

## Angel Project Continues Through Tuesday

By Maddie Decker

The Advent season is a time for prayer, healing, and waiting for the coming of Christ. It is also a time to think outside of yourself and about those who are in need around you.

The Angel Project is one of the ways that Marist helps those in need, by donating items to families under the poverty line they can receive the daily essentials until they get back on their feet.

The Angel Project began on Monday and continues until next Tuesday, for delivery on Wednesday.

Marist has been helping Catholic Community Services for the past four years during the Advent season by having each theology class “adopt” a family and then bring in items they need or want. The families create lists of any necessities they need as well as a wishlist of a few things they would love to have for Christmas and submit them to CCS.

CCS offers immediate help to anyone in need and the goal of this project is to help these families become self sufficient and to bring them a little more joy around the Christmas season.

## Speech And Debate

By Emily Jewett

The Marist Speech and Debate Team competed in the annual Clackamas Edge Tournament last Saturday.

The tournament was held at Clackamas High School and is one of the largest high school tournaments in the state.

Freshman Danielle Shojai placed first in novice After Dinner Speaking, a humorous speech about a serious topic.

Shojai’s topic was about dying alone, with a comical twist that included statistics about the Eugene dating pool and witty jokes about the difficulty of dating in high school.

The tournament lasted from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Marist team left Eugene at 5:30 a.m. and did not arrive home until well after midnight.

## A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER



Sophomore girls light candles to signify their journey on the Sophomore Girls Journey Retreat last weekend. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Sophomore girls embrace their first off-campus retreat experience

By Ashton Stowell

Life is full of journeys and some journeys are more impacting than others.

The journey for 28 sophomore girls started last weekend as they gathered at St. Peter’s Catholic Church to grow in their faith and friendships.

“The most memorable part was the trust and friendships we built with one another,” sophomore Kaitlyn Funk said.

Ten junior and senior leaders that are apart of retreat team guided the sophomores through the journey, along with rector Marcella Murillo.

The overall theme of the sophomore girls retreat was journey, which was evident through various talks and activities.

After spending the night at Marist the girls celebrated Mass and had breakfast to conclude the first chapter of their journey together.

## Following Mary’s Example

By Bridgette McAllister

Focusing on Mary’s inherently holy nature and the importance of following her example of selfless love, Marist celebrated the Mass of the Immaculate Conception in the gym on Tuesday.

Father Vincent Benoit, O.P. celebrated the Mass and urged students to follow Mary’s example by submitting to God’s will in everyday situations, including the school’s rules.

“The message that I came away with was that by following Mary’s example, we become better people and a better community,” senior Sam Nelson said.

Female staff members, who also are mothers, read and presented the gifts.

Before Communion, several Marist staff and students were recognized and blessed for their service as this year’s eucharistic ministers.



A group of students and staff receive a blessing as they are officially commissioned as Eucharistic Minister at the Mass of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday. Photo by Toni Cooper



Freshman Saba Samy and senior Malay Johnston talk on the stage while decorating cookies during Freshmen Conversations on Thursday. Photo by Sam Scherer '16

## Mentoring at Marist

By Isabella Hardt

Freshmen theology classes were full of food, friends, and occasionally Connect Four on Thursday.

Senior Christian Leadership Class students sat down with their freshmen partners for their Freshmen Conversations and had some time to talk about the school year.

The students spread throughout the campus, from the stage to the cafeteria,

and played games or made crafts while answering questions and addressing any concerns the freshmen had.

The goal of this annual event is to foster relationships between the freshmen and upperclassmen and share experiences.

“It was really nice to have a casual conversation with someone who has been through the same thing that we’re going through now,” freshman Eva Kokkino said.

## A.L.I.C.E. Training Can Save Lives

By Livia Kokkino

Representatives from the Eugene Police Department taught the Marist staff the new ALICE training, which ensures the safety of themselves and others in the case of an intruder in the school.

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. The past procedure for this situation was for students to turn lights off and find a safe out-of-sight place which has been discovered

to leave people, students, and teachers more vulnerable to attacks

In the new ALICE procedure, staff learned and will soon “teach” the students to barricade any entrances to the classroom and try to create confusion for the attacker by throwing anything they can, yelling, or attacking.

“There was a good response from parents. There were parents that had heard of it that had spoken highly of it and they

were excited that it was being brought to Marist, though it isn’t a very fun thing to talk about,” Dean of students Kristi Nicholson said.

The police officers created six different dangerous simulations for the teachers to practice. The results of the simulations taught the staff the highest survival rate was when ALICE was used more than when the traditional procedure, as the police described it, “sitting ducks.”



Marist staff listens to Eugene Police Department Lt. Doug Mozan during the ALICE Training last Friday. Photo by Toni Cooper

Decades of Dedication  
Celebrating  
Ed Hummel

RECEPTION  
5:30 p.m.  
MHS Cafeteria

CEREMONY  
6:15 p.m.  
MHS gym

Free pizza in student section

Varsity Boys  
Basketball Game

7:00 p.m.  
MHS gym

Ugly Sweater  
Dance

8:30 p.m.  
MHS cafeteria