

A New Mural Brightens Up Father Marquette Catholic Academy

A new mural is brightening up FMCA! Painted by local artist Lindsey Naylor, it is sure to inspire students, staff, and families alike this school year! As one Pre-K student said after seeing the completed painting "It is so beautiful, I want to draw one too."

The mural connects our past and our future. It features two local Catholic historical landmarks: St. Peter Cathedral and the Father Marquette Statue. They are prominently painted next to Lake Superior. Nearby, our own eagle mascot soars, while a student reads. We hope you enjoy this beautiful piece of art next time you visit FMCA, and that it inspires the good, the true, and the beautiful!

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Growth, Grace, and Gratitude at FMCA

By Dr. Jessica Nicole Betz

Father Marquette Catholic Academy is beginning this school year with growth, grace, and gratitude. I am thrilled to say that FMCA is both growing and thriving. Our enrollment is up, and our community and culture are vibrant, and for this we feel blessed. It is through the graces of our faith, and the strength of our community and teamwork, that we will continue on this exciting path of sustainable growth for our school. We know that God has a lot in store for FMCA, and in God's hands is a great place to be.



"This mural is important to FMCA because it represents our school in a very beautiful and artistic way."
-Lucia, 4th Grade

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The 2020/2021 school year began amidst the pandemic. Despite the difficulties and unknowns brought on by COVID, we had an extremely successful and uninterrupted school year! Our community came together and worked hard to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. I have no doubt that this 2021/2022 school year will be even better. We are a tight-knit community, a family, and we know that with the grace of Jesus we can persevere through anything.

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"Evening With the Eagles"
THE U.P. THROUGH OUR CHILDREN'S EYES
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021
7:00 PM

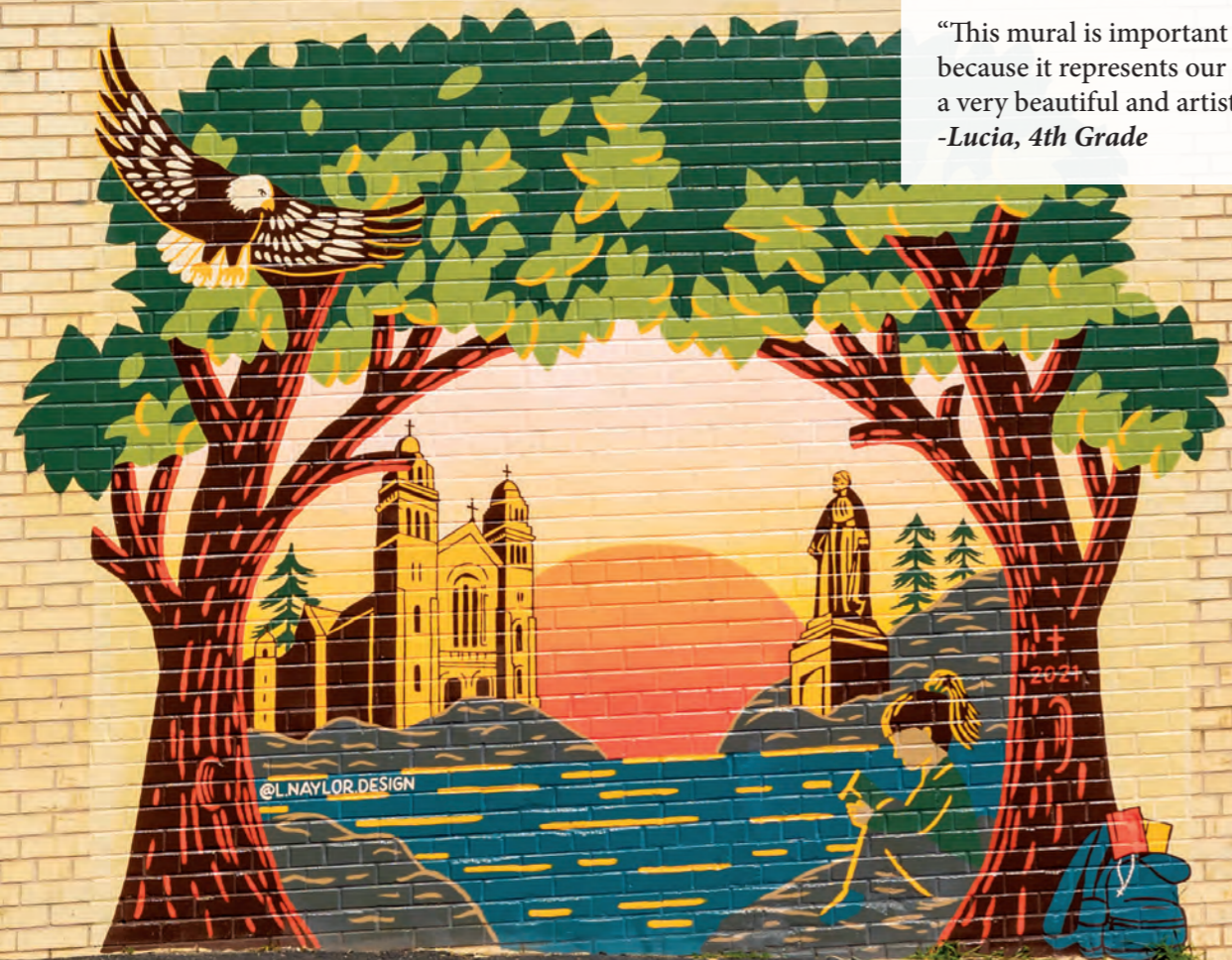
Marquette Regional History Museum
145 W Spring St, Marquette, MI 49855
Cocktail Party:
Children's Art Exhibit
Private viewing before our virtual auction
Live Music by Trailer Hitch
Hors d'oeuvres and Drinks by The Delft

\$75.00 per person
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Father Marquette Catholic Academy



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Fresh Faces at FMCA

From the Irish Coast to the Fresh Coast

Nickolas and Violetta Boyle, along with their daughters Lilliana and Sophia, are a new family at FMCA. Nick is a Marquette native who met Violet while abroad in Ireland, where their older daughter was born. Two years ago, they returned to Marquette to make a home for their daughters and Corgi named Whiskey.



What do you think about FMCA is different?

Nick: "The instructors, the proximity to the Cathedral, and the families that are there! We're excited that our daughter is going to be able to be around kids and socialize and enjoy making memories with friends in school. Plus, knowing we can trust that the people in the FMCA community (families and staff) all have the same end goal in mind; to raise faith-filled students.

Why choose Fr Marquette?

Nick: "For a faith-based education that is grounded in core values and to allow our child(ren) to grow in faith-based values that are a part of our Catholic faith."

What are you grateful for?

Violet: "I'm grateful for the support that we've received from the Catholic families and that my kids will get to grow up in such a wonderful community."

What is Lilly most excited about for school this year?

Lilly: "To make art, play outside, meet new friends and to learn letters!"

Surprise Blessings for FMCA

New Endowment for Teachers, Curriculum, and the Future

We are excited to announce that, through your generosity, the Father Marquette Catholic Academy Staff Support Endowment Fund has been established. An original anonymous donor provided seed money for this endowment, and FMCA was excited to match this donation. While establishing the endowment with the initial funds, we were surprised by a second anonymous donor who stepped forward to match the initial 50-thousand-dollar investment. Thank you for partnering with us in our mission to provide a quality Catholic education.

We are blessed to have dedicated and talented teachers who challenge our students academically and who also embrace the Catholic Mission of the school. The Endowment will both support our teachers and provide financial stability for FMCA for future generations.

Please consider a generous gift!

The purpose of the fund is to provide more equitable salaries and benefits for our teachers, to offer Professional Development opportunities for our teachers, and to improve our ability to recruit, hire, and retain outstanding teachers.

More details will soon be on our website. Here are some important things to know.

- Your gift to the Endowment is permanent and restricted. The gift amount will not be spent. It will be invested for income and growth.
- Income generated by the Endowment will be dispersed to FMCA to be used for the Fund's stated purpose.
- Oversight of the Endowment is provided by the Upper Peninsula Catholic Foundation. The assets of the Endowment are professionally managed and invested by the National Catholic Investment Pool.
- Administration and investment fees are low and well within industry standards.



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"FMCA is blessed to have outdoor learning and horticulture because some schools don't have outdoor learning, so we are lucky to be able to learn outside." -*Rowan, 7th Grade*

"I enjoy outdoor learning and exploring because we can be outside in nature and still be in school. We also get to do fun projects like picking tomatoes and mapping the gardens." -*Katja, 7th Grade*