

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

Dates for your Calendar:

- **Thurs., Apr. 1**—
Holy Thursday. Student retreat morning. School dismissed at 11:25. There is **no lunch served and no afternoon Care programs**. Before care will be held as normal.
- **Thurs., Apr. 1**—
Free Casual Day
- **Spring Break from 11:25 AM Thursday (4/1) through Sunday April 11.**
We return to school on Monday, April 12th.
- **Friday, April 16**—
We will gather as a school to recite/sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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From the Desk of Laura Barnett



Holy Week

Tomorrow we enter into the most sacred days of our Church year. We celebrate the Triduum—the three days that encompass the story of the gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the quiet time between the burial of Jesus and the glory of Easter. Since Jewish days began at sundown, the events of Holy Thursday evening flow into Good Friday, fol-

lowed by Holy Saturday and ending with the celebration of Easter on the third day.

We are pleased to be a part of your children's preparation for these days by offering them a retreat on Holy Thursday morning. There will be stories shared, a time for prayer, a reenactment of the Last Supper and a craft. It will be a time of reflection and

creativity as we consider the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

Of course Thursday afternoon is also the beginning of Spring Break. If you are going on a trip, I hope you have a safe journey, and that you enjoy your time away. If you, like me, will be staying home this year, I hope you have carved out at least a little time to enjoy a bit of family fun over the next week.

We all know that when we get back it will be a quick trip to the end of the year. The last quarter is always a quick one filled with a lot to do, so rest up!

On behalf of the staff here at the Marquette Campus, we wish you a Blessed Easter and a wonderful Spring Break! See you on April 12th!

Some Dates to Add to Your Calendar!!

After Spring Break, the weeks will be busy. Here are some dates to get on your calendar so that you can plan ahead for those that pertain to you and your children.

Monday, May 3—This will be an all campus in-service day. There will be no school for students.

Wednesday, May 19

—We will celebrate with our Second Graders who have received their First Holy Communion at their home parishes. Mass will be at 9:00 followed by a small reception.

Friday, May 28

—Fourth Grade Farewell. We will begin the morning with Mass at 9:00. This will be our school

Mass for the week—there will not be a school Mass, on Wednesday, May 26th. Families of 4th Graders will remain after Mass for a slide show featuring this wonderful class. Families will then stay for friend/family photos and for a lunch with their child. The afternoon will include field day activities for the students here on campus.

Prayer for Holy Week

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus.

Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when

I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it.

May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond.

Amen.



Thanks to Everyone Who Made Our Family Fun Night a Success!



Lenten Giving

The Pop Tab Contest will end this week. The final count will be done with the tops that are collected by the end of the school day on Holy Thursday. The winner of the contest will be announced when we come back from Spring Break. The winning grade will receive a special surprise as well as the traveling service trophy.

As of March 26th totals are:

7th place: All PK with 4lb 15oz

6th place: Religious Ed with 10 lbs 2oz

5th place: 4th Gr.—with 11lbs 8oz

4th place: 2nd Gr.—13lbs 10oz

3rd place: 3rd Gr—19lbs 11oz

2nd place: K with 41lbs 1oz

1st place: 1st with 54 lbs 2oz

For a total of 155 lbs 1oz!!

Please remember to return your Rice Bowl donations by tomorrow morning (Holy Thursday)! All the

money we receive from the Rice Bowls will be added to the money we collected on the casual day for CRS held earlier in Lent. It will be sent to the Diocese where 25% of the money donated will be used to directly help people in our Diocese who are in need. The other 75% will go to help Catholic Relief Services with the work they do for the poor in the US and other countries. Thank you for your generosity!