



## Project Starfish

By Sarah Cavinee and Claire Hoffman

This Tuesday, NHS raised \$220 at a Mardi Gras Bake Sale to kick off Marist's annual Project Starfish fundraiser. After a record-breaking year in 2017, many fundraisers planned in hopes to match or break the last year's total, including Carl's Jr. Day or giving money at the plays.

All leftover treats from the Mardi Gras bake sale were donated to the Eugene Mission and personally delivered by history teacher Jon Nuxoll.

## Youth Minister Visits

By Jason DePaoli

Nearly nine months after flying back East to Poughkeepsie, New York for the Marist Youth Gathering, the six students who attended the gathering were able to have lunch on Monday with the Director of Marist Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Matt Fallon. Fallon came to Marist to learn about our campus and community and to recount the highlights of their experience Back East with the students and Campus Minister Dr. Rick Martin and President Suzanne Graf.

Fallon's visit to Marist this week was a nice way to reconnect with our Marist roots and the kids enjoyed being reminded by Fallon to actively seek ways to improve their community.

## SPOTLIGHT in the Chinese New Year



By Maddie Louie and Cam Gray

Today is the beginning of the Chinese New Year, the year of the dog.

Every year in the Chinese calendar there's a rotation of twelve zodiac animals and depending on what year you were born, you are said to be born in the year of the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog or pig.

There are many traditions when it comes to celebrating Chinese New Year. Families decorate their homes and on New Year's eve, children receive "lucky money" from their parents in traditional red envelopes. On the day of, people offer sacrifices of meat, wine, joss sticks and joss papers to their ancestors at their family's ancestral altar and set off firecrackers and fireworks to celebrate the new year.

# THAT'S RIGHT, OH YEAH!



Father Theo Lange guides the student body in a call and response Homily about detaching and attaching during Lent. Photos by Toni Cooper

## You've got to DE-tach to A-ttach to the Lenten season

By Liesl Benda

In recognition of the beginning of the Lenten season, Marist students, staff and family gathered in the gym on Wednesday morning in the annual Ash Wednesday Mass.

In his homily, celebrant Father Theo Lange discussed the three tasks given to Catholics during Lent: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. In a fun and collaborative way, he was able to explain that fasting allows us to "detach from the things that keep us from God and attach to God." When Lange said "detach," half of the gym would shout "that's right," and when he'd say "attach," the other side of the

gym would shout "oh yeah!"

Lange added that simple acts of almsgiving, such as donating to Project Starfish, can help us grow a deeper relationship with God during the Lenten season. He closed his homily by saying that prayer is the main tool to help us "detach and attach" during Lent and we should each take time to consider how we will pray, fast and participate in almsgiving during the season. "Do something that might be life-giving for you and others," Lange said.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. In addition to the usual Mass proceedings, each per-

son attending the Ash Wednesday Mass is crossed on the forehead with ashes taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. The ashes symbolize both the dust from which God made us and the grief that we experience as a result of sin and separation from God. When crossing on the forehead, the distributors of the ashes say, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

In continuing the celebration of the season, Lenten Masses will be held in the cafeteria every Friday morning before school through Friday, Mar. 23.

## Empowering Girls to Grow Closer

By JJ Anderson

"Pure bliss," that's how senior retreat leader Grace Gibson described her experience leading 17 sophomore girls at a retreat last weekend at Marist.

Gibson was a junior leader on last year's sophomore girls retreat and she liked being able to put her own personal touch on this retreat. "I was able to tackle the retreat in such a way that I could focus on the bigger picture of the weekend, all while being able to add my own personal touches and unique details," Gibson said on the difference of responsibility of being the retreat rector.

"The retreat was empowering and a good time for us to grow closer with ourselves, each other and God," said sophomore Sailor O'Hara, whose favorite part was an outdoor trust-building activity.



Sophomores Ryleigh Andersen and Amanda Jewett light their candles. Photo by Toni Cooper

Although the sophomore girl retreats have the same plan, they do have their differences. "It's the same retreat that we do, it's the retreat leaders that make it different," Sophomore Girls Retreat Moderator Julie Ferrari said on the difference of the two retreats.

## Marvel at St. Benny's

By Dylan Parsons

Last Saturday, a group of 28 junior boys embarked on the second and final men's Encounter of the year. The theme of this year's winter encounter was Marvel. Some senior leaders dressed in Marvel costumes and small group names were Marvel inspired.

The Encounter is a retreat focused on individual reflection and building class community.

Upon arrival to Saint Benedict's Lodge, the junior boys dropped their phones into bins and settled into their rooms. The weekend included small group discussions, senior "talks," free time and more.

Senior rector Jerik Embleton said that the encounter is a very special and unique experience because it provides students with the opportunity to know and receive love and realize the love that's all around them. "The retreat was a really good experience. I enjoyed St. Benny's and the separation from social media and my busy schedule! I learned that I need to slow down and focus on the important things in life," junior Jaden Spencer said.

The encounter was led by senior rectors Embleton, Peter Hart and seven other senior retreat team lead-



Senior Loc Nguyen lights one of the small group candles during the Junior Men's Encounter. Photo by Ryan Moser

ers. "I was really proud of what the [retreat] team was able to put on," said Embleton.

## Sports UPDATES

### BOYS BASKETBALL

2/9- Varsity beat Eagle Point 67-47; JV won 63-51; freshmen won 44-29.

2/13- Varsity won at North Eugene, 58-35; JV won 63-51; freshmen won 44-29.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

2/9- Varsity beat Eagle Point 59-25; JV also won 31-28.

2/13- Varsity beat North Eugene 39-16; JV also won 54-50.

### SKI

2/10- Marist raced the Giant Slalom in the Bachelor Butte Blast. Boys took 3rd; girls—no team score. Sophomores Charlie Moore and Evan Villano finished 5th and 8th respectively. Sophomore Caroline Jensen finished 33rd.

## Swimming to State



The Marist swim team cheers before the Midwestern Districts Meet last Friday. Photo by Christina Park

By Harper Kast

This evening, the boys and girls swim team begins their run at the OSAA 5A Swimming State Championships Meet at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon.

Leading the girls team is sophomore Lauren Barry who is seeded 1st in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races. She will also be competing in the 400 yard free relay and the 200 medley relay, which set a school record last week at the Midwestern Districts Meet with seniors Amanda Allender and Jackie McQuaid and sophomore Aubrie Ellison.

Ellison, who won two district titles, will also be competing in the 100 fly and 100 back, Allender will also be competing in the 100 fly and 200 IM and McQuaid will also be competing in the 50 free.

The only member from the boys team to qualify for state, junior Chris Allender, is seeded 8th in the boys 50 free.

Led by coaches Ryan Elliott and Kaila Lee, the girls team placed 2nd and the boys placed 6th at districts last week.

Other qualifiers for the state meet this Friday and Saturday include Katie Thompson, Brooke Kline, Sydney Wright, and Elsa Meadows in the relays.