

# 3rd Grade



*“St. Mary’s Catholic School prepares students to be leaders in worship, work, and the world through Roman Catholic teachings, rigorous academics and service to others.”*

## Catholic Identity

Students participate in the Mass by: reading, taking up the gifts, and May Crowning. Students attend Mass every Wednesday.

## Catechesis

Students receive catechesis using “Finding God - Our Response to God’s Gifts,” Formed.org, and other supplemental materials. Students pray daily and learn how to lead a rosary. Each class leads the school in daily prayer and teach about our classroom saint (based on their research) during our assigned month. Students participate in 2 retreats per year (Advent and Lent).

## Sacramental Preparation

Students are well prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are provided with special classes from Father Clement.



- *Catholic Identity*
- *Catechesis*
- *Sacramental Prep*
- *Academics/  
Rigorous Programs*
- *Community*

## Community

Because classroom sizes are smaller, students have the opportunity to build a community within their classrooms and St. Mary’s as a whole. Students are able to build lifelong relationships with their peers and with the staff.

## Academics



**Math** - students focus on advanced addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, measurement, and analyzing data on graphs.

**Language Arts** - students focus on topics that access their prior knowledge, build knowledge and vocabulary, and writing skills. St. Mary’s implements the “Wit and Wisdom” reading program across all grade levels. Students have access to both fiction and non-fiction text throughout the school year.

**Science** - students receive instruction and have weekly lab time focusing on: states of matter, electricity, the solar system, and the human body.

**Social Studies** - students learn about communities, economics, and geography.

In addition to the above, students have exposure to technology via “Maker Space,” lab time, and classroom computer time in which they do research, write, practice math, and utilize engaging apps.