

## What are your New Year's Resolutions?

Some of the Marist community's resolutions for 2016

- Write a book
- Market the snack tie™
- To save babies through Mr. Spartan
- Graduate
- To volunteer for every show at College Theater
- To cut my hair
- To grow up
- Do something nice for others every day
- Get more sleep
- To be healthier at the same time next year
- Go hiking more often

## STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



By Caroline Gonyea

Shout out to this week's Strong Spartan junior Grace Rosier who will compete in the High School Division of the annual Coeur d'Alene Symphony Young Artist Competition this weekend in Spokane.

She will play a piece from Ravel called "Tzigane." Rosier is excited and nervous, but loves competition.

She earned her spot in the national competition with a video submission of one of her violin performances. The winner of this weekend's final round of the competition will perform in March with the Coeur d'Alene Symphony and receive \$750.

Rosier is part of the Eugene Springfield Youth Symphonies which meets weekly at South Eugene High School

# CELEBRATING THE TWELFTH DAY



Fr. David Cullings and Fr. Vincent Benoit motion for the congregation's response during the Mass of the Epiphany on Wednesday. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Bringing the Christmas season to a close with the Mass of the Epiphany

By Emily Jewett

They came, they adored, and they left. The Marist community celebrated the Mass of the Epiphany on Wednesday to honor the end of the Christmas season, commemorated by the arrival of the Wise Men, from afar, to adore the baby Jesus, with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Fr. David Cullings said the Mass, along with the still healing, but able to stand, Fr. Vincent Benoit, who injured his back in a fall in December.

Recognizing that the Catholic Church is a "liturgical" church, Fr. Cullings took a few minutes at the beginning of Mass to explain the three things venerated at each Mass to show how Jesus makes himself known to us at Mass. The priest kisses the altar, the Bible, and the congregation kiss each other, to show how Jesus is alive in the Eucharist, the scripture, and in everyone.

Fr. Cullings gave an engaging and interesting homily in which he explained how the history of the classic carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

evolved in England as a way for Catholics to learn their faith and to teach the children the Catechism, even though it was forbidden by the Church of England.

Each number in the song represents a key part of the faith that Catholics needed to learn or remember. The partridge in the pear tree represents Jesus on the cross, which starts and ends the song.

In typical Cullings style, he finished the Mass with many jokes, including several clever puns about the Epiphany

## Introducing the Spartans



The 2016 Mr. Spartan Team: Madisyn Bryant, Devon Daniel, Tatiana Davis, Brendan Gescher, Alessa Giansante, Taylor Gorham, Isabella Hardt, Kai Harper, Haley Harrison, Ryan Helbling, Blake Irwin, Malay Johnston, Kamryn Large, Caedyn Kimble, Colin Kirk, Alex Korth, Austin Korth, Bridgette McAllister, Marcella Murillo, Matthew Penn, Colleen Peterson, Tosten Peterson, Leo Rain, Sam Scherer, Ashton Stowell, Kennedy Sundberg. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Ashton Stowell

The 2016 Mr. Spartan season has begun.

The Mr. Spartan program raises money for the Children's Miracle Network's Kids Helping Kids program. All funds raised by Marist and the other local schools participating in the program go towards Sacred Heart's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Any senior boy who was interested in being apart of this year's Mr. Spartan

team put their name on a ballot. The men were later voted on by senior girls.

The boys were notified with the results before leaving for winter break and the girls received a formal invitation to be a part of the team over break.

The team of 11 senior boys, 13 senior and 2 junior girls met for the first time on Wednesday to discuss some of the upcoming events and to take a group photo.

The Mr. Spartan pageant is on Saturday, Apr. 9.

## The Construction Continues

By Benny Flores

Since September, construction workers have been working hard on the new science wing and they continued through Christmas break.

Some of the things they completed over break included the roof, the windows, and the doors.

The doors were installed in the 400 wing, making it easier to access the science wing from the east.

The process for drywall and Hvac system began shortly afterwards.

The project is currently on track for its completion in the spring.



The recently-installed doors open up to the continuing construction of the 300 wing extension. Photo by Michael Henderson '16