



Mater Dei Catholic High School

Campus Ministry News

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Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.



Junior's Vocation Day

The Mater Dei Juniors will attend a Vocations Day on Thursday, March 23rd with the St. Clair Serra Club. The girls will be traveling to St. Agnes Home in Kirkwood, MO for a tour guided by the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus. The boys will be traveling to Kenrick Seminary in Shrewsbury, MO for a tour of the Catholic Theological Seminary. Following the tours, students will be at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville for a tour and for lunch, that will be provided by the Serra Club.

Service Award Nominations-Still Needed

Ms. Colleen McDermott invites you to submit nominations for the Christian Discipleship Award, which is presented to one senior; and the Christian Service Award, which is presented to one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior. Since their creation in 1997 by the Mission Effectiveness Committee of the Mater Dei School Board, these awards recognize students for their unselfish service to school, church, and community. To obtain a nomination form, please contact Ms. Colleen McDermott (cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org), OR visit our website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Faith" menu, "Service" page, "Service Awards" tab). Nominations will be accepted until March 30. Thank you for helping us recognize students who dedicate themselves to serving others!

CRS Rice Bowls

During the 40 days of Lent we are offered the opportunity to pray, fast and give alms. Mater Dei students and faculty have the opportunity to give alms through donating to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) through the CRS Rice Bowls. Making a donation to CRS Rice Bowl will help communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh, Rwanda and other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive. If your family has not received a CRS Rice Bowl, please have a student ask their Homeroom teacher for one.

Daily Mass & Reconciliation

Our period 4/5 classes are celebrating daily Mass in the chapel with various priests from the area. During the week each 4/5 class rotates the planning of daily Mass by writing petitions, selecting songs, and having students as readers and gift bearers during the Mass.

On March 8th the Mater Dei students, faculty, and staff were able to participate in Reconciliation. Eight priests from the area joined us to provide Reconciliation.

Lenten Resources

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

Loyola Press:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/>

Dynamic Catholic:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>