

FATHER MARQUETTE CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855

FATHER MARQUETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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FATHER MARQUETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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December 1, 2015

Attachments: Lunch Menus

SCHOOL LITURGY
December 3 – St. Peter Cathedral
9:00am – 1S
December 4 – St. Michael Church
8:00am – 8th Gr.
December 8 – St. Peter Cathedral
12:10PM – ALL SCHOOL MASS
December 10 – St. Peter Cathedral
9:00am – 4W
December 11 – St. Michael Church
8:00am – 7th Gr.

HOLY DAY MASS: DEC. 8TH
Tuesday, December 8th we will have an All School Mass with Bishop Doerfler for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will still have our regular weekly Masses as well.

- We will also be taking an **All School Picture** at church immediately following Mass.

SCRIP will not be sold at the Elementary School after 12:30PM on Fridays

MR. HEDGES' SCHEDULE

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| Monday | Middle School |
| Tuesday | Elementary School |
| Wednesday | Middle School |
| Thursday | Elementary School |
| Friday | AM-FMMS, PM-FMES |

TV6 CANATHON COLLECTION
Another Gratitude and Giving Teaching Moment!



November 9th through December 2nd
We are collecting non-perishable food donations for the TV6 Can-a-thon at both the elementary and middle school buildings. Please consider bringing in some canned goods to help stock our local food pantries!

December VIRTUE: Magnificence
Doing Great Things for God!

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
Elementary Christmas Concert - December 11th
-Performances at 9:00am and 1:00pm
-Elementary Gymnasium
Middle School Christmas Concert – December 17th
-6:30pm
-St. Michael's Church

BOOTS AND SNOW GEAR
Parents please make sure your children come to school with appropriate clothing for recess outdoors! This **MUST** include something for their **hands and head**. **All elementary students need to wear snow-pants and boots**. All students will have recess outdoors as long as the wind chill is above 0 degrees and it is not raining out. Thank you!

NATIVITY PLAY - DEC. 18
Mark your calendars for the Pre-Kindergarten Nativity Reenactment Play:
December 18th at 8:30am



GIFT OF READING DONATIONS-Due Fri.
We are collecting new books at our school **until Friday, December 4th** for Marquette-Alger Reading Council's Gift of Reading donation program. They will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul and Salvation Army for Christmas baskets for families in need. Please place books in the blue tub labeled, Gift of Reading, by the front office. Thank you for your continued support in literacy! If you have any questions please contact Miss Wayland.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST
Students who enter the contest will bring a permission form home that must be returned to Mr. Taylor by December 15th. All those participating in the contest will be invited to a pizza party at the U.P. Catholic Credit Union and prizes will be awarded in each age division of 5-8, 8-10, and 11-14. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. **Jesus Christ our Savior is the greatest gift of all. God Bless!**

DISCIPLES OF VIRTUE:

OBEDIENCE



Natania Pascoe

In our classroom there are many students that do a great job of being obedient daily. One student stands out for always listening to teachers, the

principal, and other adults in the building. She is one of the first students to clean up during free choice or centers. She helps students that need help cleaning up, or offers reminders to help them follow the directions without using a loud voice. This student does a good job listening and being quiet when we are in church, in addition to helping other students make a good choice. I am excited to nominate Natania Pascoe for the obedience virtue award!



Violet Gregorich

In Pre-K we learn a lot about how to behave at school and obedience is the perfect virtue to help us. When a child is playing and is asked to cleanup and

immediately stops playing and starts cleaning, he or she is being obedient. When the teacher says that it is time to line up, sit on the carpet, pray, walk quietly in the hallway, use kind and polite words, and a million other little things throughout the day, each child has a choice to make. They may choose between following directions quickly and without complaining, following directions reluctantly, or not following them at all. One student in our class is so joyful about following directions. She is obedient without hesitation or complaining and she knows that she is not only pleasing the teacher or her parents, but that she is making Jesus so happy. God loves to see us being obedient to His commandments. God is certainly smiling when he sees **Violet Gregorich** being obedient throughout each day. Thank you Violet for being such a great example of obedience!



Lily Smigiel

All of the children in our classroom are excellent listeners. However, it is difficult to be obedient and listen the first time you are asked. In our class there is one girl who always listens the first time and excels at being obedient.

She is an excellent example for the other children. She also helps others and kindly reminds the other children in the class to follow directions. I know that Jesus smiles when he sees children making good choices, and I am sure that he is pleased that I am nominating **Lily Smigiel** for the obedience virtue award!

DECEMBER'S EDUCATION IN VIRTUE:

Magnificence

We practice MAGNIFICENCE by doing extra good for the Lord, putting extra love into everything we do. Magnificence looks like using your talents for good, making extra sacrifices, volunteering beyond your regular jobs and doing more than you have to do.

*Dear Jesus,
Sometimes I do not do the right thing. Sometimes I am lazy with my love. Help me now to do the right thing for YOU and to do all things, great or small, with GREAT love.
Amen*



December E.S. Virtue Assembly: Thurs. Dec. 17th, 8am

GOD BLESS YOUR ADVENT

Advent and the new Liturgical Year of Mercy began November 29th!!

This is an awesome time of year to emphasize cleaning out and opening up our hearts to be ready for more Jesus than ever before! Our classes will be incorporating the wonder of this season of preparation in the classrooms. Use your **Advent Wreaths and Calendars** to help your children focus on the **REAL reason for the season; Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!** May He be the King of your family's entire Advent and Christmas Season!



CATHOLIC FAITH LENDING LIBRARY

A religious lending library has been started at the Elementary School for parents. It is located outside of the office on a blue shelf. There are books about prayer, the Eucharist, and ways to deepen your Catholic faith. Books can be checked out at any time, for any length of time. If you have books to donate, please leave them in the return box. Come and check out some great books today!

"The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder . . . What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."

— St. Padre Pio



CONGRATULATIONS FORENSICS TEAM!



Upper Peninsula 2015-2016 Forensics Champions: Kat, Josie, Gabe, Beau, coach Mrs. Koski, Maggie

NO PARKING BY E.S. GYM RAMP

Please do not park anywhere in or blocking the drive beside the Gym Ramp and Side Door. The Food delivery truck must have full access to this area in order to safely fit through and maneuver. Thank you for your help!

ELEMENTARY CHAPEL PREPARATION: VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED

Contact Kris Flynn @ kflynn@fathermarquette.org to help with establishing an elementary chapel.

We are accepting donated items for this chapel and our chapel in the middle school building. We currently have a kneeler. Other items to be considered include (but are not limited to) a crucifix, prayer books/cards, rosaries, Stations of the Cross, CD player and CDs, candles and religious artwork.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

H & S Meetings:

All are welcome to get involved with this great group of volunteers. Meetings are monthly in the evenings, usually on the 2nd Wednesday. The next Home and School meeting is: **Wednesday, December 9th, at 6:30 at the ES in Miss Wayland's Room**

Current Board Members

Co-Chair – Marcia Parkkonen

Treasurer – Mary Diddams

Secretary – Cheryl Turausky

We are looking to fill the following positions. Please consider getting involved.

Co-Chair – Work with other Co-Chair for leading the HSA meetings. Share responsibility for coordinating/managing HSA fundraisers and sponsored events. Supports and shares duties with Co-Chair. **For more information, please contact current Chair Marcia Parkkonen at 906-360-1590.**





FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS:

- We are still seeking out a **Family Service Program Coordinator!** Please email Angela at secretaryms@fathermarquette.org if you are interested in contributing to this position. The candidate does earn all 25 of their required service hours by being the Coordinator. Duties include creating Sign Up's, reporting service hours to families, working with The FMCS Home and School Association, etc. **Much of this can be done from Home!**

Volunteer Opportunities:

(More detailed information on how to take advantage of these will be emailed separately-Watch for it!)

- Spirit Wear Volunteer
- Fruit Sale Coordinator
- ES Virtue Bulletin Board Volunteer
- Newspaper Clipping Bulletin Board Volunteer
- Virtue Descriptions Volunteer
- Copying and Book Making for Miss Nelson
- Chapel Cleaning, Organizing, and Donating
- Saint Peg Dolls for Miss Smigiel
- Dads to help plan Mother & Son Night
- Father & Daughter Dance Planning
- 7th & 8th Grade Dance Planning
- The SCRIP program:
 - Balancing the SCRIP boxes
 - Selling SCRIP before school or after mass/school
 - Picking up local SCRIP cards

Please email enewcomb@fathermarquette.org regarding these.

Recording Your Hours

Don't forget, to get credit for your volunteer work, you must fill out service hour slips and turn them into the black boxes outside either school's office.

Donations for Hours

Also, if you are earning hours via purchases for the school, **you must also attach your receipts for proof of purchase.** Extra slips are always available from each school's office or by emailing Angela at volunteer@fathermarquette.org.

Thank you for your hard work, and commitment to making FMCS a better place for our children!



REQUIREMENTS TO VOLUNTEER WITH STUDENTS:

All individuals who will be volunteering in the school or at any FMCS activity **MUST** submit online permission to run a background check to the diocese AND complete the diocesan "VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children" training. Instructions for completing both are attached.

Ongoing Volunteer Needs:

Office Assistance: Both Offices are in need of volunteer assistants to help with day to day operations. Any bits of time you can lend make a BIG difference. **Please continue to stop by and offer a hand, even if we haven't specifically advertised the needs.**

Lunchroom: Your help is needed in both the Elementary School Lunchroom and the Middle School Lunchroom, from 10:30-12:15 daily. Please consider volunteering on the day(s) of your choosing. Sign up with Molly or Angela in the office.

Playground Help is needed from 11:15 to 12:30 daily. Please volunteer for one day a week, or one day every other week, even once a month! Call Molly or Angela in the offices.



Mrs. Koski's 7th Grade Lang. Arts class using the new chrome books.



SMART TUITION CORNER

Why Does FMCS School Use Smart?

Parents Who Make Payments On Time May Be Wondering: What's in it for me?

Smart Tuition provides great value to both schools and parents. For schools, Smart significantly reduces the administrative work involved in collecting tuition. This reduction in workload frees up busy staff to address other priorities and allows the school to focus on educating children. We have had many parent requests for modern payment methods, including online payments, payments by phone and a secure way to allow families to schedule one-time and recurring payments from both bank accounts and credit cards.

More than one-third of all phone calls come in to Smart's Customer Service team after 6 pm. Those are hours that school staff is rarely available. Smart's always-available Customer Service eliminates the phone tag game as busy parents and staff attempt to connect with one another. Smart's ability to centrally bill incidental fees such as athletics, field trips and other fees concentrates the handling of funds in one, secure, auditable place. And by improving tuition collection, FMCS can keep tuition costs lower by reducing uncollected amounts, benefitting all school families.

3RD GRADE COLLECTING EYE-GLASSES FOR LIONS CLUB

Third graders are still collecting glasses for the Lion's Club to help people who don't have money. Joe Baczkowski from the Lion's Club came in to talk to our class and gave us dictionaries. We want to help the Lion's Club because they helped us! Please donate your old glasses. There is a box upstairs near the upper wing. Please DONATE!!!!

CONTACT UPDATES

Please ensure that you inform the school office of any changes in phone, address, or email, as well as workplace contact information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Father Marquette School Council is the advisory council for the Pastoral Delegate and the Principal of Father Marquette. The council meets the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Bishop's Room at St. Peter Cathedral. **All parents are welcome to attend and volunteer through joining various committees.** The next few meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, January 26th
Tuesday, February 23rd



BOXTOPS & ECONO RECEIPTS!

Please keep Clipping Box Tops and Bringing in Econo Receipts to raise money for our school. Don't save the Box Tops too long before bringing them in-They do expire, so check the dates please!

Free Easy Money for FMCS!

Shoparoo: a free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of your receipts with the app, and voila Just shop, snap, earn!

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts - shop anywhere, buy anything!
3. The first 20 supporters at our school will earn an extra \$1 donation from Shoparoo for their first receipt!
4. Earn even more Roo Points, or cash donations, by inviting others to join using your personal referral code
5. You can even select a grade to support and have fun with grade competitions!

Check Out: shoparoo.com

HOT LUNCH REMINDERS:

Make Lunch Money checks payable to Father Marquette Catholic School.

Free and Reduced Hot Lunch forms are available at the elementary and middle school office. **Many federal programs use this information when determining some of our funding. We encourage all to apply who may be eligible.** See either office for an application.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The elementary school offers an after-school program **until 5:30 P.M.** on all full school days. The rate this year has not changed and is **\$9.00 per day**. If you are in need of after-school care and have not enrolled, contact Judy Allie, director of the program. By phone you may call 225-1129 ext. 3 and leave a message for Judy.





Thanksgiving Celebration

2015– 2016

CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 8 All School Mass w/ Bishop, 12:10pm
- Dec 9 Bishop John Doerfler Visits FMCS
- Dec 11 Elementary Christmas Concert, 9am & 1pm
- Dec 17 Middle School Christmas Concert,
6:30pm St. Michael's Church
- Dec 18 PreK Nativity Play, 8:30am, ES Gym
- Dec 18 Band Trip
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 4 School Resumes
- Jan. 18 No School for Students
- Jan 22 7th & 8th Grade Dance
- Jan. 31-Feb 6 Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week Open House
- Feb 5 All-School Mass @ St. Peter
- Feb. 15 No School for Students (PDD)
- Mar 17 No School For Students (PDD)
- Mar 18 No School For Students (PDD)
- Mar 22 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 23 ½ Day: Afternoon Parent Teacher Conf.
(No Lunch, No Dismissal Bussing)
- Mar 24-Apr 1 Easter Holiday
- Apr 4 School Resumes
- Apr 25 Excellence in Education Week
- Apr 30 Father & Daughter Dance
- May 4 Religion Bee @ JP II, Menominee
- May 25 Kaufman Awards
- May 26 Middle School Spring Concert
- May 27 FMMS Ribbon Mass
- May 27 Elementary Spring Concert
- May 30 Memorial Day-No School
- June 1-3 8th Grade Class Trip
- June 6 8th Grade Rehearsal, Awards, Graduation
- June 7 7th Grade Canoe Trip
- June 8 All-School Picnic
- June 9 ½ Day for Students: Last Day of School
All-School Mass @ St. Louis the King



THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for

NOTHING IS MORE
Honorable
 THAN A
**GRATEFUL
 HEART**

PARISH HAPPENINGS:

NORTHERN APOSTLE RADIO

Tune in to Northern Apostle Radio,
WNOA 103.9FM

Enrich your faith with solid Catholic programming:
faith-filled, engaging, and life-changing!



Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Monday, December 7—St. Michael Parish 7:00 p.m..
Monday, December 14- St. Christopher Parish 7:00 p.m..
Tuesday, December 15— St. Peter Cathedral 7:00 p.m..
Wednesday, December 16— St. Louis the King 7:00 p.m..

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

St. Michael's Catholic Church in Marquette announces a new middle school faith formation program. This program is open to area Catholic youth in sixth through eighth grades and offers activities that include food, fellowship, faith-centered discussions, and service projects. It meets from **6:00 p.m-7:30 p.m.** More information can be found online at stmichaelsmq.org or calling **906-228-8180**.

ST. PETER CATHEDRAL: MASS IMPACT – DECEMBER 8th at 6:30 pm

Potluck supper at 6:30 in the parish hall followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral, with praise in song, a witness talk and Benediction. This will be offered the **2nd Tuesday of each month**. Sign up on the Parish Bulletin Board or call the Parish Office at 226-6548.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH WITH THE BISHOP

All are welcome! Bishop Doerfler will speak on the topic of "*the Christian meaning of human suffering*" and shed light on the redeeming qualities of pain, healing and grace. Is there someone in your life who is in need of healing and grace? Consider extending a personal invitation to that person to join you for this informative and thought-provoking program.

Friday, December 4, 11:30am-12:45pm
St. Michael Church, Zryd Parish Center

Cost is \$10 (includes lunch) to be paid at the door.
RSVP by November 30 to Terri at 227-9108 or email tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org



ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 7– 12 noon
Msgr. Zryd Parish Center

All are welcome to enjoy a soup and salad luncheon catered by Co-co's. You are invited to bring a donation of a small gift for a home bound parishioner. The gift should be placed in an open gift bag so it can be matched to the recipient's needs. The luncheon cost is \$6.00 each. Reservations should be called to Sandra, 226-9875 or Sally, 228-7996 no later than December 1.

MARYGROVE RETREAT CENTER

Are your Christmas spirit expectations not what you'd hoped for? Come to Marygrove to experience "Something Wonderful is about to Happen." This year, get ready to celebrate Christ's birth by spending an overnight retreat offered at Marygrove, December 12-13, 2015. Directed by **Fr. Ben Hasse**. For more information or to register, go online at www.marygrove.org or call 906-644-2771. the fee is \$80 per person, \$145 for a married couple.