



# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

Holy Mass and will be Tuesday, January 16 at 8AM. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> -end of second quarter  
Jan. 26- Report cards go home.

Please note calendar change: Open House is March 7, 2024 from 3-6 pm.

The weather is getting colder. Please make sure your child(ren) come to school with appropriate coats, hats, gloves/mittens.

Check 10TV or 10tv.com for school closings due to bad weather. Mater Dei Academy will be listed under "School Closings/Delays" if we are closed.

Mrs. Moss will also text and email families as well by 6:00 am.

Thank you for all the donations of water for the students, they are greatly appreciated.

**Please bring in your spare change!** We are collecting for Heartbeats of Licking County

## St. Aelred of Rievaulx



St. Aelred of Rievaulx (1109-1167) early showed signs of promise. The son of Eilaf, a Saxon priest, Aelred was educated at Roxburgh, the ancient Scottish capital, where he was known for his intellectual talents. The DNB notes that as a child, Aelred prophesied the death of a bad archbishop of York; the DNB notes also that

scholars doubt this since Thomas, the archbishop at that time, was not bad. When Aelred finished his schooling, he became the steward to King David of Scotland. He left his job c. 1133 to join the Cistercian community at Rievaulx. He was the first abbot of Rievaulx's daughterhouse in Revesby, Lincolnshire, but he returned to Rievaulx in 1147 to be abbot. During the last ten years of his life, his health deteriorated, and he suffered from gout and a bad cough. St. Aelred wrote his most famous work, *The Mirror of Charity*, at the request of Bernard of Clairvaux. *On Spiritual Friendship* is a Christianized version of Cicero's *De amicitia*. Aelred also penned lives of St. Ninian and of Edward the Confessor, in addition to a rule for recluses and a genealogy of the kings of England. His correspondence and his work on St. Cuthbert have been lost.



*Have a safe and blessed weekend.*

*"Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbor." -Saint Aelred of Rievaulx*

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