



Faith
Knowledge
Community

**St. Monica Catholic
School Learning
Expectations**

**Faithful Catholics who
model the virtues
of Reverence and
Justice.**

**Life-Long Learners
who model the virtues
of Studiousness and
Fortitude.**

**Responsible citizens
who model the virtues
of Prudence and
Temperance.**

St. Monica Catholic School

How is a “classical” curriculum different from what they’re doing in other schools?

Classical schools teach all of the subjects in an integrated manner. History, literature, philosophy and theology are pursued together to create a rich experience with history throughout time.

Classical versus Secular



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| • Ordered toward eternal happiness | • Ordered toward material ends |
| • Integration of subjects, knowledge, faith | • Fragmented, industrialized |
| • Restores meaning and purpose | • Focus on practical skills |
| • Awakes wonder | • Emphasis on information |
| • Nurtures the moral imagination | • Ignores the moral imagination |
| • Cultivates habits of rigorous thinking | • One mile wide, one inch deep |
| • Constant discussion = active learning | • Lectures + testing = passive learning |
| • Develops intellectual freedom | • Limits theological exposure |

Classical schools aim to cultivate wisdom and virtue through teaching students Latin, exposing them to “Great Books” and focusing on appreciation of “beauty, goodness, and truth”.

What are “Great Books”?

Great books are classic stories that are virtuous in nature and have stood the test of time. Great books are well written and help increase a student’s vocabulary.

What are humanities?

Humanities provides general knowledge about the best accomplishments of human beings throughout history. It is the integration of literature, history, philosophy, and religion.

What about math, science, and technology?

Our focus is in providing enhanced and robust curriculum. The Walk to Math program allows students to learn math at their level so they are always ready and challenged. The natural sciences are studied with an emphasis on learning the “why” of science and plenty of hands on experimentation. Intentional use of technology offers a balanced approach to instruction.