Anderson  
Hadley Anderson  
Landon Bollman  
Vivianne Braun  
Willow Brugge  
Rebecca Catt  
Ellie Crow  
Bernie Falbo  
Emilia Frank  
Ryder Hadt  
Aurora Hedrington  
Elliette Hurlburt  
Jaceline Jensen  
AnaLyn Kostka  
Jami Kostka  
Katelyn Kovacevich  
Piper Lueck  
Adam Madsen  
Sydney Marx  
Paul Neibarger  
Mason Nuesse  
Grace Olson  
Ally Roers  
Chloe St. John  
Liam Strahm  
Ethan Straw  
Hazel Thurner  
Sawyer Webster  
Cambrie Wold

## **COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH MR. HARDY**

**Finishing the year with lots of safety focus for the summer ahead.**

Kindergarten - Summer safety drawings as well as the video about how to be safe in different situations.

First Grade - Summer safety PowerPoints

Second Grade - Summer safety card with emergency contact information to carry with them for the summer.

Third Grade - What Excites Me PowerPoint and getting ready for the final writing assignment about their summer.

Fourth Grade - Microsoft Excel revisit

Fifth Grade - Finishing the Choose your Own Adventure and getting ready for push to middle school.

## **MUSIC WITH MRS. MECIKALSKI**

During the month of May we will be singing and playing various rhythm games with a camping theme. We will be having a “safe” campfire in the music room!

Band Students: Keep practicing and work on your practice goal! If you are interested in 5th grade band please turn in your forms.



**Congratulations to Mrs. Galewski!**  
She was named The Herb Kohl Foundation  
and Wisconsin Council for Religious and  
Independent Schools Private School  
Teacher of the Year!

