

February 16, 2018

### From the Headmaster



Thanks to Mrs. Mascari and everyone who helped with her Fat Tuesday pasta lunch – heavy lifters Monica and Tory Lynch, and servers Sara Butterfield and Augustine Mascari. Mrs. Mascari says she “enjoys cooking for big crowds” – and Lumen Christi students and teachers enjoyed the great food and a good time together.

### Holy Childhood Association Almsgiving

On Monday, Sr. Loretto of the Archdiocesan Mission Office spoke to our students in grades 1-4. Sister said we’re all missionaries. She shared a video about a poor girl in Haiti, and brought boxes for students to contribute coins to support the Missionary Childhood Association, which helps children like the girl in the video. The boxes are in this Friday folder. Please encourage your children to share their spending money during Lent with other children in need. We’ll collect the boxes and turn in our school contribution after Easter.

### Free Throw Contest

Congratulations to the winners in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge last Friday:

K of C Free Throw Championship Santo Rosario Council	
BOYS	
Age	Winner
9	Cooper Olecki
11	Luke Smith
12	Anthony Brockman
14	Jack Denney
GIRLS	
Age	Winner
9	Adriana Altmeyer
10	Sara Rosko
11	Makayla Dowell
13	Ella Grace Giedd

Thanks to the Knights of the Santo Rosario Council for hosting the contest. I’ll let you know when I hear the time and place for the district contest.

### Holy Trinity Food Pantry Collection

Again this year, Lumen Christi students in all grades will be collecting food for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Connie Merkel, a volunteer at the food pantry and a Lumen Christi grandparent, offered the following background last year, and I’m glad that she contacted me about repeating it this year.

According to the 2015 Marion County census data, 31% of the children in Indianapolis were in poverty. Children in poverty are considered to be “food insecure” which means that their family struggles to adequately feed their children.

For over 35 years the Holy Trinity Food Pantry has been meeting the needs of families on the near west side of Indianapolis. Holy Trinity parish closed in November 2014, but the pantry joined with St. Anthony parish and is now located at St. Anthony.

The pantry is open twice a week and serves anyone in the community. Many of the folks who come to the pantry walk or ride a bike because they have no transportation. Families can only come to the pantry once a month as the pantry is designed to be an “emergency” pantry. Families can choose up to a maximum of 13 items based on the family’s size. During the month of January, 2018, the pantry served 288 families with 650 adults and 548 children. The pantry gave away over 3600 food and hygiene items.

The pantry is in constant need of additional food and hygiene supplies to stock the shelves. 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 several items that your students can bring to school for the pantry. During the first week of Lent we would like to suggest collecting **spaghetti, pasta sauce and canned pasta**. These items are some of the families’ most requested foods. Right now we have a large supply of canned vegetables so the pasta will be a welcomed addition to what we currently have on hand.

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.

### Holy Trinity Food Pantry Collection

- **For the first week of Lent, we are collecting spaghetti, pasta sauce and canned pasta**
- **Please drop them off in either elementary or high school office**
- **Thank you so much for helping needy families!**