

# Library News

## TEACHER TESTIMONIAL

Mrs. Schnurr : PreK

*Mortimer's Christmas Manger* by Karma Wilson

"This story about a mouse who takes over a family's Nativity is both funny and heartwarming."

- [Buy it here](#), for your home or our library

## BOOKS TO LOOK OUT FOR

### Picture Book of the Month

*John Ronald's Dragons* by Caroline McAlister

Celebrate Tolkien Reading Day on March 25th with this story about his childhood love for stories, strange words, and above all, dragons.

- [Buy it here](#), for your home or our library

### YA Book of the Month

*The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald

Introduce middle grade readers to the fiction writer who inspired Tolkien himself with this classic fairytale.

- [Buy it here](#), for your home or our library

### Catholic Book of the Month

*Louie's Lent* by Claudia Cangilla McAdam

This heartwarming story encourages children to prepare for Easter by finding ways to open their hearts to God and others.

- [Buy it here](#), for your home or our library

### Parents' Book of the Month

*Stolen Focus* by Johann Hari

Hari traces the effects of smartphones and social media on our attention spans, moods, and well-being and advocates for both personal and structural change. [Buy it here](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Upcoming Book Fair:** March 17-24th. [Click here for volunteer sign up](#).
- **Library Donations:** Check out our [Amazon wishlist](#) to donate books to the library



## STORYTIME STEM

Did you know that stories can inspire STEM projects? This month, try reading [Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland](#) (video read-aloud [here](#)) with your child, then try designing and building your own object to represent the mystery of the Holy Trinity. *Bonus: Make it an outdoor activity and try using natural materials only!*

**SUGGESTED MATERIALS:** paper, pencil, natural materials OR play-doh, pipe cleaners, misc. craft supplies

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Is **giving alms** one of your Lenten devotions? Check out [Room to Read](#), a nonprofit devoted to ending illiteracy for girls around the world.
- Have you noticed your emerging reader **struggling to study their spelling words**? Try hands-on activities at home like "building" their words with play-doh, twigs, etc.
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