

March 5, 2021

From the Headmaster



Thanks to all the families who attended Family Night last Saturday. We had a full house, lots of activity, and a fun time. It's very encouraging to bring together so many great Lumen Christi families.

Many thanks to the volunteers who organized the event, set up and decorated the room, and cleaned up. Special thanks to Tina Wishik for the festive and beautiful decorations in honor of St. Joseph.

We will be praying a novena to St. Joseph in classes over the next two weeks leading up to the feast on March 19. At the same time, we'll continue to keep our focus on Lent, preparing our hearts and training our wills.

Spring is coming! Students are now arriving at school in daylight, and we've had recess outside for the first time in a while. It can still be chilly, so please make sure that your children are dressed to go outside.

Students are growing! Please check your children's uniform pants. If they're too small/tight, you're welcome to look through the uniform clothing we have in the office in hopes of finding a better fit.

**Girls Volleyball Team Concludes First Season**

Our Girls Volleyball Team played in the CYO tournament this week, defeating Little Flower on Monday and losing to Lourdes on Thursday. Congratulations for a very successful first season to all the girls and to the coaches, Mrs. Denney and Mrs. Dowell.

**Lumen Christi Performs Well on ACRE Test**

Each year the Archdiocese asks us to administer the so-called ACRE test of religious knowledge in 5th, 8th, and 11th grades. Here are scores showing how our students compared with historical scores of students nationwide:

Grade	Lumen Christi	National
11th	89.9	70.8
8th	90.6	72.8
5th	76.5	69.4

I will provide more detailed results when we receive average scores for the Archdiocese.

**Annual Dinner Dessert Dash**

The Dessert Dash is one of the most popular and fun events at our Annual Dinner, and one of the biggest fund-raisers, too. Attendees bid on the honor of their table getting their first choice from a wide variety of luscious desserts. We will need more desserts for more tables this year since we must reduce seating at each table from 10 to 6 due to COVID restrictions.

We're asking families to solicit desserts from bakeries or restaurants (we're not allowed to serve homemade desserts). For your convenience, a solicitation letter is attached to today's Weekly Update. You'll soon receive an invitation to a SignUpGenius page where you can sign up to provide one or more desserts. Thanks for your support!

**Lenten Food Drive Continues - JELLY**

Thanks to all who have already contributed to our Lenten Food Drive for St. Anthony & Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Here is this week's message from Connie Merkel:

Recently at the pantry I met several new neighbors. One woman came in and was in such a good mood. She shared that Monday she would be starting a new job at Popeye's Chicken. She was really looking forward to having a job and an income to help her family.

Just before we closed a young woman came in and she was really rushing. She was afraid she would miss us since she was running so late. She shared that she was late because she had been at an interview with Speedway gas station. She was so hopeful that this would result in a job for her. She said that she had been praying all the way to the pantry that she would make it before we closed, and she did – just barely!

The folks we serve at the pantry are a lot like our own families in many ways. If you can share food with the pantry we are especially in need of **JELLY**. Thank you!

**Reminder:** Families seeking financial aid for 2021-22 are reminded to complete applications on FACTS by NEXT Friday, March 12.