

December 14, 2018
From the Headmaster



Many thanks to our Lumen Christi families for your card and gift to each of us on the faculty! And thanks to the parents who organized it. I know I speak for the entire faculty in expressing appreciation for your generous

gift, and I am sure it will be put to good use!

In this second week of Advent, our school has been blessed with the sound of music, as students prepare for the St. John choir festival this evening and Lessons & Carols next week.

On Wednesday, the 2nd-4th grade choir sang at morning Mass as we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Lumen Christi. Students concluded the novena for our benefactors after Mass, and everyone enjoyed the traditional ice cream treat in the afternoon.

Also this week, 5th and 6th grade students visited St. Paul Hermitage and played Christmas Bingo on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, my Civics and Government classes walked to the City-County Building for a look at the courts and a talk with Marion Superior Court Judge David Certo. Judge Certo is a member of Lumen Christi's Advisory Council. The high school students know him through his involvement in the David S. Moore Food Pantry, where they volunteer each month. He gave a great talk and answered students' questions about his work as a criminal court judge.

Boys Basketball Team Is 2-0

Our 5th and 6th grade boys CYO basketball team defeated Nativity last Saturday. Two games are coming up here in the CYO Gym: vs. Holy Spirit (Indy) tomorrow (Saturday, Dec. 15) at 9 am, and vs. St. Barnabas on Tuesday (Dec. 18) at 5 pm.

High School Hosting Elementary School Students

Reviving a popular practice from several years ago, one day each month for the rest of the school year, our high school students will invite students from the lower grades to have lunch and share milk and cookies in the high school building. The schedule kicked off last week with the 7th and 8th graders, and a good time was had by all. The 6th grade will be next, in January. It's a small step to strengthen the bonds between the grade school and high school and to let our younger students get to know our high school building.

Notre Dame ECHO Students at Lumen Christi

We are fortunate to have two students from the ECHO graduate program at the University of Notre Dame – Theresa Inoue and Will O'Shea – volunteering on a regular basis at Lumen Christi. Students in the program work toward an MA in Theology during two summers at Notre Dame and serve in parishes or agencies during the school year.

Theresa is a graduate of Franciscan University at Steubenville who works at the Office of Worship of the archdiocese. Will is an elementary school teacher from Ireland who works at St. Pius X Church. He visited Lumen Christi several times last year. Both are coming to our school on their day off, Friday, to help teach, supervise, and work one-on-one with students. We are grateful to have them here!

From the Development Director:

Closing in on our goal!

Currently we have received \$38,270 in contributions for our annual appeal! This is more than we received last year, but has not met our goal of \$50,000. We've received gifts from 44 people and our goal is 75 donors. We are so thankful to every family who has sent us a gift. And if you are able, new or increased donations from families are still eligible for the 2:1 match which triples the value of your gift. Please continue to pray for all of the people who support our school.

God Bless,
Ellen

Teaching the unity of faith and reason, through the Light that is Christ Jesus, for the formation of young Catholics in truth and virtue.