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Dear Parents,

As we approach Thanksgiving and the holiday season, a time that should be carefree for our families, we face a serious dilemma as a school and a community. How do we keep our students, faculty and staff safe as the coronavirus surges through our county and our country. Hospitals are filled and the death toll grows.

All at St. Francis Academy know how important it is to our families that we remain open. Our children attending school are thriving and our hybrid program is working well. The few incidents we have had were immediately taken to their safe and proper conclusions without incident.

The CDC urges the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is at home with the people in your household. No gatherings of more than ten people. Travel by plane, train, bus or car to any state beside New York, New Jersey or Connecticut requires a 14 day self quarantine. Parents, you are on your honor to keep our community safe. We need to obey the CDC regulations and self-quarantine until December 11th if we leave the state or gather in a large group. What do we teach our children if we ourselves do not follow these all important recommendations. This has nothing to do with political leanings or freedom, let us all live to see another better Thanksgiving and Christmas when we may come together with all our loved ones. Thank you, dear parents, for caring about all our children, parents, teachers and grandparents.

Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving and I hope you will use this beautiful prayer before dinner.

Oh God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry.

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless.

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all.

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer.

And remembering,

help me to destroy my complacency,

bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help,

by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

