# <u>Campus Ministry Weekly Update</u> <u>February 21, 2022</u>

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

- Max Lucado

#### Joyful Monday!

When you think of Anna Maria College what comes to mind? Now that you have all those thoughts racing through your mind, have you ever thought about what you can do to make the AMC community even better, stronger, holier?

Have you thought to pray for it?

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."— Meister Eckhart

We invite you to join us for the national Collegiate Day of Prayer this Thursday. This will be our 3rd year participating in the nationwide event and each year we've changed it a bit more to fit our campus' specific needs. We invite YOU, whichever religion you practice or beliefs you hold, to join us on this day in praying for the strengthening and emboldening of the Anna Maria College community.

We are a community with a past, a present, and a future. Let's make the present and the future something greater through our prayers.

God Bless, Campus Ministry

## Collegiate Day of Prayer Info

<u>Find the full schedule on the following page. See below for more detailed</u> <u>information on a few of the prayer opportunities.</u>

#### Opening Session:

Join us as we answer the question "why are we celebrating this day?", hear a prayer for the college prayed in various languages represented by our students and employees, and enjoy prayer resources as well as light breakfast refreshments.

#### Athletes Blessing:

All athletes and coaches are invited for a blessing which will include a special prayer said by Ashley Garcia '22, a Scripture reading by Deacon Jack Franchi, and a blessing with holy water by Fr. David Cotter.

#### Closing Mental Health Prayer Vigil:

Interfaith leaders from the community will join us as we hear stories of how prayer has benefited individuals' mental health, enjoy praise and worship music, hold a candle lighting ceremony where you can pray specifically for people or communities most affected by mental health struggles.

### Saint Monica

St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. After her husband's premature death, St. Monica dedicated her life to raising her children. As a single mother of three, she persevered in the face of many difficulties. Her greatest desire was for her children to follow Christ. Although later in life he was known as a fervent man of God, St. Augustine did not easily come to see God's truth. As a child, he proved to be quite difficult, causing Monica much grief, and as a young adult he remained uninterested in Christianity. But St. Monica never stopped praying for his eternal soul, in spite of the circumstances. After many years of prayer, Saint Monica finally saw her son give his life to the service of God. St. Augustine declared that his mother's resilience and dedication to prayer is what led him to become the man of God he was meant to be.

<u>\*Taken from nationalshrine.org\*</u>

Saint Monica, pray for us!

## <u>Upcoming Events</u>

DAILY MASSES Tuesday - Thursday 12 PM | Madore Chapel WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd How To: Pray for AMC 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Campus Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th Collegiate Day of Prayer All Day | Various Locations SUNDAY Mass 5 PM Madore Chapel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

# COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER

#### SCHEDULE:

9 AM	Opening Session	Info Commons
н АМ	Athletes Blessing	Fuller Gymnasium
12 PM	Mass	Chapel
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Adoration	Chapel
1:30 - 2:30 PM	CSF Club Bible Study	Diversity Lounge
4:30 - 6:30 PM	AMCares Scarves & Hats for the Homeless	Southeast Dining Hall
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7:30 PM	Closing: Mental Health Prayer Vigil	Chapel
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ALL DAY	Meditation & Relaxation	Career Center
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