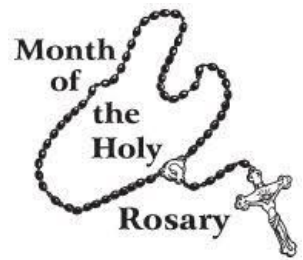




Mater Dei Academy Weekly

October 10th, 2025



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Reminder shorts may no longer be worn after October 1st.

If your student is missing forms (yearly/medical forms) they will be included in their Friday folder, please fill them out and return them ASAP.

Interims came home last week, please sign and return them to school ASAP.

We will also be having Holy Mass and Confessions on Tuesday, October 14th. All are invited! Please let us know by that morning if you will attend, to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

Picture Day will be Tuesday, October 14.

October 21st is Pizza Day.

Don't forget to start thinking about your students Heroes of the Bible Costume Day costume for October 30th.

October 31st is the End of the First Grading Period.

The MDA annual Bonfire will be held on Saturday, November 1st. A flyer with more information will go home in Friday Folders today.

Please bring in your spare change! We are collecting for Heartbeats of Licking County again this year.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Dear Jesus, Saint Francis Borgia (1510-1572) led an easy life as a powerful nobleman with a great marriage. After his wife died, he entered the priesthood. To humble him, his Superior treated him in ways that were opposite of his former life, giving him the hardest work and making him serve all the other priests. I ask him to help me examine how much I like being served and to pray for me and all those I know who have positions of status. O Lord, help us to find pleasure in doing menial tasks for the sake of others. Inspire political leaders to put the needs of the people above their own desire for power and prestige. Saint Francis, pray for us. Amen.

Saint Francis Borgia



Francis was a young nobleman at the court of the King of Spain. He became a Duke when he was only thirty-three and lived a happy, peaceful life with his wife Eleanor and their eight children. But unlike so many other powerful nobles, Francis was a perfect Christian gentleman, a true man of God and his great joy was to receive Holy Communion often.

This happy life ended when his beloved wife died. Francis did something that astonished all the nobles of Spain; he gave up his Dukedom to his son Charles and became a Jesuit priest. So many people came to his first Mass that they had to set up an altar outdoors, but his Superior tested him by treating him in exactly the opposite way he had been used to all his forty-one years of life. He who had once been a Duke had to help the cook, carrying wood for the fire and sweeping the kitchen. When he served food to the priests and brothers, he had to kneel down in front of them all and beg them to forgive him for being so clumsy! Still he never once complained or grumbled. The only time he became angry was when anyone treated him with respect as if he was still a Duke. Once a doctor who had to take care of a painful wound Francis had gotten said to him: "I am afraid, my lord, that I have to hurt your grace." The saint answered that he would not hurt him more than he was right then by calling him "my lord" and "your grace." It was not too long before the humble priest accomplished wonderful works for God's glory as he preached everywhere and advised many important people. He spread the Society of Jesus all over Spain and in Portugal. When he was made Superior General of the Jesuits, he sent missionaries all over the world. Under his guidance, the Jesuits grew to be a very great help to the Church in many lands. Through all such success, St. Francis Borgia remained completely humble. His feast day is October 10.

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