



# MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## 8/10/21 Eagle Bulletin

### Mark your Calendar.

#### Thursday, SEPTEMBER 23rd

7:40-11:10=Classroom Instruction

11:10-11:30=Dismissal

No Lunch served and No aftercare

Teachers will be participating in curriculum, instruction, and assessment professional development from Noon-3:00.

### Other Important Dates:

#### Tomorrow, Wednesday, 8/11

- 1.) Dad's Club Meeting in the gym at 6:30 PM.
- 2.) Handbook Forms were due back to school on Monday, 8/9. Please sign and return them to school. The *Parent/Student Handbook* and the forms are attached to this email. The *Parent/Student Handbook* may also be found on our webpage by clicking "Admissions" then "Parent/Student Handbook".

#### Thursday, 8/12

Barberito Photographers will be on campus for Picture Day!

#### Friday, 8/13

Spirit Day! Students may wear blue jeans or uniform bottoms with their MDCS spirit shirts. School shoes must be worn. No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in the blue jeans.

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## **Sunday, 8/15**

*United in Prayer on the 15<sup>th</sup>*

Since Mater Dolorosa's, Our Lady of Sorrows, Feast Day is September 15th, let's all pray/fast/refrain (Whatever God is calling you to do) on the 15th of each month and/or some day(s) this week. May God's will be done in and through our school family this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary school year!

## **Monday, 8/16**

Before Care will be available for \$1 for each child between 7:00 and 7:10. Park by the pavilion and walk your child to the door under the pavilion. Mrs. Tiffany will supervise your child/children in the Early Childhood Center. All payments will be made via FACTS. Go to our school's webpage. Click "Admissions" and "Aftercare". Call Mrs. Heather if you have further questions or need assistance.

## **Friday, 8/20**

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## **Friday, 8/27**

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## Friday, 9/3

### 1.) Progress Reports Distributed

Please use the attached faculty list if needed to keep the lines of communication open so that our students master the learning standards of the diocese as a result of our partnership with you.

You may also access the faculty list by clicking “About” then “Faculty and Staff” from the schools webpage.

- 2.) Spirit Day! Students may wear blue jeans or uniform bottoms with their MDCS spirit shirts. School shoes must be worn. No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in the blue jeans.

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## Monday, 9/6

Labor Day Holiday!

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## Reflection

August 10, 2021 [\*Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr\*](#)

**Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. [John 12:25](#)**

This is one of the many powerful and even shocking statements of Jesus. A similar statement by Jesus is found in all four of the Gospels. In this, John’s version, the words “love” and “hate” are used. By loving our lives we lose them, but by hating our lives we preserve them. At first read, one may think that those words “love” and “hate” were accidentally reversed. One might conclude that what Jesus meant to say was, “Whoever *hates* his life loses it” and “whoever *loves* his life preserves it.” But that’s not what He said. He did in fact say the opposite.

It must be understood that the words “love” and “hate” here are not used in the way we normally use them. In this passage, Jesus is using the word “love” to refer to selfishness or self-

centeredness. And He uses the word “hate” to refer to selflessness or sacrificial self-giving. In other words, whoever is selfish in life will lose everything in the end but the one who is truly selfless and self-giving in life will ultimately gain everything.

This profound teaching of our Lord is difficult to comprehend without the gift of grace. Our human reason alone may struggle with the idea that selfless living is good. It is easy to rationally conclude that it is far better to elevate ourselves before everyone. The rational mind might conclude that happiness and the “good life” is found in obtaining riches, status, power and the respect of all. But this form of selfish self-centered living, though tempting on a purely human level, is actually the path to losing everything that is truly good. On the contrary, it is only when we allow God’s grace to inform our human reason that we will arrive at the conclusion that being selfless rather than selfish is what’s best. To be selfless means our eyes are always turned to the good of the other. It means we do not sit and dwell on ourselves. It means we are fully committed to the service of God and our neighbor no matter the cost to us. We must give everything away in the service and love of God and that is the only way by which God gives back to us more than we could ever hope for.

Saint Lawrence, whom we honor today, was a deacon and martyr in the third century. This great saint literally gave up everything, including his very life, so as to say “Yes” to God. As a deacon in the Cathedral Church in Rome, he was entrusted with the task of distributing alms to the indigent people in need. In August of the year 258, the Emperor issued an edict stating that all clergy were to be put to death. After the pope was killed, they came for Lawrence and, before killing him, asked him to turn over all the riches of the Church. He asked for three days to gather those treasures, and, during those three days, he distributed all he could to the poor. Then, on the third day, he presented himself before the prefect and brought with him not the material wealth of the Church but the true wealth. He brought the poor, crippled, blind and suffering and declared that the Church was truly rich and that the people with him were the Church’s true treasures. The prefect, in anger, sentenced Lawrence to death by fire, to which Lawrence freely submitted.

Reflect, today, upon the high Christian calling you have been given to live a life that is completely selfless and self-giving in every way. If you find that you dwell on yourself most often, then try to change that habit. Turn your eyes to God and the service of others. Try to care more about the needs of those around you than your own concerns. Do so because this is what Jesus calls us to do, and, if He calls us to such a selfless life, then we must know and believe that it is worth it in the end.

*My sacrificial Lord, You gave Your precious life away to all out of love. The total self-giving of Your life resulted in the salvation of those who will accept this glorious gift. Help me to not only open myself to this freely given gift of Yours but to also imitate Your selfless life by giving myself in service of You and others. Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2021/08/09/the-loss-of-all-and-the-gain-of-more/>