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Honoring Mother Mary



The Marist community celebrates Mass with the new translation for the first time

By Monica Anderson

Students and staff gathered to celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception in the new Mass format Thursday.

New translations in the Roman Missal that altered some words and actions of Mass were introduced to Catholic Churches nationwide on November 27. This marked Marist's first Mass since the change.

"[The new changes] are an opportunity to infuse new meaning into Mass," said Theology teacher Julie Ferrari

Father David Cullings' homily was twofold. He began by showing the conclusion of a video made by the Marist class of 1996 to honor Cody Waters, a student who died suddenly as a senior in 1995.

He finished his sermon by explaining why Mary, whom the Feast of the Immaculate Conception honors, is so emphasized in the Catholic Church. To Catholics, Mary portrays the "new ark" as paralleled in an Old Testament reference to the Ark of the Covenant and the New Testament passage when Mary greets Elizabeth.

All readings and prayers besides the Gospel were given by Marist mothers to further honor Mary and the gift of motherhood.

Kathy Yocum gives a blessing to senior Hannah Vanderville during communion at Thursday's mass. Photo By Toni Cooper

SPARTAN Sports

reported by Zach Silva

BOYS BASKETBALL

Varsity defeated Hillsboro 65-49 in their season opener at home. Senior Willy Malos led the team with 13 points. JV also won while the freshman team lost. Thursday the teams traveled to Lebanon where junior Josh Harper had 23 points in the 74-37 crush. JV lost and freshman won.

GIRLS BASKETBALL*

Varsity and JV are attending The Lebanon Tournament this weekend with a game tonight against Regis.

SWIMMING

The teams traveled to the Eugene YMCA Thursday where they competed against South Eugene. Junior Alex Seaver won the 200m freestyle, 500m freestyle and anchored the first place 200m relay team.

WRESTLING

Wednesday, North Eugene and Springfield visited Marist where Sophomore Kashi Hall won both his two matches with two pins.

*The Marist girls basketball team will be hosting a **GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP** December 19-22 from 8:30-11:00 for grades 1-8. The camp costs \$30 with a current AAU card of \$40 without an AAU card. For more information visit the marist website athletics page.

Sophomore journey

By McKenzie O'Leary

Last weekend, a group of sophomore girls attended an overnight retreat to experience faith, bond with fellow class mates and learn about themselves

The girls, led by junior and senior retreat team members, arrived at St. Peters parish on Saturday morning where they participated in small groups and a "trust fall". In the late afternoon, the girls traveled to Marist for the remainder of the

retreat. Keeping with the theme of "journey", sophomores and leaders participated in more small groups, games and a mass at Marist.

Sophomore Stephanie Columbe said, "It was a great opportunity to grow stronger with old friends and form new friendships."

The sophomore journey retreat is the first spiritual retreat offered to students at Marist. It focuses on growth, and community building.



Sophomores Olivia Del Guercio, Sienna Hacker, and Cory Park sing together during the sophomore retreat. Photo by Jenna Laver

We heard

By Chris Boyce

In order to generate ideas on how to improve the school, Marist student council held their first annual "Be Heard" week.

Input boxes were placed in the library, cafeteria and front office for students to place suggestions.

Moderator Beth Wirth proposed the idea to cultivate relations between school leaders and students. "As a leader, 'Be Heard' week is a great way to understand the students perspective," said senior student council member Geoffrey Wildish.

Police visit Marist

Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns speaks to Marist kids. Photo by Jenna Laver

By Taylor Locke

On Wednesday at lunch the Brown Bag Lunch series hosted Captain Mike Bloom of the Oregon State Police and Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns who gave a presentation on their experiences in the field of law enforcement as well as answering questions from students.

The next brown bag lunch is schedule for Jan. 12th and will be on counseling and psychology.



National Honor Society sponsored CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Please bring items for the needy to your theology class by Friday, Dec. 16

WARM CLOTHING
(coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, socks)

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

(shampoo/conditioner, disposable razors, soap, feminine products)

AND/OR CASH

Check It Out



Senior Courtney Volta is not a typical sugar plum fairy! For the last two years she danced in All That! Dance Company's remixed version of The Nutcracker. The production, held at the Hult Center, uses more modern dance techniques such as hip-hop as opposed to straight ballet. The bubbly senior has danced with the company since first grade and is sad that this is her last year but she can still be seen pirouetting for the Marist Dance team.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Senior Macaela Crowley: "If you could pick any animal to communicate with what would it be?"
Senior Dylan Karr: "Women."

SERINADING SENIORS

By Macaela Crowley

Today the Marist Strings Ensemble, consisting of eight students led by Strings teacher Alisa Kincade, spread holiday cheer when they traveled to three different retirement homes in the Eugene community.

The students played Christmas music such as "Carol of the Bells." The group will perform next Tuesday evening at the Marist Christmas Concert.



Freshman Sindy White greets a resident at Avamere Riverpark retirement home after a performance. Photo by Sharee Waldron

ONE ON ONE

By Jake Gram

Marist seniors in Christian Leadership Class met with freshman students today for one-on-one conversations, which could include games and eating as well, to help the freshmen feel comfortable in the Marist community and to give them a chance to ask questions and voice concerns about Marist. The conversations took the place in different locations around the school during the period which the freshmen would normally be in religion class.



Freshman Hannah Beeler and senior Angelique Kirkham share a laugh during the freshman conversations. Photo by Jenna Laver