

**February 19, 2021**

**From the Headmaster**



In spite of the bitter cold and snow on Wednesday, we were able to gather as a school for 7:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Miss Welch and the 3rd and 4th graders for the beautiful singing.

We prayed the Stations of the Cross after Mass on Friday, as we will throughout Lent. I hope that Lent will be a time of growth in holiness for all of us – students, teachers, and families.

### **Dealing with Winter Weather This Week**

Thanks to everyone for your patience and cooperation with school delays/closures and rough driving conditions over the past week. I hope by now everyone is receiving notifications of weather delays; if you're still not in the loop, please let me know. Let's hope for milder weather soon and an early spring!

The snow day on Tuesday preempted our special Fat Tuesday Pizza Day. We will schedule an extra Pizza Day later this spring. We had also ordered King Cakes for all the homerooms for Fat Tuesday. Rather than let them go to waste, we shared them at lunchtime on Thursday.

### **Shakespeare Contest Monday**

Our annual Shakespeare Contest will be held on Monday (Feb. 22) at 1:30 pm in Priori Hall. Finalists from grades 7-12 will present monologues, and all Lumen Christi students and parents are invited.

### **Please Sign Up for Family Night Feb. 27**

Last Friday we sent home sign-up sheets and pizza order forms for Family Night on **Saturday, Feb. 27**. The forms are attached again today to the Weekly Update. Please plan to attend. Eight families have signed up so far, and I know others are coming. **Forms must be turned in by Thursday, Feb. 25**, so that we can plan seating and order pizza.

### **Lenten Food Drive Begins Next Week**

Again this year, we're inviting Lumen Christi families to participate in Lenten almsgiving to the St. Anthony & Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Items can be dropped off outside the main office and in the high school lobby. As in the past, I'll share a weekly message from Connie Merkel, a volunteer at the food pantry and a Lumen Christi grandparent. Here is this week's message:

For over 35 years the St. Anthony & Holy Trinity Food Pantry has been meeting the needs of families on the near west side of Indianapolis. The Holy Trinity parish was established in 1906 and was the Slovenian national church in Indianapolis. It closed its doors in November of 2014, but the pantry joined with St. Anthony parish and is now located at St. Anthony.

The pantry is open once a week and serves anyone in the community. Many of the folks who come to the pantry walk or ride a bike because they do not have transportation. Families can only come to the pantry twice a month as the pantry is designed to be an "emergency" pantry. Since the pandemic, families no longer come into the pantry to choose their own items but receive a prepared bag of non-perishable foods plus a bag of items such as meat, eggs, bread.

We invite the students and families of Lumen Christi to join us in supplying food for the pantry during the season of Lent. Each week we will suggest an item that your students can bring to school for the pantry. During the first week of Lent we will be collecting **canned fruit**.

Our job at the pantry is not only to give food that will address a family's physical needs, but we also see the pantry as an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ, to show His love to families on the near west side of Indy. We hope you will join us. **THANK YOU.**