



February 25, 2024

Dear friends and past supporters of Family Promise of Ozaukee County:

Blessings and peace to you! First, thank you so much for all you have done this past year to help the Lumen Christi St. Vincent de Paul program to serve our neighbors in need. The start of 2024 calls for an update regarding the Family Promise Program and a request to join us in this worthwhile community endeavor, if you have not yet already done so.

As you may know, one year ago, the PortLight Shelter celebrated its ribbon cutting at 1505 Sunset Road in Port Washington. No longer would parishes be needed to house the homeless on cots in their meeting rooms. Rather, a beautiful facility with privacy and security provides housing with dignity for families and single people who are experiencing homelessness due to a myriad of circumstances. In 2023, forty-three (43) households were given a fresh start including forty-six (46) adults and twenty-four (24) children. Furthermore, approximately 9,526 meals were served over the year.

While the facility is a tremendous haven, the guests still need our support. Lumen Christi, along with other Ozaukee County churches, will continue to make and serve meals every week to the people and families temporarily residing at the shelter. We would, once again, like to thank all of you for your past help and encourage you to consider joining us in this effort if you have not recently had the chance. In 2024, Lumen Christi Parish is committed to providing dinner for guests for a total of five weeks. Though we have had a good response in the past by utilizing Sign-Up Genius, organizers thought we could reach others who would rather avoid technology.

To that end, please find enclosed the schedule for the upcoming year. Each month is listed and each volunteer opportunity is explained. Please look it over and see if there are any dates or tasks with which you might like to help. Fill out the form, mark your calendars, and mail the form back to Lumen Christi to the attention of SVdP by March 18. Be assured, the week before we are scheduled, we will confirm how many people are staying at the shelter in order to know how much food/drinks, etc. are needed. We will then email you or call you with those numbers and remind you of your task. If you strongly prefer one method of communication over the other, please note that on your sign up sheet.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Family Promise of Ozaukee County! Please contact Marguerite Dargiewicz at 414-379-2280 or margdarg@gmail.com with any questions.

Many blessings,

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