

CURRICULUM:

K3 and K4

St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Parish School's K3 and K4 curriculum is fully aligned to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Standards and the Wisconsin Model of Early Learning Standards. The WMELS address approaches to learning, health and physical development, social and emotional development, language development and communication, and cognition and knowledge development. St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Parish School provides a full or half day K3 and K4 program. K3 students participate in Mass once a month and K4 students participate in our school liturgies once a week.

The Whole Child

A complete K3 and K4 experience revolves around developing the skills of the whole child. At St. Mary's Visitation, it is our goal to provide an opportunity for children to grow not only academically, but spiritually, socially, emotionally, and physically. We instill in children the Catholic Values, social skills, manners, independence, and the routine and structure of school. St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Parish School endeavors to provide an atmosphere of high expectations that challenge the individual and promote lifelong learning so each student can reach the fullness of his or her individual potential. Through partnering with parents, we are able to meet these expectations and goals.

Religion

Religious education at St. Mary's Visitation encompasses not only formal religion classes, but also an education in Catholic beliefs and values that is integrated in every aspect of the academic curriculum. K3 and K4 students learn about their Catholic faith through Scripture stories, prayer, discussion and reflection, music, and liturgies. The Religion curriculum we use for K3 and K4 is called *Stories of God's Love* and Catholic teachings are discussed and integrated across all subject areas.

Math/Reading/Science /Social Studies

We offer a full curriculum for K3 and K4 which includes math, reading, science, and social studies. We provide a balanced, hands-on approach that allows your child to learn through play. We provide a faith-filled environment that focuses on opportunities for children to grow in knowledge and love of God, participate in prayer, and learn how to make good choices. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment that nurtures and develops a positive self-image and creates independent learners.

Physical Education

In K3 and K4, students will explore and demonstrate factors that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Students will participate in physical education twice a week to show competency in motor skills and movement patterns. They will also exhibit responsible social behavior that shows respect to self and others. Students will also work collaboratively and cooperatively.

Play-Based Learning

At our Catholic school, we believe that young children learn best through purposeful play. In our K3 and K4 classrooms, students explore, imagine, and create in a nurturing environment grounded in faith. Through hands-on activities and joyful discovery, children develop social, emotional, and academic skills while growing in God's love. Play is not just fun—it is foundational to lifelong learning and spiritual growth.

The Playroom and Recess

In K3 and K4, students benefit from playing outside twice a day where they interact with others which offers cognitive, social, emotional, and physical benefits. K4 students also have the opportunity to be creative and enhance play for 20 minutes twice a day in our playroom.

Music

K3 and K4 students will attend to music class twice a week where they will explore rhythmic and melodic phrases, perform music and show audience etiquette, identify fast and slow tempos, demonstrate high and low pitches, how to connect with our faith and sing music at Mass. Also, students will develop an understanding of music through daily movements and music within their classrooms.

Library

K3 and K4 students will visit the school library to listen to read alouds and choose a book based on interest to be checked out each week.

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St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Parish School exists to direct children toward God and toward Christian service to society through Catholic religious formation, academic challenge and continuous improvement.