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# THE SPARTANS ONLINE

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Just don’t put that on facebook!”  
-Coach Geske

# Nature’s Miracles



Fr. Dave delivers his homily to students at Thursday’s Mass of the Epiphany. Photo by Alex Seaver

## The Marist community learns how natural miracles help explain our faith at Thursday’s Mass of the Epiphany.

By Lexy Wheeler

The Christmas season was officially wrapped up with the Mass of the Epiphany this Thursday. The word epiphany, meaning “manifestation” or “revelation” links this holy day to the visit of the Magi in Bethlehem, one of the events revealing Christ as God’s Son.

Father Dave spoke about Maryknoll High School where he works in Honolulu, HI. At Maryknoll, students start preparing a project their junior year to present their senior year. In order to get an A, students must connect three areas of study together.

Grading a student’s project, Father Dave spoke of the student starting with math and the definition of an ellipse. Moving to science, he

spoke about Halley’s Comet which orbits in an ellipse. Completing a full orbit approximately every 76 years, the student calculated the comet occurred in 9 AD. With a final connection to theology, the student proposed that if Jesus was born in 4 AD, perhaps Halley’s Comet was the famed Star of Bethlehem that the Magi followed.

Concluding his homily, Father Dave stated that every mom says the birth of a child is a miracle, and even though a child’s birth can be explained by science, it’s nonetheless a miracle. Like the student’s proposal that the natural orbit of a comet could explain the miraculous star in the sky, God gives us natural miracles that help explain our faith.



Freshman Corey Solari receives a blessing during communion at Thursday’s Mass. Photo by Alex Seaver

# New Year resolutions

## STUDENT NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

- Procrastinate less
- Make YouTube videos
- Be more careful when injured
- Swear less
- Play fewer video games
- Learn to perform a back flip
- Spend more time with Mom
- Get better grades
- Have a resolution
- Find my debit card
- I don’t need a new year to make a resolution

By Ryan Whalen

Personally, I make a New Year’s resolution every year, and this year was no different. This year I promised myself that I would avoid senoiritis and steer clear from procrastination, and that is why I am sitting here at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon trying to finish this story about changing my ways.

Maybe I can fully commit to my 2012 resolutions after I have completed all of my late school work from 2011. However, I am in no rush to complete those assignments because they are still under the restraint of last year’s resolution: do not fret about late work.

I am not the only one who has made promises that are destined to fail, many students have sworn to increase their effort level, do their homework on time, study for upcoming exams, and make healthier decisions.

For two whole days students have met their New Year’s resolutions with unwavering determination and perseverance, but as the daunting thought of school becomes increasingly apparent, despair begins to set in. However, this should not deter them from their lofty aspirations because with a little perseverance anything can be achieved, besides, there is always next year.

## SPARTAN Sports

### BOYS BASKETBALL

On Dec. 17, the team traveled to Portland for the Century Tournament. They beat Reynolds 66-60 and lost to Century 68-72 in the next round. On Dec. 20, varsity lost 55-58 at North Eugene. On Dec. 23, West Salem traveled to the Holy Dome where the Spartans defeated the Titans 53-51. Varsity traveled to Grants Pass on Dec. 29, where they lost 48-56. They played at Springfield on January 3 where they won 70-65 in an overtime thriller. Thursday varsity lost at the buzzer to Sheldon 64-66. Senior Willy Malos had 20 points while junior Kam Smith added 19 after making 5 three pointers.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Dec. 21, varsity beat North Eugene 62-48. On Dec. 27 varsity traveled to the Century Tournament. They defeated Hillsboro 57-45, Century 59-31 and lost to West Linn 50-61 in the championship. Tonight they face Sheldon at home.

### SWIMMING

Tonight the teams race Willamette in a dual meet at Echo Hollow. The meet starts at 4 p.m.

### WRESTLING

On Dec. 30, varsity travelled to the Willamette High School Invitational where sophomore Ethan Smith recorded the lone Spartan pin despite the team loss.

## Check It Out



Andrew Duyck is living a common kindergartner’s dream by becoming a firefighter. In exactly two weeks, he will be inducted as a full-fledged member of the Goshen Fire Station. Duyck has been in the cadet program since he was 16 and last year he was named cadet of the year. His official nickname is “Nighthawk.”

## TEACHERS REFOCUS

By Jake Gram

This past Tuesday, as students enjoyed their last day of the winter break, the Marist staff met at school for a day of recollection to re-focus for the upcoming calendar year.

The day was organized by Directors of Campus Ministry Rick Martin and Julie Ferrari as a continuation of the staff faith formation retreat before the beginning of the school year. A special emphasis was placed on Epiphany and the journey of the Magi.



The boys and girls of the 2012 Mr. Spartan team pose for a group picture. Photo by Toni Cooper

## MS. SPARTANS SELECTED

By Chris Boyce

The 2012 Ms. Spartan coordinators were announced this week as partners for the Mr. Spartan candidates in the annual pageant which raises funds for Children’s Miracle Network.

Seniors Tuyen Bolton, McKenzie Tritt, Kristin Zebrowski, Lauren Haga, Hannah Vanderville, Adri Cardani, McKenzie Hughes, Claire Koester, Nikki Hallenbeck, and Taylor O’Connor join juniors Gabi da Silva and Lauren Sibole on the team, the largest in recent memory.

“I really look forward to working with this group of guys and girls and to raise money for a great cause,” said Koester.