



Mater Dei Catholic High School

Campus Ministry News

October 2022-Respect Life Month

A Daily Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life
than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
By the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life move-
ment,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Student Weekly Missions

Each Wednesday during homeroom the student body collects donations for a mission. Each grade level votes on their four year mission their Freshman year. The missions are the following: Freshmen–Santa Clara Scholarship Fund, Guatemala; Sophomore-St. Ann Mission, Hospital, Kenya, Africa; Junior-Daystar Community Services, Cairo, IL; Senior-Orphans in Haiti and Venezuela. At the end of September our students collected approximately \$800 for St. Jude Research Hospital through Team Eli to fight childhood cancer. This year our students have already donated a total of \$1,730.00 for our missions.

Faith In Action

The student body, faculty, and staff has the opportunity to attend Morning Prayer in Mater Dei's Chapel at 7:55am every day that school is in session. Each morning a different club, organization or team is scheduled to help lead Morning Prayer by praying and reading scripture and petitions together. During the semester each group, organization, or club helps to lead Morning Prayer 3 times a semester.

October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, to celebrate this feast an all school rosary will be said on Thursday, October 13th. During each class hour, a Theology teacher will announce on the PA the prayers for one of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. A decade of the Rosary will be prayed each hour so the entire school is able to participate and pray together.

Still interested in joining Safe Homes?

For the safety of our students, we encourage our parents to join our Safe Homes Network. As members of this program, parents pledge to provide a safe home, which is free of alcohol and drug use, for the students in our community. Families may enroll in this vital program at any time by contacting Ms. Colleen McDermott, Campus Minister, 618.526.7216 or cmcdemott@materdeiknights.org.

Save the Dates

You are invited to attend our All School Masses on the following dates at 9:40am.

All Saints Day/Grandparents Day Mass–

Tuesday, November 1st

Thanksgiving Mass– Wednesday, November 23

Immaculate Conception Mass– Thursday,
December 8

Catholic Schools Week– Wednesday, February 1

Ash Wednesday– Wednesday, February 22

May Mass– Wednesday, May 3

Upcoming Retreat Dates

Quest

November 12-13, 2022 at Holy Childhood of Jesus in Mascoutah

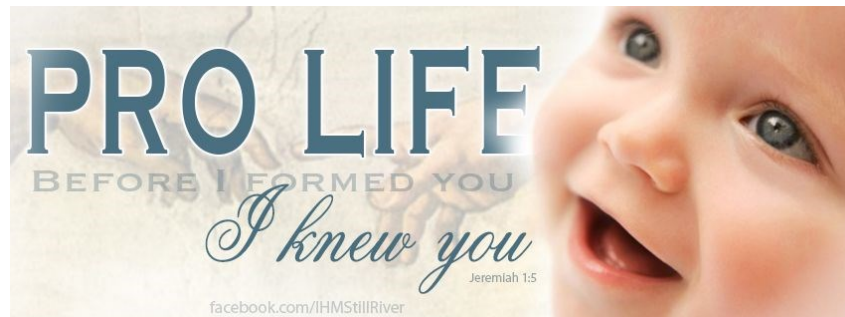
March 11-12, 2023 at St. Dominic in Breese

TEC

January 14-16, 2023-TEC #269–Location to be determined

June 10-12, 2023- TEC #270–Location to be determined

To complete an application please go to bellevilletec.org. Applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks before the retreat to bellville.tec@gmail.com.



Resources

Pro-life Prayers and Resources:

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/pro-life-prayers-resources/>

How to Raise Kids Who Care:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/catholic-teens/making-moral-choices/how-to-raise-kids-who-care>

10 Things to Pray For and With Your Child:

<http://www.markmerrill.com/category/parenting/page/2/>

How to Reduce the Level of Stress in Your Life:

<http://www.markmerrill.com/how-to-reduce-the-stress-level-in-your-life/#more-16758>