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MATER DEI OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES – November 4

Prospective students (grades 5-8) and their families are invited to explore the unique opportunities of Mater Dei at their Open House on Sunday, November 4, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a guided tour of our campus and receive information regarding our spiritual, academic, and extracurricular programs; scholarships and tuition assistance; and free transportation. Families who are unable to attend may contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org) to request an informational folder.

FALL CHICKEN & ROAST BEEF DINNER

Sunday, November 4, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. @ St. Cecilia Parish Center. Homemade Dressing, Pies, Cakes, & Salad Bar. Sponsored by Ladies Sodality

BINGO SOCIAL to benefit the cemetery, at St. Michael, Radom, on Sunday, November 11. Doors open at 11am, bingo begins at 1pm. Twenty-five games, quilts and cash. Meal: Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, and Slaw. Sandwiches and refreshments also available starting at 11am.

LECTOR WORKSHOP An opportunity for those new to the ministry of lector and to rejuvenate the work of veterans, Sister Carolyn McWatters, RSM will share her passion for proclaiming the Word of God. This workshop is for ALL lectors – those interested in becoming a lector, novice lectors or the well-seasoned reader. Please register now for this workshop, Saturday, November 17, 2018 at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church, 1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. To register contact the Office of Worship at 722-5040 or jmarkfort@diobelle.org.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4, 2018

The dual command. It is simple. It is straight forward. Love God. And. Love neighbor as much as self. Today's Gospel harkens back to the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper when we sing "Where charity and love prevail, there is God." We sing it while we gather gifts for the poor. The charge IS simple. This constant love behavior is harder.

- Who is hard for me to love?
- What will I do to love _____ as myself?
- And what gifts do I have for the poor?

A Perfect Gift

Read the full version at usccb.org/perfect-gift.

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie,* who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe"—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization.

It's like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant.

From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

*Name changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2018, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

VOCATIONS CORNER

This Sunday starts National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please pray each day this week for an increase of vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

At Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School – the only remaining Catholic elementary school in East St. Louis – 100% of the students graduate from high school and 95% attend colleges and universities! Your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to make this possible. If you have not already done so, please consider making a gift today. The youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman are counting on you.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday / Sunday, November 3 / 4

4:00pm Barrow, Barrow, Barrow

10:30am Hunt, Maco

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SERVERS: If you are scheduled to server, please show up. If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Replacements...it is imperative that you show up.

Fr. Dale needs your assistance at the Altar.

Thank you.



ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

ALWAYS Check the Cardinal Express for details.

- Monday, November 5 - 2:00pm Dismissal!! Scholastic Book Fair All Week! Girls' Basketball @ OBC Tournament, TBA.
- Tuesday, November 6 - National Vocations Awareness Week. Girls' Basketball Tournament, TBA.
- Wednesday, November 7 - All School Mass @ 8:30am. Girls' Basketball Tournament, TBA.
- Thursday, November 8 - Girls' Basketball Tournament, TBA. Boys' Basketball vs. St. Mary Mount Vernon @SMS, 6:00pm. PTO Meeting, 5:00pm.
- Friday, November 9 - National Vocations Awareness Week.

Anyone interested in pursuing a vocation within the Catholic Church should contact Mr. Jason Swann at the Saint Mary School Office at (618)532-3473 or email principal@stmarycentralia.org.

Calendar Winners: 10/30 Terri Roetemeyer - Walnut Hill
 11/1 Rachel Schulze - Belleville

CATECHISM CLASS

Fr. Dale's next CATECHISM CLASS will be THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH at 1 PM-2PM in church. Some have asked to have these classes in the afternoon rather than the evening. Since during the month of November we remember the Poor Souls, our topic will deal with the end of life themes: HEAVEN, HELL, PURGATORY, MEANING OF CHRISTIAN DEATH AND FUNERALS.

Please read pages 151-162 of the Catechism Book.

CONGRATULATIONS

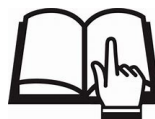
The following students have distinguished themselves by being on the High Honor Roll at Mater Dei High School for the first quarter of this academic year:

Matthew Wolden

Nicholas Wolden

We are so very proud of you. Keep up the good work!

Bishop Edward K. Braxton, and all of the Bishops of the United States, are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to the annual autumn meeting of all of the Bishops in Baltimore, November 12-16. During this meeting, the Bishops will be discussing and making important decisions regarding the crisis facing the Catholic Church caused by the sins, scandals and crimes of members of the clergy abusing children. Bishop Braxton is asking us to join him and his fellow Bishops in prayer at this time. The Bishop's letter is available on the parish website.



LECTOR WORKBOOKS FOR THE UPCOMING LITURGICAL YEAR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SOUTH SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (CHECK YOUR NAME OFF THE LIST AS YOU DO).