



St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

Dates for your Calendar:

- **Thursday, Mar. 25—Family Arts Night!** Join us at 6:30-7:30 PM for a fun evening that will include a story, music and a painting project.
- **Thursday, Mar. 25**—Free Casual Day. You may wear regular casual clothing, or (in honor of our Family Arts Night) wear a costume of your favorite fairy tale character.
- **Friday, Mar. 26—No School for students.** Teacher in-service and record-keeping day.
- **Monday, Mar. 29—** Vision screening for PK3 through 2nd grade—as well as older students who are new to our school this year. If you have an older child that you would like to have screened, please let the office know.

Volume 9, Issue 16

March 24, 2021

From the Desk of Laura Barnett

Family Fun Night is tomorrow at 6:30 PM!

We are looking forward to our holding this virtual family event, and invite all families to be a part. You may remember a flyer that came home asking you if you wanted the official materials we will be using for the art project. Those have been purchased and handed out.

Those who did not purchase these specific art supplies are still invited to join us, using the paper and art materials you have at home to create your art project.

TO JOIN US THURSDAY follow this link to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPiusXaces>

Then, from that page, join the “Facebook Live” that even-

ing. The event will be livestreamed using this platform.

The evening will start at 6:30 PM and will include a story read by Mrs. Barnett, the art project led by Mrs. Wimmer, and a chance to once more hear and sing along with music from *Opera for the Young*’s rendition of Hansel and Gretel.

The whole event is expected to last for an hour. We will also have link for you share a picture of your child’s artwork so we can all enjoy each other’s creations.

I hope you will join us for this little remote get-together. It has been hard to have a school year without being able to enjoy our normal fun family events. It will be great to see your family—even if it is from a distance!

Holy Week

Next week is the most sacred week of the entire Church year. On Holy Thursday, we hope to set the tone for the upcoming three days, by holding our annual Holy Thursday retreat. As with most things in this Covid year, we have had to make adjustments to our usual schedule of things, but still are planning a morning that offers projects, prayers and stories that help our students begin to appreciate the significance of these days leading up to Easter.

Our morning will be complete by 11:30 AM. There will be **no lunch** served that day. While Before Care will be available as usual, Extended Day Care will only be available until 11:30; there will be **no afternoon Extended Care, or After Care.**

Dress Code Reminders

Since it is now officially spring, I thought I would offer a couple of reminders.

Shorts

Some of the children have asked me when they can wear shorts. The date listed in the handbook is **May 1**. Alena Tapelt (at the other campus) and I do reserve the right to move that date up if the weather warrants it. If the past couple of years are any indication, however, there may be a bit of cold weather

and possibly snow coming our way in April. We do want our children to be comfortable when playing outdoors, and would rather be somewhat cautious than having them overly cold when they go outdoors.

Dresses/Skirts/Shorts

The handbook states that these clothing items should not be more than 3" above the knee. Over the winter, when dresses and skirts are generally

worn with leggings, this is not really an issue, even when many dresses/skirts were shorter than this.

Please note that if your child is wearing skirts/dresses/shorts that are shorter than the 3" requirement **without** a pair of leggings, they will be asked to change into something that meets dress code. So, please check this out prior to your child leaving home in the morning. Thank you!

Prayer for the Fifth Week of Lent

Loving God,
You have heard my
complaints, my impa-
tience. Sometimes I
become frightened
when I move away
from you.

Guide my heart back
to you. Help me to

think beyond my own
wants and to desire
only to do you will.

Thank you for the
many blessings in my
life and for the ways I
feel your presence.
Amen



Fourth Grade Poetry

Mrs. Hintz's fourth graders recently graced our upstairs hallway with their amazing poetry. It was fun to read their poems, so I thought that I would share a couple of the poems with you. Enjoy!

Mice

Mice are spies always sneaking around in their small holes.

Wa

nd

er

ing

Spying on you everywhere without
you knowing it,
Stealing your food.

For winter, staying in your house
chewing on the wires.

Mice make you spend money.
—Nicholas Romnek

Tornado and a Dog

The tornado twirls
around like chasing its tail.
The tornado chases you
with its fast paws. It
quickly moves to
catch its toy. It
moves around
and plays
in Panic
City.

—Randy Vargas

WORLDWIDE PEACE

Martin Luther King JR., a hero for
our country.

Stands H in a crowd of people,
I
G
H

Taking a stand for families in the
world, with only the WORDS
of faith and love.

—Vivian Polakowski



Lenten Giving

Rice Bowl

On Ash Wednesday, your child received a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Money given to this charity is used to fight hunger in our diocese and throughout the world. They are a highly rated charity who use 91% of the money raised to directly help those in need, earning them an A+ rating from Charity Watch. Please turn in your Rice Bowl by Thursday, April 1 (Holy Thursday). If you would like to



make a donation via check, please make that check out to CRS (not the school).

Harbor House

Thank you for the other donations

you have made to the various classroom projects. Because of last week's casual day, we were able to send \$207.67 to Harbor House along with many needed items that you also donated.