

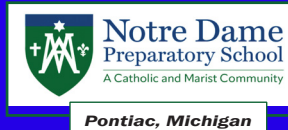
Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States



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Middle School Students 'Shake' Things Up at Interaction Challenge



Alumni Speaker Series

NDP was honored to have Kait Cischke NDP'04 recently present at the Notre Dame Alumni Speaker Series. Kait discussed with the students her career path in Automotive Product Development Engineering.



Celebrating Día de Los Reyes (Three Kings Day)



Last week Sra. Aguilar's middle school Spanish classes celebrated Día de Los Reyes (Three Kings Day) in honor of the Three Wise Men. Students ate the bread of kings, called "Rosca de Reyes, or King's Cake.

More on Three Kings Day. . .

During Día de Los Reyes, Mexicans serve Rosca de Reyes, or King's Cake. "Rosca" means wreath and "reyes" means kings. The Rosca de Reyes has an oval shape to symbolize a crown and has a small doll inside, which represents baby Jesus. The doll figure symbolizes the hiding of the infant Jesus from King Herod's troops. Traditionally, roscas are adorned with dried and candied fruits to symbolize the many jewels that a crown would have. The person who gets the slice with the doll must host a party on Día de la Candelaria in February. The NDP students who had a baby Jesus in their bread will have to bring something on Feb. 2 — something Hispanic to share in class. Also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, it is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

Also, on Día de Los Reyes, children in Latin America and Spain receive the majority of their gifts from the Three Kings, rather than from Santa Claus at Christmas. Before going to bed, the children place their old shoes with a wish list on top for the Three Kings. In the morning, the shoes are filled with toys and gifts from the Three Kings.



**Congratulations to the Centro Hispano Marista
Graduation Class of 2024**



**The NDV 8th Grade Class planned a beautiful Christmas
liturgy as the season comes to a close.**



Marist Asia Foundation Celebrates Wan Dek in Thailand 2025

On Thai Children's Day, families enjoy educational activities. Zoos, wildlife parks, the Thai Museums, Government House, Parliament House, and military bases often host special free events for kids. MAF students celebrated the day with fun by participating in different games and food sharing.





Matti, Digos, Philippines

Family: Part of God's Plan

Our Lady of Fatima Parish celebrated its “Parish Family Day 2024”, a special occasion that gives an opportunity to bring families together in Christ. The day started with the Holy Mass presided by Fr. Long, SM. In his meaningful homily, he emphasizes that the family is an essential part of God’s plan. This means parents have a big role in passing down faith to their children—a mission that continues for the next generation. Afterwards, various fun-filled activities took place. Various parish groups performed and gave presentations, showcasing their talent and unity. These activities remind the parish community of the importance of finding ways to strengthen relationships within family and society. It is inevitable that every home will have trials, but through love, patience, and understanding, we will stay together. God guides us all the time, so let’s continue to find ways to encourage our loved ones to keep them strong in their faith.



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

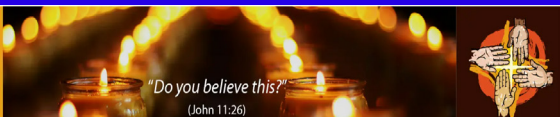
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

**Jubilee Year 2025 Resource:
Pray Always**



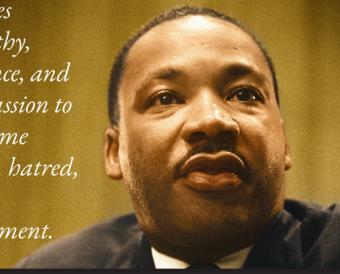


Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th-25th)

The Marists invite you to observe the week by participating in prayer for Christian unity. As we pray, let us call to mind this year's theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:17-27) Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

Click [HERE](#) to view more resources.

*It takes
empathy,
patience, and
compassion to
overcome
anger, hatred,
and
resentment.*



Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated today, January 20, 2025. It is a day to remember the history of Dr. King and serves as a reminder of how Dr. King fought for equality, dignity, and freedom.

The founder of the Society of Mary (Marists), Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, envisioned a world where people from all walks of life would live Mary's life in their time and make present in the world the Holy Spirit as modeled in Mary's life of grace. This inspires Marists to enter into the quiet, passionate work of mercy and calls us to live in compassionate humility reflecting the spirit of Mary: gentle, loving, relational, inclusive, and merciful. Our concerns in Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation are rooted in this.



Here's how you can participate in the March for Life 2025 events from home

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

- Livestreamed Opening National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass: 5:00 p.m. (EST), Thursday, January 23, 2025

- Livestreamed Closing Mass for Life: 8:00 a.m. (EST), Friday, January 24, 2025

Join these events virtually via [livestream](#) on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's [website](#).

Prayer for Those Affected by the Los Angeles Wildfires

God of all creation, all the elements belong to you.
The earth, air, water and fire are yours to command.
You guarded your people in Israel by night with a pillar of flame.
You sanctified the early church with tongues of fire at Pentecost.
You appeared to Moses in the burning bush, which was engulfed but not consumed.
God of wind and flame, extinguish the fires engulfing land, communities, and homes.
Guard those who must flee because of the blaze, give them safety and wholeness.
Bring those who have perished home to you, grant them your perpetual peace.
Protect those who battle the flames, sanctify their service and send them your Spirit.
Restore our land, our homes, our faith in your goodness,
And show us again how you bring life out of ash and dust
Give us the resources and strength, we ask, to rebuild and replant
And show us that you are the loving Creator and Savior.
Amen.