

# Lumen Christi Amazing Light in the City Gala and School Preparations July 29, 2020

## Light in the City 2020 was Spectacular!



160 people gathered at The Montage to celebrate independent, classical, Catholic education at Lumen Christi on Sunday, July 12, 2020, and it was truly amazing. We honored Dr. Mary Rose Collins with the Edie Fitzgerald Legacy Award, we previewed our new school video (which we will feature in next month's newsletter once we have the final copy), we heard 2020 Lumen Christi High School graduate Avery Shewmaker describe how Lumen Christi has prepared her spiritually and academically to pursue nursing at Marian University (to read her inspiring speech, please click [here](#)), and we had current students and alumni recognize Mary Rose for founding the high school and serving as the principal. **Thanks to our incredibly generous donors, and everyone who contributed to the event, we raised over \$100,000 for student financial aid!**

## Preparations continue to start school on August 24, 2020



The Lumen Christi faculty & staff are working diligently to prepare for the first day of school on Monday, August 24, 2020. We have school supplies ready for each student, our new science curriculum has arrived, and our new history books (*Light to the Nations Part 2*) have been ordered thanks to a generous donor at Light in the City. Another donor allowed us to install hands-free faucets and toilet flushers in all bathrooms. Yet another donor has provided a desperately needed new desktop computer for our secretary. A reopening plan to keep our students, faculty and staff safe has been drafted by the Administrative Team, reviewed by the faculty, and shared with parents.

### Meet our new Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Ashley Wells



We're happy that Ashley Wells will fill the teaching position in the pre-K class as Shannon Denney moves to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. Many of you know Ashley – she and her husband Andrew currently have three children enrolled at Lumen Christi. Ashley has a B.A. in Psychology, with a focus in Social Work and Elementary Education, from Purdue University – and a great love of children. She has been coordinating with Mrs. Denney during the spring and summer to ensure a smooth transition in pre-K. We're excited to welcome Mrs. Wells to our Lumen Christi faculty.

### Rachel Fitschen is our new 3rd/4th grade teacher.



Mrs. Fitschen graduated *summa cum laude* from Xavier University with a B.S. degree in Montessori Education. She holds an Ohio teaching license in Early Childhood Education (PreK-3rd grade), a Montessori certification for ages 6-9, and her Indiana license is being processed. In addition to having taught this past year, she has also worked with children in a range of volunteer activities during high school and college. After college she married her husband Walter and they moved to Indianapolis so that he can pursue a doctorate. Since moving to the area, Rachel has been helping to lead the high school youth group at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Zionsville. She also enjoys a variety of activities including violin, dance, and fencing.

### New Staff for Academic Support and Counseling, Anton Wishik



Mr. Wishik has joined our faculty on a part-time basis to help us coordinate with IPS on resources for students in need of academic support, and he will be available as needed to meet with students. Mr. Wishik has many years of experience as a school counselor and expertise in working with students who need academic support. He has a B.A. in Communications Theory from MacMurray College and an M.Ed. in Guidance & Counseling from City University. Mr. Wishik is known to many of our students as the moderator of *The Bleat*. Anton and his wife Tina are parents of two Lumen Christi students.

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