



# THE BLEAT

The Lumen Christi Student Newsletter



## Students March for Life in D.C. and Indy

By Annalise O'Daniel

Lumen Christi students in grades 5-12 attended March for Life events last month, with the high school students traveling to Washington, D.C., and the younger students marching in Indianapolis. The students in D.C. heard a speech by President Trump in addition to March for Life president Jeanne Mancini and several others.

"It was really wonderful being out there with all our fellow Christians, marching for and supporting something we all believe in," said high school student Bella Brown.

The high school students departed for D.C. Jan. 23 after morning mass and a blessing from Father McCarthy. They traveled all day, checked into a hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and after dinner headed to D.C. for a tour of the famous monuments. Then they joined the March the following day.

Before the Jan. 22 march in Indianapolis, the 7th and 8th grade boys



8th grade boys served with Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty at the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Two students also sang with the archdiocese choir. Students then headed downtown for the local march.

"I love being pro-life," said 8<sup>th</sup>-grader Arielle Richert. After returning from both of the marches, all of the students felt as if they had furthered the cause of life.



# Featured Teacher: Elizabeth Welch Helps Lumen Christi Students Sing for God

By Arielle Richert

Miss Elizabeth Welch is our featured teacher this issue, as selected by *The Bleat* staff.

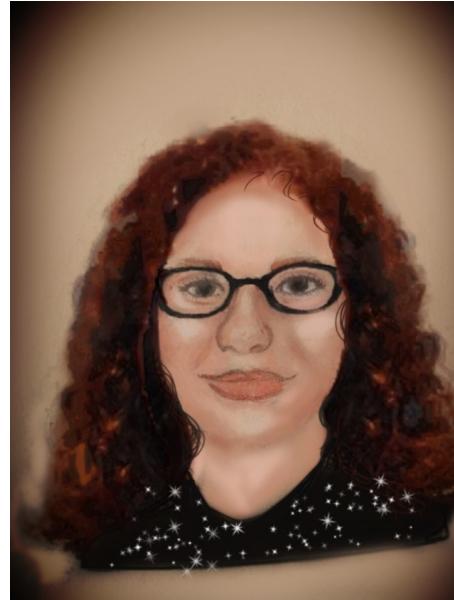
She is mostly known as our music teacher but also teaches theology of the body and high school English. In addition to teaching at Lumen Christi, she is the music director at Holy Rosary Parish. Miss Welch earned a bachelor of science degree in music from the University of Indianapolis in 2006.

"I have been performing, teaching, and directing music for many years," Miss Welch said. "I enjoy helping others find their true musical voice through the acquisition of technical skill and music literacy."

She likes working at Lumen Christi because all the students and teachers care for each other and are working together to accomplish God's will in the world.

Her students say things like: "Miss Welch is the best music teacher you will encounter." "She is patient and good with her classes." "Everyone loves her."

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Original drawing  
by Sofia Lynch

Miss Welch has a lot of hobbies that include reading, canoeing, knitting, and hiking. She loves music, of course, and some of her favorite composers are Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Dvorak. She also loves rock and some pop music.

## New Teacher Sought for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

By Victor Gallagher

Lumen Christi is currently looking for a teacher for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The job description seeks a teacher who loves the Catholic faith and fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church, loves students and has good rapport with them, has effective classroom management skills and high expectations for students, and is professional, organized, punctual, and collaborative, with strong communication skills.

Certification is not a requirement. Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Mr. Robert Collins, headmaster. The new teacher will replace Mrs. Lazarus, who left at the end of first semester. Currently, Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Collins are teaching the classes.

## Cope's Corner

Tom Cope, math and science teacher, has agreed to provide *The Bleat* with a joke for each issue this school year. Enjoy!

*Why do Romans have trouble with Algebra?*  
Because X always equals 10.



## Catholic Schools Week Celebrated

By Sophia Denney

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic Education during the last week of January. Lumen Christi has celebrated the event for the past couple of years.

The week included a teacher guessing game in which students were given a description of a teacher and had to guess which Lumen Christi teacher it was. There also was a special teachers' luncheon, and students collected items for Fr. McCarthy, Fr. Newton, and Fr. Paul. Students also collected power snacks for Indianapolis police officers. And, of course, there was the exciting students vs. faculty volleyball tournament.

## Boys Basketball Team Completes Season



By Victor Gallagher

The Lumen Christi Catholic School's boys CYO basketball team had another successful season this year, ending the regular season with a 4-3 record before losing in the playoffs. The Saints, made up of sixth- and seventh-graders, played all year against seventh- and eighth-graders.

The Saints lost their first-round playoff game 54-20 to St. Maria Goretti, a Carmel team which went undefeated in the regular season. As shown above, the team members demonstrate their faith by praying before the games.

## Former LCCS Student Dies

By Sophia Denney

A few weeks ago the Lumen Christi community was shocked and saddened at the sudden death of a past classmate, Jonathan Roller. Jonathan came to Lumen Christi in the middle of his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year last school year. After graduating, he attended Scecina Memorial HS, where he played football and basketball.

Jonathan was a kind and helpful person, always smiling and laughing. He was so good with little kids, always holding his little siblings during church. Jonathan was such an amazing, beautiful soul. His death helped many of us realize the reality of tragic teen deaths and how they affect everyone. He will be sincerely missed, as we remember what a light he was to all the students and faculty at Lumen Christi. Please continue to pray for Jonathan's soul and also for his family as they heal from their tragic loss.





## Cooper Olecki Wins Geography Bee — Again!

By Mary Motyka

For the second year in a row, Lumen Christi's school-wide National Geographic contest was won by sixth-grader Cooper Olecki. He was closely followed by seventh-grader Victor Gallagher, and then eighth-grader Clarissa Ocampo. The January 15th contest also included seventh-grader Sara Rosko and eighth-grader Leo Brown. High school health teacher Mrs. Carr conducted the competition.

Victor and Cooper tied in the final round and had to have a tiebreaking championship round. Everyone was on the edge of their seats. When Cooper won, the sixth grade roared. The rest of the contestants joined Cooper up front for a group photo.

When asked how he felt about winning again, Cooper simply said, "I feel great," and retreated to his classroom. Overall, the Geography Bee was a fun and educational event for the school.

## Saint Thomas Aquinas: Prayers and ice cream

By Stella Kolb

Saint Thomas Aquinas is one of Lumen Christi's patron saints. Every year in the month of January, the entire school participates in a novena to the saint. We are asking for the grace to become holy students and to grow in God's grace.

To conclude the novena and celebrate the great theologian, on his feast day January 28<sup>th</sup> the school joins together for ice cream sundaes in the gym,



for ice cream sundaes in the gym, which causes great excitement for the younger students (and older ones). This is a wonderful way to grow closer to God and celebrate Saint Thomas Aquinas.

## CALENDAR

- Feb. 11:** 5-8 Grade Choir at 7:30 Mass
- Feb. 14:** Feast of St. Valentine (pink/red shirts) OR Spirit Wear Day
- Deadline for discount for NEW families
- Feb. 17:** Presidents' Day - No Classes
- Feb. 21:** Sr. Loretto Mission Talk
- Feb. 24:** Shakespeare Contest
- Feb. 25:** Mrs. Mascari's Pasta Lunch
- Feb. 26:** Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 27:** Food Drive For St. Anthony's & Holy Trinity Food Pantry Begins
- Feb. 28:** Tickets go on sale for Light in the City annual dinner
- Feb. 29:** Family Night & Art Show