



# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



*"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."*

– Pope St. Gregory the Great

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

Holy Mass and Confessions will be Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

Fridays during Lent, in place of the Morning Rosary, we will be doing the Stations of the Cross. These will begin promptly at 8 am.

Re-enrollment packets will be coming home today. Please return no later than March 22,

Tuesday, March 19 is St. Joseph's Day. To make this a success, we need everyone's help with flowers and food items for the altar. All the students will be sharing the food at lunch. For this special occasion, girls may wear red hair bows and/or red socks/tights and boys may wear a red tie.

March 21 Pizza Day

March 22 End of Third Quarter

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. John of God



St. John was born in 1495, in Portugal. After leaving home for adventure at age eight, he became a shepherd, and then a soldier. At age forty, he decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was led by a vision of the Infant Jesus to go to Granada, Spain, and manage a religious goods store. A sermon by the preacher Saint John of Avila inspired him to give away all of his possessions; one day, he engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life. He was taken to a mental hospital, and Saint John came and advised him to be more active in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart. Ignoring criticism, he established a house to care for the sick poor. Many were inspired by his work and devotion and began to help. He practiced zealous and impulsive charity towards the poor and needy as well. One night, he risked his life to run into a burning hospital to save the patients and bedding, while others only watched. He died in 1550 and is the patron saint of booksellers, firefighters, and doctors.

### *Have a safe and blessed weekend.*

*Lord, please help me to turn my heart toward You, and to seek Your kingdom with all of my heart. Grant me this with the ever-present guidance of Your spirit, because You are my Savior and I long for You. Amen.*

### **Lenten Action**

*Do an extra chore or help someone with one.*

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