



MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

11/29/21

We hope that you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!



Turkey Fry

Thank you to all volunteers who made the Turkey Fry such a huge success again this year.

Thanksgiving Basket Fundraiser

We collected about \$450.00 to help add to the generous donation of food for the baskets. Thank you for helping those in need in our community.

Thank you for TARCC Fundraiser

We collected \$1,139.00! It is greatly appreciated.

Tuesday, 11/30

The Jr. Beta Club meeting that was scheduled for Tues., 11/30, has been postponed until further notice.

Wednesday, 12/1

8:00 Mass

Friday, 12/3

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.

Monday, 12/6

Home and School Club Meeting at 6:00 in the gym - Please read attachment. A paper copy is being sent home today as well.

If you are present at the meeting on 12/6, you will be given a coupon so that your child may wear appropriate dress down clothing to school the next day, Tuesday, 12/7. Childcare will be provided if necessary.

Tuesday, 12/7

Dress down day for students whose parents/guardians were present at the Home and School Club Meeting on Monday, 12/6, at 6:00 in the gym.

Wednesday, 12/8

8:00 Mass

Friday, 12/10

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Friday, 12/17

Full Day of School Before the Christmas Holidays!

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3rd-8th Grade Parents and Guardians

Please ask your child for the letter that was handed to him/her this morning, Monday, 11/29/21.

Reflection

Faith in the Most Holy Eucharist

November 29, 2021

Monday of the First Week of Advent

“Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.” [Mt. 8:8](#)

This familiar line is taken from the faith of a Roman centurion. He asked Jesus to heal his servant, Jesus agrees to come cure him, and the centurion exclaims this profound faith in Jesus stating two things: 1) He’s not worthy of Jesus’ presence in his home and, 2) His confidence that Jesus can heal his servant simply by saying the word.

Jesus, of course, is quite impressed with this man’s faith and obliges him with the physical healing of his servant from a distance. But Jesus does much more than a healing. He also holds this man up as a model of faith for all.

This beautiful statement of faith from the centurion is used within the Mass to speak of two matters of faith in regard to the Eucharist: 1) We are not worthy to receive Holy Communion and, 2) We invite Jesus anyway to come and heal our souls.

Advent is a time when we especially ponder the great mystery of the Incarnation. It’s a time when we especially ponder the mystery of God coming and dwelling with us in physical form. Though this happened over two thousand years ago, it continues to take place at each and every Mass. And at each and every Mass we are called to express the same faith as this Roman centurion.

Reflect, today, upon your faith in the coming of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Each Mass is a manifestation of the God-Man who came to live among us and live within us. If we but have the faith of this centurion, we, too, will be blessed by our God beyond measure.

Lord, I do believe. Help my unbelief. Help me to see my unworthiness each time I prepare for Holy Communion. And in that humble admission, may I also invite Your healing presence in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.