

PREPARING FOR EASTER

Campus Ministry guides community in anticipation of holiest day of the year

By Joe Laver

In preparation for Easter Sunday, theology classes gathered in the chapel on Monday and Tuesday to spend time in reflection with a guided prayer presented by Christian Leadership Class students.

The services, that occur every four years, were organized by Campus Minister Julie Ferrari and Christian Leadership teacher Rick Martin who presented the opportunity of leading other theology classes in prayer and reflection to his students.

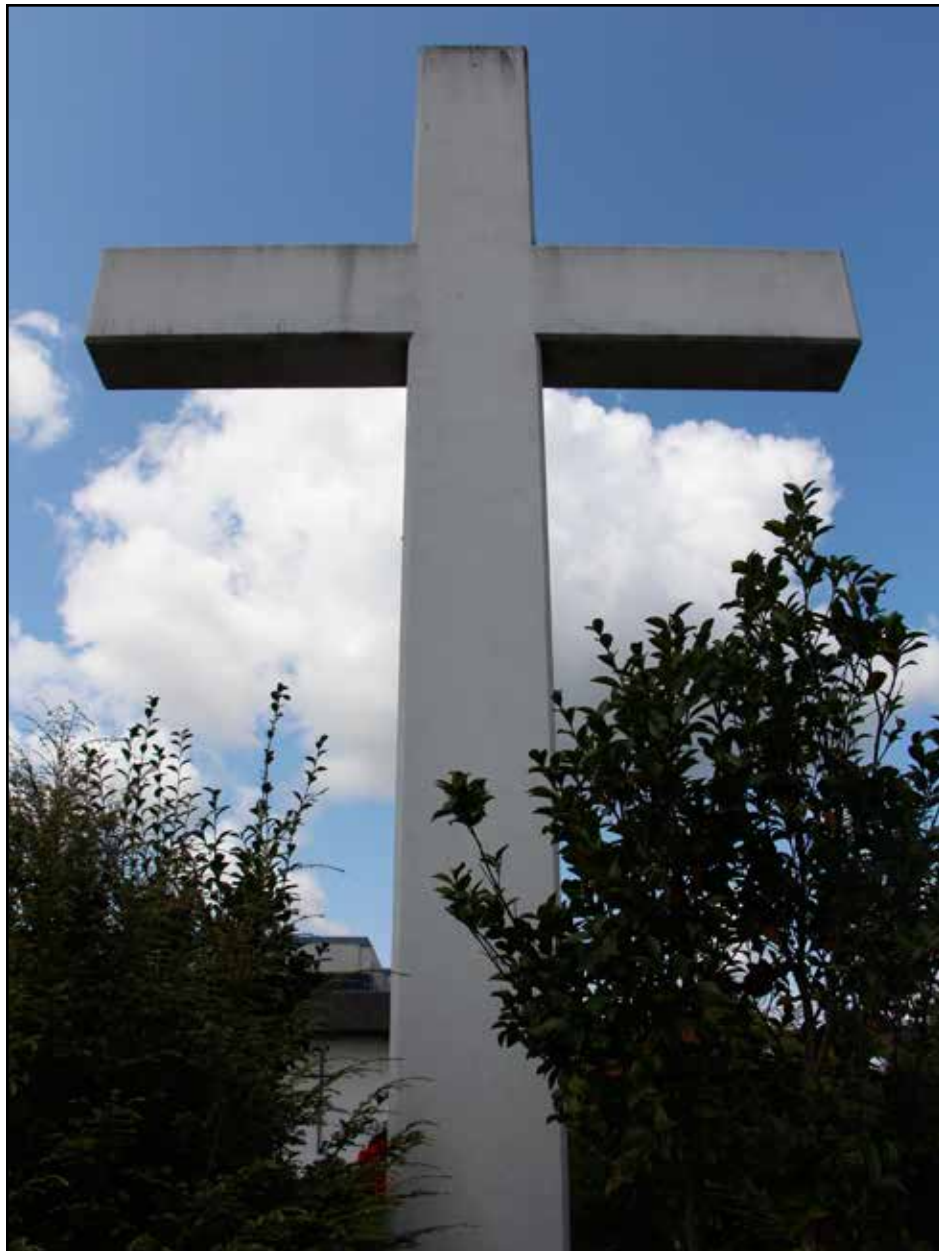
“It’s an opportunity for the Marist community to come together to reflect on the coming of Easter,” said Ferrari.

The week drew to a close with an early release on Holy Thursday and no school on Good Friday in observance of the Catholic tradition of preparing for Easter.



Christian Leadership students lead prayer services in the chapel for all theology classes this week. Photo by Sam Inouye

The cross stands proudly in the Marist parking lot. Photo by Sam Inouye



Marist Y.E.S. Club Easter Vigil

By Kayla Backer

The Marist Y.E.S. club, Youth Ending Sex Slavery, will hold a vigil this upcoming Sunday from 1:30-2:30 P.M. in the Gateway Umpqua Bank to promote awareness about the issue.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the Y.E.S. club contact senior Josh Christian.

Clothing Drive



Clothing donations sit in the box outside of the school. Photo by Jordan Pickrel

By Madisyn Bryant

In honor of Holy Week, student government teamed up with MVP coordinator, Jerry Ragan, to encourage students to donate their good, used clothing to the Eugene Mission, and or to make a monetary donation to Project Starfish.

About \$8,000 has been raised so far for Project Starfish, and efforts to reach \$10,500 by the end of May. All funds go towards St. Vincent DePaul’s assisted housing program.

Wondering how to spend your **Monday April 6** off from school? Come and support Mr. Spartan for the third annual



Bowling For The Babies at Firs Bowling Alley on River Rd See any Mr. or Ms. Spartan to make a team.

Seniors Plea For Points As The Quarter Comes To a Close

By Jordan Pickrel

As the end of the third quarter of the academic approached this week, some students were rushing to finish the quarter strong.

In particular, seniors in English teacher Bill Ferrari’s World Literature class worked to gain their grades based on a cumulative point system in which all assignments were “optional.”

This drove some seniors in the class to late nights this week, as they worked to make up for setting their own pace throughout the quarter.

“I like second semester seniors to have an experience where their academic success is really independent,” Ferrari said. “A truly successful college experience is based on an independent work ethic.”

Students Trek The Globe For Break



The Marist 2015 Spring Break Trip group. Photo courtesy of Natalia Zreljak

By Jordan Pickrel and Michael Baird

Traveling by car, plane and boat, Marist students trekked across the country and across the world to serve others and soak up spring break.

From senior Clara Lee, who traveled home to South Korea for

the week, to junior Jordan Baird, who returned to Mexico to build houses for families in need for the fourth time, Marist students

Hawaii and California were popular destinations, though one of the largest student groups traveled over 5,000 miles to England

and France on an annual Europe trip led by Marist staff members Ryan and Stacy Baker.

After two days exploring London, Stratford and Oxford, the 33 students accompanied by nine adults traveled by train to France through the Chunnel under the English Channel. In France the group visited Paris, Normandy and Versailles in Northern France.

So many students signed up for the trip, in fact, that the group was able to travel without any other group in Europe for the first time in recent years.

Students came feeling refreshed and ready to end the quarter before enjoying a long Easter weekend.

STRONG SPARTANS OF THE WEEK



Seniors Michael Baird and Taylor Gregory

By Trevor Konrady and Natalia Zreljak

Shout out to Marist’s newest Eagle Scouts, seniors Michael Baird and Taylor Gregory!

Baird earned his Eagle Scout rank early in March and Gregory earned the title Eagle Scout after a total of six years in Boy Scouts.

Both had to obtain the 21 required badges, do a service project for a non-profit organization, and then were drilled with questions in a meeting with the Eagle Scout Board.

“Becoming an Eagle Scout can give you advantages over others when applying for jobs, or college,” said Gregory when asked about the advantages of becoming an Eagle Scout. Congratulations to you both!