

Society of Mary

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On November 1st, the Marist School community gathered for Mass to celebrate All Saints' Day. School Chaplain Fr. John Ulrich, SM delivered a homily reminding everyone of the shared call to sainthood. "Saints are women and men who accept God's free gift of salvation," he said. "Saints do not reject the world; they embrace it and make it better. There are saints right here among us at Marist." Fr. Ulrich acknowledged the faculty and staff for their dedication to guiding each other and our students with holiness. He also highlighted the ways our students show saintly qualities - offering companionship, helping peers even when it's inconvenient, and demonstrating goodness in countless ways. He encouraged everyone to recognize and affirm these acts of kindness in one another.

In anticipation of All Souls' Day, the school community also remembered beloved members of the Marist family who have passed away. Fr. Ulrich offered a special blessing over the names inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, which will remain in various locations on campus throughout November.



Twenty-three Marist School seniors were recently recognized by the College Board National African American and National Hispanic Recognition Programs for their exceptional academic achievements. These programs, aimed at breaking down barriers to higher education, connect talented students with opportunities at leading universities and scholarship programs. To qualify, students must be in the top 10% of PSAT scores in Georgia or score three or higher on two or more AP exams by their junior year.



In preparation for the 2024 election, Marist School students explored the exhibit “Framing the Presidency” in Marist’s Goizueta Center for Immersive Experience and Design. This immersive experience, a collaborative creation led by Marist’s Global & Humane Studies Director Mrs. Kelly Mandy ’96, with inspiration from Mrs. Jillian Bauersfeld, offered students a dynamic look at themes and communication strategies used by U.S. Presidential candidates over the past 50 years. Students in classes such as upper-level social studies, government, American experiment, marketing, and world religion gained historical context for how campaigns from the 1976, 1984, 1992, and 2008 elections shaped voter perceptions through the evolving media landscape. The exhibit included themed “campaign tunnels” for each election year, meticulously designed to reflect media technology of the time, from newspapers and projectors to laptops. Special thanks to Fr. Frank Kissel, S.M., Mrs. Bauersfeld, Ms. Anna Lee Lanning, Ms. Angela Williams, and the social studies department for their support in bringing this experience to life. Marist students are encouraged to approach civic participation thoughtfully, seeking dialogue and respect as they prepare to vote and engage in the political process for years to come.



Marist School Honors Celine and Wade Stribling with 2024 St. Peter Chanel Award



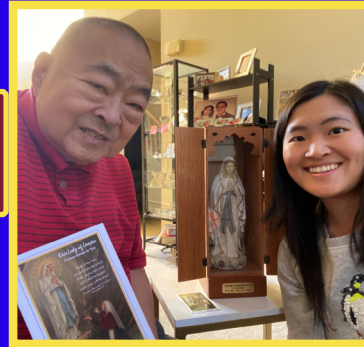
Marist School students recently experienced an imaginative retelling of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius by the Junior Classical League (JCL) in Alumni Plaza with a unique twist inspired by The Wizard of Oz. In this performance, Dorothy and her friends were transported back to Pompeii, allowing them to witness the historic eruption firsthand. Mr. Peter Spalitto portrayed Pliny the Elder, whose perspective of the eruption brought the story to life. The event was a fun blend of history and storytelling, designed to engage students by merging classical events with a modern theatrical flair.



10th grade students recently attended the Nazareth retreat led by this years 11th grade students! Students had the opportunity to engage with acceptance, service, and faith.



The Lourdes Ministry at Marist School Brings Healing, Faith, and Hope to the Community

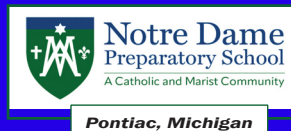


During the month of October, the NDV community learned about 1 mystery of the rosary per day and prayed one decade of the rosary together during the daily morning assembly.





Halloween 2024



Last week in Sra. Aguilar's Spanish classes in the middle school, students celebrated Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) by painting relevant designs on pumpkins. They also watched Spanish films and ate Day of the Dead bread (pan de muerto). Teacher Sra. Aguilar said she looks forward each year to these activities because it's "still another great way for her students to experience different cultures through history, customs, and food and drink."



All Saints' Day Mass



Halloween Fun



NDP seniors recently visited the lower school during community time to share stories and play with the younger scholars. The seniors brought Halloween-themed games, such as bingo and wrap-the-mummy, and they read books, made caramel apples, decorated cookies, colored pictures, and enjoyed a beautiful fall day on the playground.



As part of NDP's Alumni Association's Alumni Career Speaker Series, alums Edward Olson PC'78, Lani Duffy NDP'09 and Liz (Halabu) Casselman NDP'09 were recently at NDP. During their presentation, they discussed careers in law with some very interested students.





All Saints' Day Parade



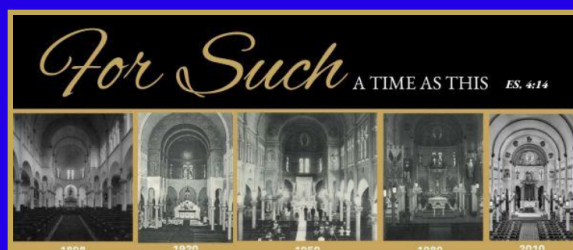
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Big Little Buddy Program



Rite of Confirmation Mass



Marist Chapel of St. Peter Chanel

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Atlanta, Georgia as part of a renovation plan, is creating a Eucharistic adoration space called the Marist Chapel of St. Peter Chanel. The Marists had pastoral care of the church from 1897-1965, when Marist (College) School was in the center of Atlanta. Read more [HERE](#).

Canonization of Mere Marie Leonie (Virginie Alodie Paradis)

Mere Marie-Leonie Paradis PSSF, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, was named a Saint by Pope Francis on October 20th. The Sisters served at several Marist houses in the U.S., Canada and at the General House in Rome, Italy. Read more [HERE](#).





Tokelau Language and Culture Week



Matti, Digos, Philippines

Commemoration of the Life of the Saints



All Souls' Day Mass



Interview with Fr. Chris Skinner, SM –
The Power of Music



Marist Laity NZ – November
Reflection: Mary's Heart, Our
Mission

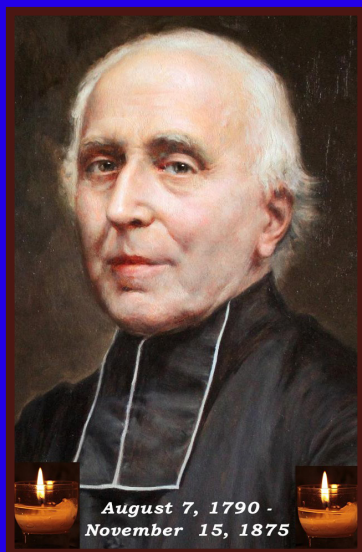


Jubilee Year 2025 Resource: Reason for
our hope: a testimony to our life, death,
and resurrection in Christ Jesus

On Veterans Day (November 11th) the Marists would like to honor the men and women of the United States who have served in the military - especially our benefactors, alumni, our Marist laity and our own Marist Chaplain Colonel Joseph M. Fleury, SM (ret.).

We recognize your sacrifices and all the good you have done in this world. We are grateful for your service. We invite you to read the Today's Marist article (Vol.8, Issue 2) about Marist Chaplain Colonel Joseph M. Fleury, SM (ret.), "[Builder of Bridges.](#)"





Anniversary of Fr. Colin's Death

November 15, 2024, marks the 149th anniversary of the death of Fr. Jean Claude Colin, the founder of the Society of Mary (Marists).

On this anniversary, Marists throughout the world give thanks to God for the witness of this humble and courageous man. Fr. Colin was a gift to the Church, to the Society of Mary and to the whole world.

May Fr. Colin continue to inspire all – to continue the work of Mary: simply, generously and in her gentle spirit. To be Mary's compassionate presence in our world. We invite you to view the booklet "[Jean-Claude Colin Novena – Reflection and Prayer with the Founder of the Society of Mary.](#)"



Prayer After the Elections

As the U.S. elections come to a close, help us to reflect not just on the elections' outcomes, but also on their significance for charting the path to a just future for all. We see a nation deeply divided; but we remain a nation that together must find the way toward a just and peaceful future. Help us to promote Catholic social teaching widely and to encourage the study of social issues from a Gospel perspective. Give us the will to engage in informed and respectful dialogue. Guide us all to serve and to promote the common good, to respect human rights, and to ensure that all our national policies reflect solidarity with all of God's peoples: Men, women, and children in every part of the U.S. and everywhere around the world. Amen.
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