ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

2026–2027 Schedule

Assigned At	Virtue Month	Virtue	Icon	Scripture	Reference	Seasonal / Liturgical Tie-In
August Inservice	September	**Magnanimity**		*"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."*	**Ephesians 3:20 (KJV)**	Start of year — building classroom community
September	October	**Trustworthiness**		*"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."*	**Luke 16:10 (KJV)**	Building Habits Month
October	November	**Gratitude**		*"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God."*	**1 Thess. 5:18 (KJV)**	All Saints/All Souls, Thanksgiving
November	December	**Command**		*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."*	**James 1:22 (KJV)**	Advent
December	January	**Foresight**		*"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."*	**Proverbs 22:3 (KJV)**	New Year, Epiphany
January	February	**Fortitude**		*"Be strong and of a good courage… for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*	**Joshua 1:9 (KJV)**	Catholic Schools Week
February	March	**Honesty**		*"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour."*	**Ephesians 4:25 (KJV)**	Lent
March	April	**Magnificence**		*"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."*	**Psalm 145:3 (KJV)**	Holy Week/Easter
April	May	**Self-Control / Temperance**		*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."*	**Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV)**	Month of Mary
May	June	**Modesty**		*"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety."*	**1 Timothy 2:9 (KJV)**	Year-end, Pentecost

How the Virtue of the Month Comes to Life

- **Classroom —** Displayed visibly (bulletin board, poster, or designated space) as a daily touchpoint for students
- **Morning Assembly —** Introduced and reinforced through prayer, reflection, or a student-led moment
- **Website & Newsletter —** Featured each month so families can reinforce the virtue at home
- **Prayer Tables —** Incorporated into classroom prayer spaces as a visual and spiritual anchor

Virtue in Action — Staff Expectations for Reinforcing Each Cycle

Every 2–3 weeks, a new virtue is introduced at Morning Assembly, with a video used the first time it's presented. The expectations below are what carry that virtue from a one-time assembly moment into something students actually live with, in every classroom, all cycle long.

1 Morning Assembly

- First introduction: play the virtue video, name the virtue, read the scripture reference.
- Every assembly after that, during the same cycle: a brief verbal reinforcement — a reminder of the word, a quick reflection question, or a student share. No re-showing the video.

This keeps assembly time short while still keeping the virtue present week to week, not just on day one.

2 Classroom Visibility

- Every classroom displays the current virtue, its scripture verse, and the icon — bulletin board, poster, or a designated space.
- Use the same spot in your room every cycle. Students move between combo classes and specials; a consistent location means they always know where to look.
- Refresh the display within 2 school days of the new virtue being introduced at assembly.

3 Daily Use — The Language of Virtue

- Name the virtue out loud when you see it. “That's diligence — thank you for staying with it” does more than a generic “good job.”
- Use virtue language in redirections, not just praise. “Show me accountability right now” instead of “Stop that.”
- This is the expectation that matters most and is the easiest to let slide — it costs nothing and takes no prep, just a habit of noticing.

4 Lesson Plan Integration

- One deliberate tie-in per week during the cycle — a read-aloud, a writing prompt, a discussion question, or a natural connection in your subject (a historical figure who showed the virtue, a science example of fortitude, a math problem framed around fairness).
- Note it on your weekly lesson plan. If it's not written down, it's easy for it to become assumed rather than actually taught.
- In departmentalized 5–7, each subject teacher picks one natural tie-in rather than every teacher trying to cover the same ground.

5 Family & Home Connection

- Featured on the website and in the newsletter each cycle, so families can reinforce the same language at home.
- Incorporated into classroom prayer tables as a visual and spiritual anchor.

✓ Who Owns What

Who	Expectation	When
Assembly Lead	Plays the virtue video on first introduction; brief verbal reinforcement in every assembly after that — no re-showing the video	Each new cycle + weekly
Classroom Teacher	Displays virtue, scripture & icon in the same designated spot in the room; refreshes it within 2 school days of introduction	Each new cycle
Classroom Teacher	Names the virtue out loud in real moments — redirections and recognition both use virtue language	Ongoing, daily
Classroom Teacher	Builds in one deliberate tie-in per week (read-aloud, writing prompt, discussion, or subject connection); noted on lesson plans	Weekly during the cycle
Dr. Bordeleau / Admin	Features the virtue in the website & newsletter; checks for visibility during walkthroughs	Each new cycle
Families	Reinforce at home using the newsletter cue	Ongoing