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***Am I a pilgrim or a tourist?***

Dear St. Sebastian Families,

Take a moment to ask yourself, *Am I a pilgrim...or a tourist?* In a recent Lenten daily reflection, author and theologian Matthew Kelly makes the claim that "*There's a difference between a pilgrimage and a tourist just taking a vacation,*" for "*there's is a phenomenal difference between the way (each) behaves.*" If a tourist's flight is delayed, for example, he or she may simply feel frustration rearranging plans, while the pilgrim asks, "*What is God trying to teach me through this delay? Do I need more patience? Do I need to slow down?*". A true pilgrim "approaches life with eyes wide open, searching for the signs". "*In life,*" Kelly asserts, "*we have to ask the same question - Are we a pilgrim or a tourist, for we are called to live our lives as pilgrims, passing through this earth?*" As we remind ourselves, we are on this earthly journey to be with God together through eternity with Christ as our guide.

We began today as a school community with a deeply moving service known as *Tennebrae*, meaning *shadows* in origin. Mr. Dunklee and Mr. Kamenski from the parish worked with Mrs. Golomski and Mrs. Kirkpatrick to prepare middle school students who led us through prayer and reflection as we enter into the *Triduum*, the holiest time of liturgical year and pinnacle of the Christian faith. Although the Triduum is ultimately a single grand event, *Holy Thursday*, (tomorrow) is a day to commemorate the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his apostles, when the Eucharist was first instituted. We also often re-enact when Christ, the "teacher", modeled humility in service for his disciples in washing their feet. *Good Friday*, then, is the journey of Christ's passion, crucifixion, and death. The Easter vigil is celebrated on the evening of *Holy Saturday* and is when Jesus lay in the tomb, following his death. It is the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus! Of course on Easter Sunday morning we celebrate, knowing *Christ has risen! Good has triumphed over evil!* , and *the gates of heaven have been opened to all who seek everlasting life with God!*

Tomorrow morning, our entire school will engage in hands-on acts of service to benefit programs within Catholic Charities, helping make sandwiches for the soup kitchen, blankets for young mothers and babies, and in letter writing and cross making for school children in Uganda. A very special thank you to parents Molly Ambrose, Maria Melendes, Rebecca Whitney, and Lisa Sawyer for their efforts in coordinating this morning, as well as our teachers for assisting. Students were asked to either personally donate or work for \$2.00 to contribute for the cost of our projects, with the only "incentive" being to give from their hearts as Christ modeled for us. Thank you for your supporting them with this goal.

May you and your family have a very blessed Holy Week and a restful and rejuvenating spring break!

God bless you,

Ms. Grams

**SERVICE PROJECT TOMORROW** - On Holy Thursday, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, providing an example of how to treat our fellow man. He said: "I have set an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (John 13:1-17).

With that lesson in mind, we have organized an all-school service morning tomorrow, Holy Thursday. Grade levels will engage in various projects at school that instill this message of service to others.

The projects include making no-sew blankets for Catholic Charities' pregnancy and refugee program (3rd, 4th & 8th), making sandwiches for homeless men at the Guest House (2nd), making Easter cards for the adult daycare at Catholic Charities (K4 & 5th and K5 & 6th), and writing letters and making crosses for Teach Uganda (1st & 7th). We were mindful of finding hands-on projects that students can concretely grasp.

To emphasize the importance of service, we are asking the students to help donate for the supplies. We are requesting each child (not parents) to donate or work for \$2.00 (or more) to contribute for our projects. If your child has not done so already, please remind them to bring their donations in tomorrow. This is **NOT** a dress down day as a reward for their donation. Donations are not mandatory, but the purpose of the event is to teach the students that there are always others with greater needs than our own.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** - Please join us in worship

Holy Thursday – April 13

7:00 PM Joint Liturgy at St. Catherine

Good Friday – April 14

1:00 PM Joint Liturgy at St. Sebastian

2:45 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Sebastian

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil – April 15

8:00 PM Joint Liturgy at St. Catherine

Easter Sunday – April 16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:00 AM Mass at St. Catherine

10:30 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

(No 6:00 PM Mass)

**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY** - Please join us for our last carry out only fish fry for the season, this Friday April 14 from 4:30 - 7:30 in the school cafeteria. Don't forget to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! Thank you to all the regular volunteers and our Scout families who have volunteered to help on Friday. Please see the attached roster. We are still in need of 2 volunteers to help during the set-up shift (1:30 - 4:30) and clean-up shift (7:30 - 9:30). If you are able to help, please email Lena Stephenson at [roblena@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roblena@sbcglobal.net).

**SCRIP** – Shop for your Easter grocery needs with Scrip! The parish office carries cash and carry Scrip for Meijer, Metcalf's, Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly and Sendiks.

**REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION LETTERS** - The office has been sending home registration confirmation letters with family mail carriers for the past 6 weeks and the process will continue until the end of the year. Please watch for yours. Some of them contain very important points to solidify your family's reservation.

**READERS ARE LEADERS UPDATE**

**Read N Quiz**

Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to read for pleasure and take reading comprehension quizzes using the Read n Quiz reading incentive program. After successfully passing quizzes, students earn points.

Congratulations to these students for earning the following points!  
Keep reading!!!!

**10+ POINTS**

Logan Suminski

**25+ POINTS**

Caleb Van Beek

**AUDITION OPPORTUNITY** – Students who will be attending Wauwatosa East High School in the fall, and are interested in participating as performers in the fall musical, must audition this spring. Please contact St. Sebastian School office for further information.

**MARQUETTE HIGH SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR BOYS** – Pamphlets are available in the office regarding programs for boys entering grades 5 – 9.

**MARQUETTE JUNIOR HILLTOPPERS** – 2017 Football Registration Open – Looking for players 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade interested in playing tackle football for Marquette Jr. Hilltoppers. Register now to secure a spot on the team. Please find more information and register for the upcoming season at [www.jrhilltoppers.com](http://www.jrhilltoppers.com).