

December 13, 2019

From the Headmaster



One of the graces of attending daily Mass is the formation the students receive through the priests' sermons, often about the lives of the saints. Yesterday, Father Newton offered a beautiful

description of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on St. Juan Diego's tilma. Today, Father McCarthy talked about the depiction of St. Lucy presenting her eyes as a gift to Jesus. Day after day there are images and stories that will stick with the students and help sustain their faith. And by the way, ask your children about how we celebrated the feast of St. Lucy after Mass – and thanks to Father McCarthy for the donuts!

... And, yes, we also had ice cream today. This is our traditional treat for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – postponed one day.

Earlier this week students in grades 4 and up attended *A Christmas Carol* at Indiana Repertory Theater. It was a very good production, and the students were engaged throughout the play. Also this week the younger students visited residents of St. Paul Hermitage. Thanks to the parents who helped drive to make both of these events possible.

Reminders for Next Thursday, Dec. 19

Thursday, Dec. 19, is the **last day of school** before Christmas Vacation. It will be a half-day, with dismissal at Noon. We will not have a lunch period, but parents are encouraged to send a snack. There is no After School Care that day.

We'll gather around 11:15 am in the gym to reveal **Advent Angels**. Please remember that the focus is on prayer, and Advent Angels should give a card and, at most, a small piece of candy or cookie – and encourage your children to keep praying!

Our annual **Lessons & Carols** celebration will begin at 7 pm, in Holy Rosary Church. All students except pre-K should be in their classrooms by 6:30. There will be a reception in Priori Hall following.

Fall Semester Grades

Dec. 19 is also the last day of the Fall Semester. Report cards for both the grade school and high school will be sent home in Friday folders Jan. 10.

Annual Dinner Kick-off Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our Annual Dinner kick-off meeting on Wednesday, and to those who couldn't come but who have volunteered to help. We're off to a great start and have many of the key jobs filled. But it's not too late to get involved! The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 1:30 pm. Or contact Ellen Sanders or me at any time if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Events This Weekend

Boys Basketball vs. Lourdes - Saturday, Dec. 14 (tomorrow), 9 am, in the CYO Gym. The full schedule for the season is in the Friday folders.

St. John the Evangelist Christkindl Village – downtown through Sunday. The youth choral festival is tonight (Friday) at 6 pm. (Lumen Christi is not participating this year.)

From the Development Director:

Annual Appeal Update

God continues to shower us with blessings. Lumen Christi parents, grandparents, relatives and friends have donated \$27,420 as of today. If you can help us reach our ambitious goal of \$68,000 with a gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more we would be so grateful. So far seven of the 51 donors have been Lumen Christi families with children in the school.

Again this year, an anonymous donor is offering to give a 2-for-1 match of up to \$3,200 on all **Annual Appeal donations from parents** between now and Dec. 31. That means the amount of your gift is tripled. If you're able to contribute to Lumen Christi this year, you can help us earn an additional \$3,200. Can you help keep our light shining brightly?

God Bless, Ellen