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LADIES AUXILIARY OF *Lumen Christi*

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*Our Parish Newsletter:
Spreading the news of Christ at work in our community.*

When All Saints parishioner Jan Storey's husband joined the Knights of Columbus back in 2005, she didn't know much about the Knights or their sister organization, the Ladies Auxiliary of Lumen Christi. But when her father passed away the following year, she was blown away by the amount of support lavished upon her family during their time of grief.

"I was just so touched because at my father's funeral, all of these Knights and their wives showed up," Jan says. "They really didn't know me very well, and yet they all showed up to support us."

This is the spirit of Christian fellowship that characterizes the Knights of Columbus and its sister organization, the Ladies Auxiliary of Lumen Christi. Open to any woman with a family member — past or present — who has belonged to the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Auxiliary is a beautiful way for women to support their husbands, fathers and brothers, while also growing themselves in the faith journey.

"The Ladies Auxiliary is a helpmate, so to speak, for the Knights of Columbus," Jan says. "Somehow we all have a family connection to the Knights — usually a husband or a father — and we are there to support them with their projects as well as execute projects of our own."

These projects include the annual Light Up for Christ event in December, supporting local crisis pregnancy centers, creating care packages for the homeless,



Ladies Auxiliary members make baby caps for Parkland Hospital.

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assisting with the Special Olympics, and putting on an annual Ladies Day of Reflection and Luncheon for the women of All Saints Parish. To make all of this possible, the Ladies Auxiliary for Lumen Christi typically meets the third Monday of the month. This begins with a communal dinner from 6:30-7:30 p.m. shared with the Knights of Columbus followed by a separate meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. allowing the ladies time to pray together and discuss upcoming projects and events.

Because of its deep connection with the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Auxiliary uniquely allows parish women to support and become part of their spouse's faith journey. It also cultivates a beautiful sense of camaraderie amongst the women themselves, deepening their overall sense of connection and belonging within the parish.

"I feel any time you get involved in church, it blesses your life because you get to know people better at church," Jan says. "You don't feel so isolated when you're actively helping the

parish flourish and grow. The Knights of Columbus is such a good organization which does so many things that we want to be part of it — we want our families to be part of it. It helps us socially. It helps us spiritually. It helps us give back to the community and feel like we're doing something worthwhile."

Having now been part of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years, Jan feels blessed to belong to such an active and worthwhile organization. It has blessed her with many close friendships and has strengthened both her marriage and family life.

"I've been blessed to see my husband, who is a convert, grow so tremendously in his Catholic faith by being a part of this organization," Jan says. "As a wife and a cradle Catholic, it just makes me feel so good to see his strength. It encourages me tremendously and inspires me to do more. And then, our kids see us out there serving and hopefully that plants seeds in our children, so that they are out there doing that in the future, too."

Any woman of the parish who is interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary of Lumen Christi may contact either :

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Members serve desserts and snacks at Light Up for Christ holiday event.



Striving for “The Best Lent Ever” Will Prepare Us to Joyfully Celebrate Easter

Dear Saints,

The most important day in February won't come till the very end of the month. Alert parishioners may already have realized I'm referring to Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, which falls on Feb. 26 this year. That means we have most of the month to plan for Lent!

I know what you're thinking right about now: “Father seems particularly happy about getting ready for Lent!” Of course, when we approach Lent in the right way, it will help us get spiritually fit to celebrate Easter. Just as an Olympic athlete goes through a long period of serious training to win a medal, so we prepare during Lent for our great Easter celebration. And “giving up” something during Lent is not supposed to leave a vacuum — we're invited to put something more valuable in its place.

We're all familiar with the three traditional Lenten disciplines of **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**. These can serve as our framework for how we approach the season of Lent. One might decide, for example, to give up a half hour of television each evening. That doesn't mean you sit and stare at a blank wall for the half hour. Instead, fill it with prayerful reading of the Bible or a devotional book, or praying the Rosary.

Some people decide to forego desserts during Lent (fasting). But just losing weight is not the purpose of Lent! The goal is greater discipline in our spiritual lives. However, a family can put aside the money saved by skipping desserts and contribute it to a Church-related charity (almsgiving), so that our self-denial can benefit others.

These are just possible examples. There are many ways of combining prayer, fasting, and almsgiving into our daily lives during the Lenten season. The object is to develop a spiritual routine that challenges us but still fits into our lives with our individual responsibilities and schedules.

By the way, most of us will stumble at some point during our Lenten journey. Our first instinct will be to throw up our

hands and give up. What we should do is just pick up where we left off and continue to do our best as we proceed on the Lenten journey.

Of course, most of February is Ordinary Time. But that gives us time to figure out what we should do in the areas of prayer, fasting and almsgiving so we can keep our best Lent ever and arrive at Easter spiritually fit.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro
Pastoral Administrator



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule	
6:30 a.m.	
8:00 a.m.	(at the School)
9:00 a.m.	
12:00 noon	
6:00 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	



St. Gregory Choir Enjoys “Spiritual and Awe-Inspiring” *Pilgrimage to Rome*



The St. Gregory choir singing for Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

Rome is an important city for Catholics. Pope Francis is the bishop of Rome, and St. Peter's Basilica, which sits above St. Peter's tomb, is considered one of the holiest churches in the Catholic Church. Twenty-eight St. Gregory Choir members and 24 others were blessed to begin 2020 with a trip to Rome, along with a trip to Assisi. From January 2-9, the group had the beautiful opportunity to visit various holy and famous sites.

For choir member Lucia Welch, singing to a crowd of 400 people at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in Rome was a particular highlight.

“Watching the people pour in from the street to hear us sing, and experiencing the beautiful acoustics in the basilica is something I will never forget,” Lucia says.

Choir members felt very blessed for their various singing opportunities on the trip. They sang for the Epiphany Vigil Mass, which was celebrated by Cardinal Angelo Comastri, Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, Vicar General for the Vatican City and President of the Fabric of Saint Peter. They also sang for daily Mass at the Church of St. Francis in Assisi. On the last day of the trip, the group attended a papal audience and had the opportunity to sit in the front row where some members sang a short song for Pope Francis.

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“Being in the Vatican, in the presence of His Holiness Pope Francis, was spiritual and awe inspiring,” Lucia says.

“We were in the presence of the leader of one of the largest and most influential religions in the world,” says John Meyer, choir member. “I’m finding myself at a loss for words to describe just how much that really means.”

A highlight for the group was visiting Assisi to see the Basilica of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Clare, where she is interred. Assisi is also a very special city for Catholics.

“In Assisi, we were singing above the tomb of St. Francis, whom we’ve learned about and sung about for most of our lives,” John says.

The group was blessed to celebrate Epiphany Mass with Pope Francis. They also toured many famous Roman sites, including the Pantheon, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. On the last night of the trip, the group enjoyed time together in a beautiful setting while tasting wine and dining on a delicious meal.

For Lucia, one special highlight was visiting the Scala Sancta, which are the steps Jesus walked, leading to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate on his way to trial. The stairs may only be climbed on one’s knees, saying a prayer on each

step. Lucia recalls that this was a moving experience — one that she will always remember.

John really enjoyed his time in Rome and was very impressed with the historic and religious sites.

“My wife and I have travelled pretty extensively, and Rome is one of the few cities in the world we’d consider going back to,” John says.

He also feels blessed by the singing opportunities.

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Both Lucia and John were thankful for this powerful experience that not only strengthened their faith lives, but also gave them an opportunity to sing for our Lord and was overall fun. For John, being with Pope Francis was particularly meaningful.

“Those that I’ve spoken to were all at a loss for words to express what that experience meant to them,” he says. “I expect it’s something we’ll all remember for a long time.”



Barb French, Susan Austria, and Tracy Granzin (from left) meet Pope Francis.



Stewardship: Living Life to the Fullest

As professed disciples of Christ, we are also stewards of our personal and communal vocations. When we declare Christ as our King and Savior, we also promise to exist as His earthly body. The universal Church depends upon its individual earthly members for evangelization and support. As stewards of Catholicism, we must respond to this call with living faith and heartfelt stewardship. We must employ our lives in Christ’s service, allowing Him to vocationally use us to our fullest potential. God designed us with specific talents in mind — by closely communicating with Jesus, His Son, we can put our talents to proper use. As stated in John’s Gospel, when we give our lives to Christ, He promises to ignite them accordingly: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10).

True life demands sacrifices, which are crucial in urging us onward and upward toward Christ. When we embark upon a lifelong path of stewardship, giving our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and His Church, we are effectively allowing Jesus to guide us along life’s slippery slopes with the steady hand of a practiced master. Christ explains this concept in the ninth chapter of Luke’s Gospel: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it” (Lk 9:23-24). Only after completely giving our lives over to Christ, will we experience the true majesty of life — the life each of us is destined to live.

As Catholics, we are urged to outwardly promote all stages of life, and to stand up in its defense. Considering the attention death has garnered within our society — whether we focus upon abortion, embryonic stem cell research, capital punishment or euthanasia — an understanding and respect for life must be reinstated into our culture and lives. But we must first harbor a true, personal love for life within our very souls, and live our own lives to the fullest, through Christ, in the service and promotion of His Church. We must become stewards of faith,

in order to truly live as Christ planned. And we must give our time, talents and treasure — all gifts God has given us through life — before we can really claim to be alive.

Let us promote the sanctity of life through personal conversion. Our deaths in Christ destine us to live in His glory, the ultimate expression of life. Let us become the disciples we claim to be, by adopting the essence of stewardship and melding it into our very souls.

Is a Child Being Exploited Online?

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s CyberTipline is the nation’s centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. The public and electronic service providers can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, extra-familial child sexual molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking, unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child, misleading domain names, and misleading words or digital images on the internet. Go to cybertipline.org to make a report.



The State of **All Saints Catholic School**

“Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. (2005). *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

All Saints Catholic School is committed to excellence in faith, academics, service and character. The information below serves as an overview of the state of All Saints Catholic School.

FACULTY AND STAFF

- Great teachers make great schools
 - Welcomed 14 new faculty and staff this year
 - All are highly qualified, veteran teachers

FAITH

- Daily Gospel read before religion class
- First Friday Masses
- Monthly Mass in Spanish
- Adoration once per quarter
- Apologetics for 7/8th Grade
- Lunchtime Bible Studies
- Patron Saint Parties for each grade

ACADEMICS

- New Diocesan Curriculum
- Professional Development on the Gradual Release of Responsibility
- Good results on ITBS and CogAT
 - 8th Grade NPR 80 Reading and 84 for Math/ Diocese 65 Reading, 69 Math
- Mandarin/Spanish
 - China trip June 2021

- Coding Class
- Speech Team
- Math League
- Catholic Education League
- FIRST Robotics Team

CHARACTER

- Virtues in Practice
- Ambassador Program for 6-8
- Fall and Spring Student Orientation
- Virtue-Based Discipline

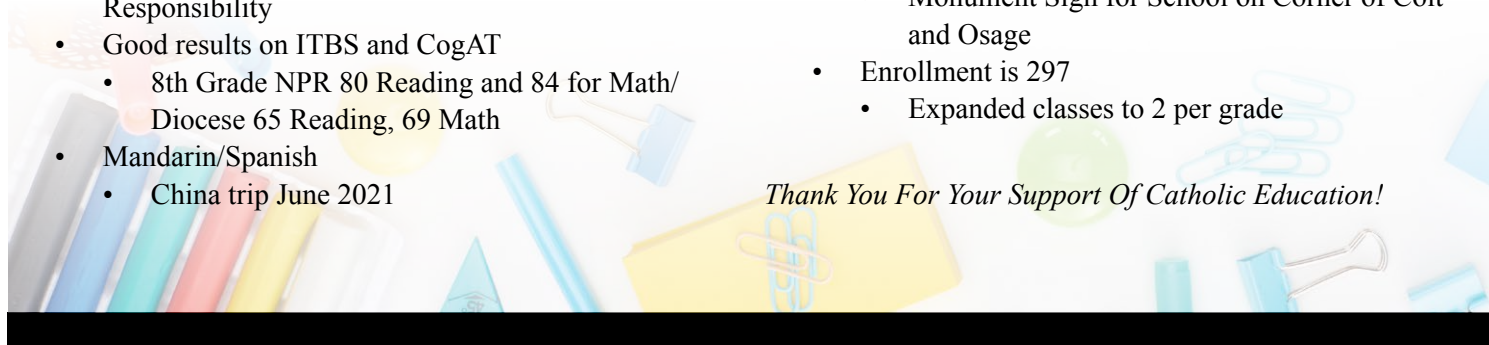
SERVICE

- Christmas for Everyone
 - Toiletries, Food, Blankets, Clothing for Vision Food Share
- Feed My Starving Children Middle School Service Opportunity, December 2019
- Introduction of a full student Service Plan for 2020-21

FACILITIES

- Completed Innovation Lab
- Completed New Library
- Completed Repainting of all classrooms
- Added Bathroom for PreK4 classroom
- Expanded Stage in Cafeteria
- Roof Repair
- New HVAC Units with Partial Grant from Catholic Charities
- Future Projects
 - Fencing for property adjacent to Coit
 - Monument Sign for School on Corner of Coit and Osage
- Enrollment is 297
 - Expanded classes to 2 per grade

Thank You For Your Support Of Catholic Education!





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Join us on Fridays during Lent for

Lenten Dinners &

Stations of the Cross

FEB 28	<i>Menu: Fried Catfish, Fried Shrimp, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread and Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies.</i> Prepared by Lumen Christi Council, Knights of Columbus	Stations of the Cross Deacon Michael, Presider
MAR 6	<i>Menu: Butter Crusted Baked Fish, Herbed Baby Potatoes, Tropical Coleslaw, Garlic Bread and Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies.</i> Prepared by All Saints Men's Club	Stations of the Cross Deacon Bob, Presider
MAR 13	<i>Menu: Shrimp Alfredo over Penne Pasta, Steamed Vegetables, Garlic Bread and Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies.</i> Prepared by Lumen Christi Council, Knights of Columbus	Bilingual Stations of the Cross Father Alfonse, Presider
MAR 20	<i>Menu: Choice of Fish Tacos (Tilapia/Corn Tortillas) or Chile Rellenos, Lentil Soup, Spanish Rice, Salad and Mexican Sweet Bread or Rice Pudding.</i> Prepared by Hispanic Prayer Group of All Saints	Marian Stations of the Cross Father Paul, Presider <i>(with members of Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary of Lumen Christi)</i>
MAR 27	<i>Menu: Choice of Fried or Blackened Catfish, Dirty Rice, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Steamed Vegetable Medley and Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies.</i> Prepared by parents of All Saints Catholic School students	Living Stations of the Cross <i>Performed by members of the 8th Grade class of All Saints Catholic School</i>
APR 3	<i>Menu: Fried Catfish, Fried Shrimp, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread and Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies.</i> Prepared by Lumen Christi Council, Knights of Columbus	Stations of the Cross Father Jovita, Presider

Dinner served from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm in Fellowship Hall

All Meals will have an option of Plain Pizzas for non-fish eaters or children

\$8.00 for Adults | \$4.00 for under 12 | \$25.00 family (2 adults and 3 children under 12)

Stations of the Cross begin in the Church at 7:00 pm

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Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. | Teen Mass, 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Liturgy: Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. | Saturday, 9:00 a.m.