



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Gospel of Matthew 5:16 beautifully summarizes the purpose of Christian witnessing in these words:

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

True worship that gives glory to God is also true service—one that brings comfort to our fellow human beings. God’s goodness and graciousness are alive and abundantly present in the life and ministries of our parish community. Each of us is growing in discipleship in our own unique and personal way, living out the call to discipleship through various ministries of our parish family.

There are countless reasons to rejoice and give thanks to God for His care and compassion in our lives. I personally

rejoice in the blessing that each of you is—your life, your participation in the joy of worship, and your contributions to the ministries of our community. Thank you for letting your light shine before others. Through the witness of your good works, may others joyfully encounter the love of God, and may He be glorified through you and your kind deeds.

We have experienced a fruitful year, both spiritually and in our shared mission. Your selfless and sacrificial support of the parish—through the generous sharing of your time, talent, and treasure—has made possible the many ministries and programs that serve our community. For this, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

To all who already serve the parish community—staff and volunteers—thank you for your discipleship

and dedication. I warmly invite each of you to go deeper in intentional discipleship, especially through the call to witness and evangelize. If you have not yet become involved in a ministry, I encourage you to consider joining one. Your gifts are needed, and you are an integral part of this vibrant community.

Connect with those around you—in the pews and beyond—and serve God in your own unique way, especially reaching out to those who are vulnerable and most in need of God’s love and light. In doing so, we continue to build up the “one family sharing the love and light of Christ” within our parish and in the world around us.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families abundantly.

In Christ,
Fr. Matthew Jacob, Pastor



LUMEN CHRISTI CONGREGATION
IS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
of over **6,363 parishioners** in **2,379 households**.



FUNDING OUR MISSION

	Year Ending: June 30, 2024 (Actual)	Year Ending: June 30, 2025 (Actual)	Year Ending: June 30, 2026 (Budget)
REVENUE			
Envelopes & Offertory	\$2,651,200	\$2,769,700	\$2,927,400
Bequests/Memorials	11,100	58,340	10,000
Parish Endowment for Operations	37,300	41,200	42,650
School Tuition	1,781,800	1,856,650	1,991,050
School Donations & Fundraising	448,000	280,330	225,000
Catholic Formation Tuition & Fees	92,800	86,650	96,200
Interest & Dividend Income	37,800	46,850	30,000
Other Parish Income	72,800	89,770	65,300
Total Revenues	\$5,132,800	\$5,229,490	\$5,387,600
EXPENSES			
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,594,000	\$3,780,400	\$4,009,000
Buildings & Grounds & Utilities	490,000	637,250	666,700
Capital Expenses	303,500	51,500	30,000
Supplies & Other Expenses	554,500	467,850	465,900
Archdiocese Assessment	189,400	215,500	215,000
Interest Expense	—	53,670	—
Total Expenses	\$5,131,400	\$5,206,170	\$5,386,600
Revenue over Expenses	\$1,400	\$23,320	\$1,000

TREASURER'S REPORT

THANK YOU for all you do as parishioners of Lumen Christi! Without your tremendous generosity of time and treasure, we could not accomplish the important things our parish did this past year. Thank you for being the love and light of Christ to each other and to those you meet daily. They will know we are Christians by our LOVE!

We completed fiscal 2025 with a surplus of approximately \$23,000 which is consistent with our budget. During this fiscal year, we completed our \$3.5 million project on budget which enhanced our school learning spaces. We continue to receive quarterly payments from the archdiocese from your generous contributions to the Love One Another campaign. Please see the summary included in this report for how we are using these funds. One important use has been to pay down our outstanding debt from the school project. As of the end of September 2025, our outstanding debt

approximates \$600,000. Our recent building projects have been successful – school enrollment and Mass attendance are both up! Without your past contributions, we would not have been able to make these improvements, which improved the quality of our ministries.

God has blessed us abundantly and we continue to use those blessings and do important things within our parish but also within the community. We are truly becoming the light of Christ! I wish you all many blessings in the year ahead!

God Bless,



Jon VanDrisse, Trustee Treasurer

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Lumen Christi is pleased to report the June 30, 2025 balances of our restricted funds. Restricted funds include any donations made & earmarked for a specific purpose by the donor. Lumen Christi's restricted funds include two endowment funds which act as reserve accounts for both parish & school. A portion of the endowment funds annual earnings are included in the operations each year.

\$919,100

Parish Endowment Fund

\$343,620

Cemetery Perpetual Care

\$1,713,400

School Endowment Fund

\$73,770

Helping Hand Fund

\$83,430

Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Lumen Christi defines active membership based on four pillars:

1. Being formally registered at the parish
2. Faithful participation at Sunday Mass and holy days
3. Regular financial contributions
4. Being engaged in at least one volunteer ministry

ENVELOPE & OFFERTORY

Parishioner envelope and offertory is our largest source of funding. In Fiscal 2025, 1,377 households contributed funds to the parish. This represents 57% of the total households. We ask all households to prayerfully consider contributing 2% or 3% of your household income, or a suggested minimum of \$1,200 annually. Many families contribute more than that for which we are grateful!

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN



THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Lumen Christi is entering its third year of its *Love One Another Campaign*. We were so blessed to exceed our goal and received pledges of \$4,170,870. The funds expected back to Lumen Christi are \$2,688,000.

Reconciliation of Funding/Uses thru June 30, 2024

FUNDS

Revenue received by Lumen Christi to date	\$1,588,160
Interest income	\$15,820

USES

Funds used to retire our 2014-2019 Building Project debt	(641,356)
Funds used for school 2024 Building Project including debt	(782,758)
Funds used for formation	(23,151)
Gift to twinning partner: St. Hyacinth Parish	(30,000)
Gift to twinning partner: Center for Working Families	(30,000)
Gift to twinning partner: Missionary Fraternity of Mary	(30,000)

Balance of fund as of June 30, 2025

\$66,715

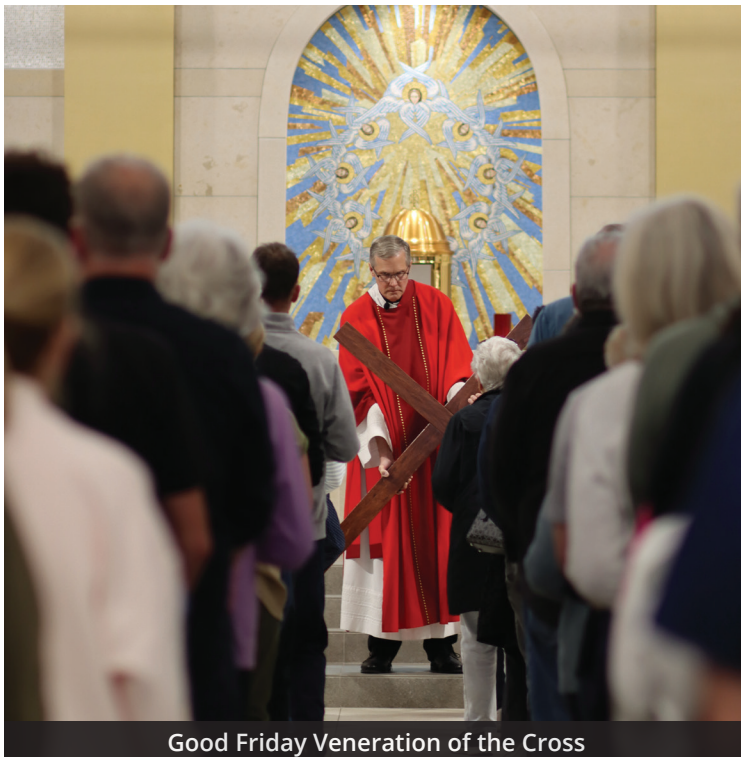
PRAYER & WORSHIP



Easter Vigil Mass



Choir members singing at Holy Thursday Mass



Good Friday Veneration of the Cross

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WITH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS' GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO:

- Have over **four hundred liturgical ministers** serving at four weekend liturgies, weekday Masses, on holy days, and civic holidays.
- Kick off the year in September with **The Council at 60 – Our Tradition Lives: *Morning of Prayer, Formation, and Training*** for our liturgical ministers, featuring keynote speaker Fr. Steve Lampe.
- Honor **Respect Life month in October**, and also feature our popular **Pet Blessing** on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. At the end of October, we featured a virtual display of our beloved departed parishioners for the **Commemoration of All Souls, as well as a procession to the cemetery.**
- Continue our **Music Ministry outreach** with celebrations at All Saints Catholic Church for their parish feast day, and at St. Hyacinth Parish for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Adult Choir in collaboration with the local Knights of Columbus brought **over 91 poinsettias** to homebound parishioners during the holiday season.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

72

Baptisms

12

Marriages

87

First Reconciliations

45

Funerals

87

First Communions

9

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

66

Confirmations

CATHOLIC FORMATION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WITH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS' GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO:

- Provide the subscription FORMED.ORG, available to all Lumen Christi parish members with 560 current registered users, including 46 new subscribers. 1,838 unique videos were watched. The most watched videos include: 1) *Proclaiming the Kerygma*, 2) *Bakhita: From Slave to Saint*, and 3) *A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai* by Paul Glynn.
- Gather for 10 Age of Wisdom sessions, which included educational, spiritual, and musical programs serving 45-90 seniors each session.
- Serve young families through Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9 AM Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month which averages 65 children each Sunday.
- Provide updated materials for our child friendly areas including: purchase of new children's books for our library, additional busy bag supplies, and faith centered toys for the St. Mother Theresa Room.
- Purchase and adopt new sacramental curriculum for students receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- Offer ongoing formation workshops for staff & catechists including the Archdiocesan Catechetical Conference, Called & Gifted Facilitator Training, and the I AM prayer ministry.
- Purchase a full set of Catholic Youth Bibles for Middle School Catholic Formation, which they use weekly in small groups teaching students to pray with scripture.
- Grow middle school youth group, a monthly event for middle school students to build community, play and pray together with fun themes like: water wars, game night, outdoor shenanigans, and white elephant.
- Host family events like *The Star* Movie Night, Lenten Movie Night, Popsicles on the Playground, and Bingo Family Night.
- Host Vacation Bible School for 64 children to engage in learning about Jesus and the Mass. They explored these topics through prayer, music, crafts, snacks, and science with the assistance of over 20 volunteers.
- Offer & support formation opportunities for adults throughout the year such as Soup & Substance, 40 Hours of Adoration, Night of Light, Encounter Nights, Biblical Walk through the Mass study, Becoming Catholic, multiples bible studies, prayer groups, and book groups which hundreds of parish members participated in throughout the year.

- Collect over 2,200 food items in order to pack 100 Thanksgiving meal boxes which fed 400 people for the Capuchins, with over 175 people volunteering.
- Hosted a Called & Gifted workshop.
- Host an evening of formation for parents and grandparents with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, TN: *Raising Saints in a Modern World*
- Offer a three-day Parish Mission with **national speaker Pete Burds** and musician Meg Aspinwall. The parish mission included four keynote talks by Pete, a presentation with the middle school students, dinner before each night, adoration, prayer & music, and confessions.
- Kick off Sprouts, a bi-weekly preschool ministry paralleled with Roots, a ministry for moms in the parish.
- Hold intergenerational that celebrate feast days: We celebrated All Saints on Friday, November 1st with a dinner, saint centered activities all leading to the 7 PM Mass. And Lumen Christi's feast day, the Epiphany, with the wise men leading the way to a live Nativity in St. Cecilia Hall sending families home with Epiphany House Blessing Kits.

PLAN FOR 2025-26

- Continue growing the current ministries to better serve the parish community.
- Use the Realm Connect parish database for Catholic Formation registration.
- Facilitate a pilgrimage to the Catholic Ecology Center on the Feast of St. Francis.
- Kick off a new First Friday ministry called Encounter Night for parish members which will include a community dinner, Holy Hour, and a child friendly break out session.
- Partner with Cursillo to provide retreat experiences for men & women of the parish.
- Offer onsite childcare for more events to better serve adults with young families.



Vacation Bible School

PARISH SCHOOL



Fine Arts Day



First day of school



Fun on the playground



Fr. Michael distributing ashes to 3K

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WITH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS' GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO continue building a school environment rooted in **faith, academic excellence, and community**. Your support has not only enhanced our facilities but has also enriched the daily experiences of every child who walks through our doors. From expanding early childhood classrooms and creating new learning spaces to hiring additional staff and strengthening student support, **every gift has made a meaningful impact** on our mission.

- **Open a new, larger cafetorium that:**
 - Serves as a daily lunch space for students
 - Host events like *Fine Arts Day*, welcoming over 300 attendees
 - Provides a vibrant, flexible space for sports games, school gatherings, and Catholic Formation programs
- **Create dedicated classroom spaces for our School Counselor and Spanish Teacher**, allowing both programs to flourish and giving homeroom teachers valuable prep time in their own classrooms
- **Expand and renovate our 3K classroom**, creating a safe and welcoming environment for all 32 of our youngest learners. With continued high demand, we are proud to offer a strong foundation in faith and learning from the very start

PLAN FOR 2025-26

We are excited to welcome **374 students this fall**—a continued sign of growth and of the strong partnership between our school and parish. Our theme for the year, **"I Am So Blessed,"** encourages our community to reflect on the many gifts God has given us and to live each day with gratitude and purpose. In doing so, we are especially thankful for the **generous donations and countless acts of support** from our parish community, whether through financial contributions, prayers, volunteer time, or words of encouragement. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our children, guiding them in both their academic journey and their Catholic faith formation as they grow into their **best possible selves**.



HUMAN CONCERNS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WITH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS' GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO:

- Coordinate the reusable tote bags out of t-shirts service project to benefit the Jim Luther New Hope Center food pantry, which has eliminated the use of many plastic bags.
- Support seven different hot meal programs and food pantries in both Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties with countless volunteer hours and in-kind donations, including the Franciscan Peacemakers lunch making program that made 3,600 lunches last year for our neighbors in need.
- Knights of Columbus supported Catholic Formation Youth Ministry by donating bibles for students to keep and organizing student contests for Free Throw, Citizen Essay, and Knowledge Contests.
- St. Vincent de Paul members provide weekly bible study sessions for inmates at the Ozaukee County Women's Jail in addition to hosting two Bundle Sundays that also support neighbors in need.

- Award \$37,000 in grant money to local organizations that fulfill the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Collected and donated over 1,000 gifts which were so lovingly chosen by parishioners to be received by over 100 families served by the Kinship Community Food Center, the Christ Child Society, and the Ladies of Charity

PLAN FOR 2025-26

- Support the pilgrimage to one of our international twinning partners, the Missionary Fraternity of Mary, in Guatemala from August 11-18.
- Organize the *Hello, Neighbor* racial justice series titled, "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" to address food insecurity.
- Collaborate with Catholic Formation to host the Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation to the Catholic Ecology Center on October 4.
- Host a pastoral care workshop on February 7, 2026 to discuss aging with grace, caregiving, and end of life planning.
- Partner with Buildings and Grounds on the continued development of the Canticle of Creation Garden.



Knights of Columbus directing parking for Christmas



Loading Angel Tree items into vans



Donated Angel Tree items ready for shopping



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ONE FAMILY SHARING THE LOVE & LIGHT OF CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WITH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS' GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO:

- Welcome over 100 new families to the parish in Fiscal 2025.
- Conduct our annual New Parishioner Breakfast this past October by inviting all new parishioners to visit with commission leads and parish leaders.
- Contribute to the parish's Active Membership Campaign with weekly bulletin articles on encouraging parishioner sign-ups, weekly attendance, formal giving, and committee participation.

- Mail hundreds of birthday cards to senior parish members throughout the year with hand-written blessings and birthday messages.

PLAN FOR 2025-26

- Launch the New Parishioner Sponsorship Program for 2025-2026 where new parishioners are assigned to an experienced parish members for welcoming, camaraderie, and questions.
- Launch the 2025-2026 parish census to better identify the size of the parish population and our needs looking to our future together.

OUR VISION

One Family Sharing the Love & Light of Christ.

OUR MISSION

Lumen Christi Catholic Parish proclaims the Word, celebrates the liturgy & sacraments, & serves the community.