



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

October 4th, 2019

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be on *Tuesday, October 8th* at 8 AM. All are invited! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion. Confessions will follow. The servers for Mass will be Madison Hewitt and Xavier Mascari, and the reader will be Munro Hewitt.

On *Friday, October 11th* are the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Dismissal will be at noon. If you want a conference, email the teacher with whom you would like to meet. Conferences are not mandatory.

Mrs. Moss' Corner

Can you believe it is October already! We have made it through the first month!! This brings us to the **September Student of the Month: Rose Storck**. The two runners up are Olivia Mascari and Munro Hewitt. I want to congratulate all for being good examples of Christian character.

I want to say thank you to Mrs. Hall (Mascari kids' grandmother) for offering the use of a Christmas tree for the Christmas Program. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Thiel, Mrs. Storck and Naomi DeCapua for covering lunch/recess duty on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Feast Day: Saint Francis of Assisi



Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. His father had worldly plans for him, but as a young man, Francis began to see visions from God that changed his life. At

first he thought he was called to fight in the Crusades. However, he was told to help the sick, and finally heard God tell him to "repair my Church, which is falling in ruins."

Francis gave all his money to the Church, angering his father. Francis then left home, took a vow of poverty, and became a preacher. His basic rule was "To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in His footsteps." He and his followers traveled to Rome to get approval for their religious order. The Pope, at first reluctant, eventually understood their vow of poverty and blessed the Order.

The Franciscan Order grew as men joined and made vows of poverty. Francis helped Clare of Assisi start the Order of the Poor Ladies (Order of Saint Clare). He also started the Third Order of Saint Francis for lay persons. There are many stories about Saint Francis' love of nature and his preaching to animals. Francis died of an illness in 1226, and was declared a saint of the Catholic Church only two years later.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Holy Saint Francis, through your kind intercession we seek holiness above all things. We seek the faith, hope and love that allowed you to joyfully renounce the pleasures of earthly life and to radically follow our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for us that we enjoy the privilege of suffering with and for the poor in the example of Jesus. Help us to be always grateful for the all blessings we have received, and grant us the strength to overcome our most pressing concerns.

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