



Virtue of the Month: Charity

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.

September's virtue is Charity.

- ◆ Charity is one of the theological virtues that God gives us in baptism.
- ◆ Charity comes from God and allows Him to dwell within us, and leads us to Him in Heaven.
- ◆ Another word for charity is love. God is love.
- ◆ The best way to know how much we love God is to look at how we treat our neighbor. If our hearts are truly open to God, they will be open to everyone.



You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

– Mark 12:31



CASUAL FOR CHRIST

The Holy Spirit's House is partnering with Mighty Maddy's Mission for the month of September to put a smile on the faces of the children and families who are impacted by pediatric cancer.



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KINDERGARTEN

Welcome back to school!

The kindergarteners have been busy getting used to a schedule filled with learning. We have been getting to know our classmates and what we like to do. We created Prayer Buddies to help us learn our prayers and practice the Sign of the Cross. We discussed many things about faith and creation these past weeks too.

We are working on creating an alphabet book to learn what each letter says. In math, we are practicing how to write our numbers the correct way. We also started an Illustration Unit in writing where we learn how to draw people, places, and things using our shapes.

PRESCHOOL

St. Mary's has an amazing group of preschoolers this year! They are excited to be here and are ready to learn. To start off, we are talking about APPLES. The students have tasted apples, talked about the different colors they can be, made their own apple craft to bring home and discovered the letter A! We are already making friends, sharing toys and having fun together. The beautiful weather has allowed us to play outside twice every day, where we can run and climb, play in the sand table, check out our new play house and enjoy the beautiful world around us.

In the next weeks we will be learning about spiders, acorns and leaves - because of course, it's FALL. We will also continue to work on making new friends, learning ways to be kind and share and talking all about how God made us and all the amazing things in the world around us. We can sure tell He loves us a lot!

FIRST GRADE

The First Grade boys and girls are off to a wonderful start for the new school year. We are excited to have four new friends in our classroom family. We have been learning each other's names through morning greetings and activities. During Daily 5, we are reviewing letter names/sounds, short vowel a, nouns, classifying and categorizing, writing labels and lists, and reviewing sight words. In math, we are learning how to use number lines, doubles, and near doubles to add. Mystery Science has us learning about plant parts and functions. In social studies, we are learning about different communities and map skills. During religion, we are focusing on Charity, Saint Rose of Lima, and being members of God's community.

Blessings, Mrs. Steinke

FOURTH GRADE

Fabulous Fourth Grade

Wow! What a great start to the year! These students really enjoy hands-on activities!

The year began with lots of positive energy. After celebrating the Virgin Mary's birthday on September 8, students are learning about the virtue of charity (love) and beginning to learn the books of the Bible. This will be so helpful as they have many Bible Scavenger Hunts throughout the year!

The math year started with learning how to read large numbers up to the 1 millions place! They are learning how to break apart numbers by place value. We are reviewing addition and subtraction facts and reviewing counting patterns.

In science, students are learning how to be scientists and practicing teamwork with a variety of STEM activities. They are looking for patterns and learning about being good stewards of God's Creation as well.

Wisconsin State History is the year long study for 4th grade. Ms. Webb, the second grade teacher, works with the class on this subject. Students are learning to be historians by determining whether artifacts are primary or secondary sources. They then learn to pose questions to learn about the past of our great state!

What Makes us Who We Are is the theme for the first unit of our NEW Reading Curriculum. The focus of the September book report is *Because of Winn Dixie*. They will have a choice of activities to show their understanding of the book that will mostly be read at home during their 15 minutes of reading each night.

One of the students said, "Wow! We have a lot to learn today!"

I replied, "Yes! Everyday in 4th grade is a good day when we learn something new!" We're looking forward to many good days!

THIRD GRADE

We are off to a wonderful start in 3rd grade! September is full of activities that help us get back in the routine of being in school and practicing healthy habits. Students are doing a fantastic job memorizing their Bible verse for the virtue of the month, charity, and praying a decade of the rosary each day. Students created a book of Catholic prayers to keep at their desks as we learn new prayers like *Hail, Holy Queen*. We look forward to learning more in October how the Bible is organized and the sacraments of initiation.

We have enjoyed reading several realistic fiction stories in our new reading series about unique characters. Understanding and relating to different characters makes reading so much fun! In language arts, we have been practicing writing complete sentences and identifying parts of speech while writing a back to school story. Listening to chapter books during read aloud time is a big favorite in third grade. So far we have listened to: *The Magic Finger*, by Ronald Dahl. Our class loves books and interesting stories that keep us wanting to read the next chapter! We look forward to O.T.T.E.R.(Our Time To Enjoy Reading) each day!

In math, students are blasting off with their rocket math facts! We are practicing becoming more fluent in our basic addition and subtraction facts. Third graders are pros at comparing numbers and showing numbers in standard, base 10 and expanded form. We have enjoyed several activities with dice and dry erase boards that help us review second grade skills before moving into multiplication.

In science, students have been learning more about engineering, design, and problem solving. Students worked to solve challenges involving Legos, stacking towers with a device, and planning a backpacking trip with variables and constraints.

In social studies, we are studying the U.S. Constitution, the three branches of government, elections, laws and rules, and how citizens can help their communities. We are excited to host a classroom election at the end of October focusing on elements of good citizenship.

4K

In the 4K classroom we have been spending the first few days getting to know each other. The students are establishing relationships, learning the daily schedule, and beginning to show an understanding of school expectations. We have three basic expectations or “rules” in the 4K setting that will cover any given situation. These expectations are Be Safe, Be Kind, & Be Responsible. Many of the students can already recite the “rules” and tell me what those rules mean. We are practicing our prayers and our virtue this month will be “Faith.” Thank you for choosing St. Mary’s Elementary School for your child’s preschool experience. We are off to a great start and I am anticipating a fun year of learning.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WITH MRS. HOESCHEN

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! I am Mera Hoeschen. This is my 8th year at St. Mary’s. I am excited to begin a new school year. Together we will learn and practice fundamental skills to live an active and healthy life.

What To Expect This School Year: Students at all grade levels will strive toward achievement in the six goal areas set forth by the State of Wisconsin:

- Movement Skills**
- Physical Fitness**
- Regular participation in Physical Activity**
- Health Promotion**
- Team Building**
- Communications and Decision Making**

Our year in PE begins with kindergarten through fifth grade learning a variety of volleyball skills. K-2 are developing the important skills of throwing and catching the volleyball over the net. Grades 3-5 are working on their passing and serving skills. The 5th graders are learning to set and serve underhand. Also, they are learning the rotation within game play as well as scoring. Each class begins with an opening prayer lead by a student as well as a closing prayer. Then we warm up to upbeat music by running, stretching and other various movements around the gym. Wow...what a great start to the school year! **BE ACTIVE, BE FIT, BE HEALTHY!**

Please make sure your child has proper gym shoes! If girls wear skirts and dresses on gym days, please make sure shorts are worn underneath. Thank you for keeping your child active and healthy.



FIFTH GRADE FUN

We are off to a fabulous start in fifth grade!

Currently, we are discovering engineering design in science. In social studies, we are working with maps and will soon turn our attention to Native American tribes across the U.S. In math, we are wrapping up place value and moving on to addition and subtraction of decimals! In religion, the fifth graders created a core value poster to help be a role model in our school. We will kick off a Creation story project next. Lastly, in language arts we are practicing vocabulary strategies, identifying elements of great sentences, and focusing on writing about what we are reading.

It is going to be a great year in fifth grade!



LIBRARY WITH MRS. GALEWSKI

The books missed everyone over the summer and we're so excited to be checked out again! All classes meet for library on Thursdays, and students have been so responsible by returning books on Wednesday so they are all checked in and ready to get into the hands of another happy reader! Keep it up!

After library lessons and check-out time each class has a variety of activities to participate in before heading back to their classroom. This month students can: find a cozy spot to read, work together to put together puzzles on our puzzle table, design and color a bookmark to share, make observations using the 3D I SPY tank, or retell and create stories using our new felt board.

Each month students can choose to take a library reading challenge home to complete. Each month there will be new reading challenges to hopefully create or continue nightly reading routines. Students can return these to the library at the end of the month. It's exciting to keep track of student participation on our giant paint by sticker collaborative artwork in the tech hallway. The more participation the sooner we will see which artwork we are creating sticker by sticker!

Kindergarten through second grade students love listening to books during the first part of library time. *The Library Lion*, *The Dot*, and *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* are some of the favorites! Students in K-2 are learning and reviewing how to navigate the library and what genres of books interest them. Library scavenger hunts help us find different types of books, learn how the library is organized and have fun too! Second graders are pros at using ABC order to find call numbers.

Students in grades three through five are enjoying getting a little taste of new chapter books they may be interested in reading. At the start of each class a new chapter book is introduced and the first chapter is read. Sometimes we will watch "book talks" by other students and teachers to get interested in new books, authors, series and genres. Students in grades three through five are learning about and using the online catalog to search for authors, titles and keywords to help them identify books to check out or add to their reading list.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the 4th and 5th grade students that have adopted a library shelf for the first quarter. These students are in charge of keeping their chosen shelves neat, organized and ready for library days! All their shelves are in tip top shape! Thank you Charlie, Onnika, Urijah, Josie, Aavier, Ariel, Ali, Luna, Lily, Eva, Kari, Elsie, Bryndel and Zoey!

SPANISH WITH MRS. LARABEE

SEPTEMBER/SEPTIEMBRE

The school year starts with greetings, introductions and learning how to say 'my name is' in Spanish. We start on grade level prayers right away, reviewing what was learned last year. Practicing numbers with a 'number race' timing and learning different greetings and courtesy vocabulary will also be topics later in the month. It takes us a couple weeks to get organized with our folders and learn/remember our class protocols. Grades 2-5 get to choose a Spanish name for class and will make nametags. Grades 4-5 will log into our Spanish Google Classroom for their class and begin learning how to use Google Classroom and Quizlet. I will post weekly assignments there for them. Grade 4 will start earning an effort grade on their quarterly report cards this year and Grade 5 will receive an achievement (letter grade) and effort grade quarterly. Do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone if you have any questions or concerns. Check out my microsite on your school's website to see what grades K-3 have worked on each week with links to songs, stories, and videos. <https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/staff/lynne-larabee/assignments/>

Blessings for a wonderful fall (otoño),

Señora Lynne Larabee

SECOND GRADE SCOOP

We have been SUPER busy in second grade! We are working hard to get used to the long days of school after a fun summer. Second graders have been learning new routine, new procedures, and expectations. We have done a lot of team building activities.

In reading, we have read and discussed many stories so far this year. Many of the stories we've read fall into the social studies category as well. We have been reading stories about being a part of a community, showing kindness to all, and ways to solve problems. We are reading different stories about being respectful and polite. Next, we will be reading to learn about different ways books describe characters and their personalities, and how they change throughout the story. In addition, we just started using poetry to practice reading fluently.

In writing, we have started writing in our journals. We are learning how to write the date with the month, date, and year in numbers and in words. We are also learning how to write the title using a capital for the important words. I am encouraging the students to sound words out rather than ask how to spell them. Our goal is to be able to write for about 10 minutes about the prompt of the day. I am working one on one with many students in their penmanship books to improve their letter formation.

In math, we are starting the year with place value. We are learning about 3-digit numbers and how to write the word form, base 10 picture form, and expanded form. We are using different math tools to be able to really understand the value of numbers in the ones, tens, and hundreds place. We will also be determining if a set of numbers is greater than, less than, or equal to another set of numbers. Plus, we are learning about numbers that are odd vs. even. In addition to our math lessons, we have started "number of the day" where we pick a random number and do a variety of math activities with that number. We have also started to do Rocket Math to improve our math fluency.

In science, we are learning about different land formations, which will lead us to a unit about plants. We will be able to label the parts of a plant and explain pollination.

COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH MRS. GALEWSKI

Tech time is terrific! All tech classes are exploratory in nature, which means that students will not receive a grade on their report card for technology. Students will be developing skills that support learning, personal productivity, and moral decision-making. Throughout the year students shall be taught to utilize available and emerging technologies for education, communication, problem solving, analysis, and research in accordance with Catholic values. We will be focusing on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards.

The key components of the ISTE Standards are:

- Digital Citizen
- Knowledge Constructor
- Innovative Designer
- Computational Thinker
- Creative Communicator
- Global Collaborator

All grade levels are reviewing rules and routines of the tech lab, and practicing age appropriate typing/keyboarding skills. Each class is also experimenting with stop-motion animation using the STOP MOTION STUDIO app to create animation projects to go along with the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. Simple school supplies like paper, pencils, stickers, Legos and counting cubes have come to life using creativity!

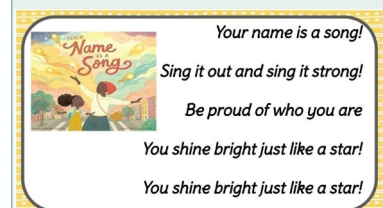
Additional areas of study for each grade level this month include:

K-2 Navigating apps, augmented reality, QR codes and using Apple pencils
3-5 iPad care and settings, Apple pencils, augmented reality, QR codes, photo composition and video editing.

MUSIC WITH MRS. MECIKALSKI

Welcome back! I am excited to be back and ready to make music with my favorite musicians! Many students in grade 4 and 5 have signed up to cantor at school Masses. We are starting the year off with singing our virtue song for Charity called "With All My Heart"

Kindergarten and first grade are singing and playing games to practice steady beat. Second and third grade classes are reviewing some singing games and playing simple melodies on the bells. Fourth grade is working on learning note names of the treble clef before starting recorder karate. Fifth grade is working on reading TAB on the ukelele and playing mystery songs. We will begin learning to play chords.



HALO Awards

HALO stands for
Helping And Loving
Others.

The following
students in Preschool
through 5th grade have
received
HALOs this month.

Pressley A.	Lyli M.
Bryndel A.	Michael M.
Sawyer B.	Madelyn N.
Gianna B.	Amelia O.
Vincent B.	Hudson O.
Bailey B.	Rowan P.
Grant B.	Elizabeth P.
Luna C.	Esther P.
Isaac C.	Della P.
Kaiser C.	Julianna P.
Keelin C.	Luke P.
Aavier D.	Emma P.
Ezra E.	Jack P. (1st grade)
RJ E.	Emrey R.
Eva F-W.	Brady S.
Lyla F.	McKenzie S.
Teddy G.	Onnika S.
Hudson G.	Elsie S.
Kye G.	Violet S.
Urijah H-G.	Teryn S.
Alexandra H.	Audrey T.
Ariel H.	Odin W.
Henry J.	
Zoey J.	
Brynlee K.	
Kari K.	
Lexi K.	
Norah L.	

ART WITH MS. LAROSE

Welcome back to art class! I'm looking forward to seeing what the elementary students create this year. I teach at all three of our Regis Elementary schools and I know our students are ready to get into making artistic decisions as well as messes. All students should have an art shirt at school to keep their uniform from getting stained on messy art days. I do have some extra old t-shirts or smocks at each building, but it is always nice to have your own. Additionally, you may have received an email from me asking for a sketchbook for your student. All students in grades one through five use sketchbooks in art class. We use them to plan ideas for projects, practice art techniques and concepts, and for drawing in during extra class time after finishing a project. If a student uses all their sketchbook pages I will send their sketchbook home with them to remind them that they need a new sketchbook. Otherwise, all sketchbooks stay in the art room to be used as needed, often lasting through fifth grade. We are wrapping up our first projects as of this newsletter going out, so please keep an eye out for student art work coming your way in person, on display at school, or online through Artsonia.

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<https://www.artsonia.com/>A new school year means a new round of projects are about to appear on Artsonia! Thank you to everyone who uses Artsonia to view, comment, share, or purchase gifts featuring our elementary artworks. I love hearing from families who participate in Artsonia in any way. It tells me that you appreciate the work that our elementary artists are doing to develop their creative skills and lets me know you value the time it takes to post all our projects. For families new to our schools, I would like to introduce you to Artsonia. I use this website to organize student work into an online portfolio that is attached to a parent/guardian email. This is a useful way to share art projects with other family members and keep track of all the artworks that your child makes during their time in their Regis Elementary school. If you know you would not like to participate in using Artsonia, please email me and I will not set up a portfolio for your student. Artsonia is also a fundraising website which offers a wide range of products to have student art printed on to turn it into gifts and keepsakes. They have simple things from cards and canvas as well as Christmas ornaments, t-shirts, mugs, and tote bags. 20% of every student art item purchased from the Artsonia Gift Shop is donated back to the student's art classroom. These funds are very useful for purchasing extra art supplies during the school year. The gift shop is a nice feature for making memories and gifts, but its use is not required to enjoy Artsonia. Thank you again to everyone who uses Artsonia in any capacity to support our young creatives. **Donation Note:** Any time I am looking for specific donations for my art classrooms, I will post those requests here in the Specialist Newsletter. You can also find information on donating items on my Regis webpage, or by emailing me to ask if the students and I could use specific things you would like to offer towards making art and organizing the art room. If you do have a question to email, please include the school which you would be donating to so I can assess if there is a need. For now, I am not requesting any items.

