

Lumen News

March 23rd, 2023

Our Mission:

As a ministry of St. Benedict Parish, Lumen Christi High School provides a rigorous Catholic education in a Christ-like environment!

Our Core Values:

Living Faith, Celebrating Family, and Achieving Excellence

Important Upcoming Dates

March 23-25: 4x4x48 Extreme Retreat (details below)

March 28: Lenten Reconciliation Service (by House), 12:45-2pm

March 28: Spring Speaker Series, 7pm (College Planning–details below)

March 29: Lenten Reconciliation Service (by House), 12:45-2pm

April 4: 40 Cans for Lent and House Bowl complete

April 6: Holy Thursday/Stations of the Cross, 1pm

April 7: Good Friday (No School)(Archdiocese Faith Walk)

April 9: EASTER SUNDAY

April 10: Easter Monday (No School)

April 16-22: CLOSE UP Trip to Washington DC

April 18: School Board Meeting, 6pm followed by Townhall meeting to discuss move to 3A

sports, 7:15pm

April 19: JH PSAT Testing/HS "Day of Service" (details to follow)

April 20: Principal-Parent Forum, 7pm followed by Townhall meeting to discuss move to 3A sports. 8pm

April 28: Community Talent Show, 6-8pm (details below)

April 29: High School Prom-Viking Hall, 8-11pm

May 5: Last Day with Class of 2023 (Transfer of the Light of Christ Mass @ 7:45am) and Farewell "Cinco De Mayo" Party for departing teachers from 1-3pm (details below)

May 10: Class of 2023 Baccalaureate Mass, 7pm

May 11: Class of 2023 Graduation, 7pm

May 22-23: Final Exams (dismissal at 1pm)

May 23: Students Last Day/Summer Break Begins!

Principal's Update

This post Spring Break week has been a whirlwind! We congratulated our high school girls basketball team for winning the 1A Alaska State Championship last weekend, the first time in our school's history! The local news was plastered with photos, videos, and articles of all things Lumen Christi! To further demonstrate that our athletes are scholars first and foremost, the girls team was recognized with the ASAA/First National Bank Academic Award for having the highest GPA of all 16 teams in the State tournament. Well done, ladies!

While our boys team got knocked out of the tournament after two losses, we are also very proud of the way they have developed over the season and look forward to seeing their future successes!

Many thanks to our awesome coaches (Kenny, Marisa, Pat and Willie) for their leadership throughout the season and to the <u>many, many fans</u> who came out to cheer our teams at each game! We are Lumen Strong!

Today, we were blessed to host the Gold Crew of the USS ALASKA (SSBN-732), a nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine, for a Q&A session. It was an informative presentation with some great questions from our students about life aboard a nuclear submarine and the military in general! Alaska News Source was on site to interview students so be sure to watch the news for more great news about our school in the coming days.

Please see attached letter highlighting our interim policy on the use of public correspondence school allotment funds here at Lumen Christi. I know there has been much talk and discussion about the issue, and we hope that the letter provides you more information going forward. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

You should also hear from your son or daughter's Theology teacher next week about the requirements for our Faith in Action program and where your child stands on his or her number of hours. As per our Handbook, a student's Faith in Action hours count for 10% of his or her semester Theology grade. 7th and 8th graders should put in 20 hours (10 per semester), 9th and 10th graders should put in 30 hours (15 per semester), and 11th and 12th graders should put in 40 hours (20 per semester). In order to have our students experience as many varied opportunities as possible, we encourage them to do a third of their hours in each of the following categories or "buckets": School, Parish, and Community. Students should check out the Faith in Action bulletin board in the hallway at school. It is regularly updated with service opportunities available for every category of service! For example, students can attend daily Mass for school hours, participate in the Legion of Mary for parish hours, or make sandwiches for community hours...along with much, much more!:) We are delighted to see all the ways that our young people are showing leadership, service, and excellence in the school, parish, and community! Thank you parents for assisting with this important service learning aspect of our school program.

Finally, I would like to once again extend an invite to attend our School Board Spring Speaker Series next Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm. A 4-5 member panel will be discussing college planning including financial aid, scholarships, applications, essays, SATs, academics, and athletics. Bring your son or daughter and have your questions answered. This is a free event and open to all grades! We will have a small reception afterwards with drinks and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

May you have a blessed and wonderful weekend!

Virtue of the Week



Please click here for more information on the virtue of the week:

https://virtuestrength.org/sites/default/files/newsletter-assets/Generosity%202022-2023%20Mini%20PDF.pdf

Front Office News

Rub-a-Dub-Dub

Do you still have Gala linens in your tub?! We're missing a few totes of Gala linens that went home for washing and folding. Please get those returned so the Gala Shed can be buttoned up for the season! Thank you for your help in getting them washed and returned!

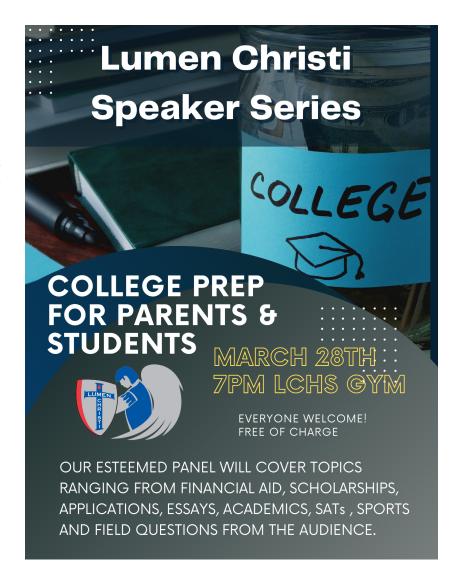
School Board Members Needed

Lumen Christi High School is currently seeking **two** interested parents or community members to join our School Board. Members serve a four year term. The School Board currently meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, August - May, either online or in person. If you are interested in serving on the School Board, please contact Fr. Tom Lilly at tillly@stbenedictsak.com or 907-317-9042.

Speaker Series

You're invited to our Speaker Series this upcoming Tuesday! Learn more about College Prep for Parents & Students!





College, Career, and Vocation Information

Please click on the link for the most current information from our Dean of Academics and Senior Advisor, Mrs. Brewer. This is great information not just for our current seniors and their families, but juniors and their families too - it's never too early to start planning for your time after high school!

■ News From Mrs. Brewer

Farewell Celebration



Click here to RSVP: Cinco De Mayo RSVP



Thank you Gold Crew of the USS ALASKA (SSBN-732) !!!

Archangel Sports

Jr High Soccer

Final Jamboree Saturday, April 1st

Track and Field

Practice has begun! Day/time of meets TBA

Campus Minister Thoughts



I was blessed to be able to attend two World Youth Days. Germany and Australia. At a catechetical site in Germany, we were given a talk by Cardinal Francis Arinze. (Pictured below)

He opened the talk by asking the Youth, "What is the one thing better than Mass?" As the silence fell over the gathering, not knowing for sure what this answer would be, Cardinal Arinze broke into a big smile and said, "Another Mass of course!"

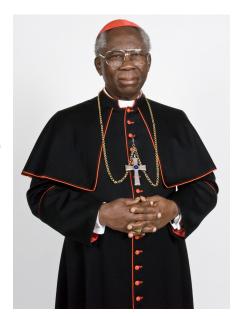
Mass is a wonderful time to center our busy worlds back on Christ. It is especially important for Youth, that seem to be bombarded with demands for their attention. Loudly the world demands attention, whereas God is found in the silence.

2 weeks ago at Jr High Youth night, I led a discussion on the answers for two simple questions. "What annoys you most at Mass?"

"What do you enjoy most at Mass?

I invite you to have a similar conversation with your students this week before Mass and see where it leads. It may lead to a common ground with your student. For me, it led me to appreciate parts of the Mass that I had left unnoticed prior to that.

Mass is a weekly requirement, which I am sure you all know already. However, our students need to understand that as well. The weekly discipline that may be required in the short run, to get them to weekly Mass, will eventually flower into a weekly (Hopefully Daily) desire to attend. As you are the first example of our Faith to your children, thank you for being a good role model.



St. Benedict Parish News & Invitations



St. Benedict's Annual Fish Fry

Join us for Fish Fry on this Friday, March 24th at 5:45 PM

Super Sunday Fun for All Ages!

Contact Gabe O'Lena: golena@stbenedictsak.com for a schedule of events and activities!

Esto Vir Mens Group

Fr. Matthew Heynen from Holy Family will be presenting at our next Esto Vir.

It will be on **April 13th at 7PM**. Food and topic to be announced.

St. Therese's Camp Young Adult Retreat



Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral Invitation

You are invited by the Ortega Family and OLG Cathedral to join them this **Sunday, March 25th** for a special celebration of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Our Lady of Guadalupe) at the **11:30** mass followed by fellowship and delicious food (pozole)!

Lumen Christi will have reserved pews.

Spanish 1 & 2 will receive extra credit for attending.



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