

## St. Michael's Students Reach Out to Seniors

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Dedicated to Works of Mercy, the students of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School regularly engage in projects that instill in them a commitment to social responsibility and compassion for others. In class, students discuss how we can bear witness to our Catholic faith in our community. They read scripture stories of Jesus reaching out to the poor, lonely, and suffering, and learn that he asks us to do the same. They come to understand that human life is sacred from its beginning to its natural end.

One such event is the annual visit of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades to Springvale Terrace Senior and Assisted Living Community for a Halloween party with the residents. Together, the students and residents play charades, hear stories, and share refreshments and Halloween treats. In addition to being fun for the children, they experience the pleasure that their acts of kindness bring to others. Nothing brightens a lonely or elderly person's day like the laughter, vibrancy, and spontaneous joy of children.



3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Stefan Marcelle read a spooky Halloween story to fellow students and residents of Springvale Terrace Senior Living Community.



4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders sang and recited Halloween poetry for the residents of Springvale Terrace Senior Living Community.