

# LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**MASS SCHEDULE:** TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30 AM | SATURDAY: 4:30 PM | SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



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## Thank you, Fr. Michael!



### A WORD OF GRATITUDE

This weekend, with both gratitude and a touch of sadness, our parish community prepares to bid farewell to Fr. Michael, after two and a half years of devoted ministry here at the parish.

We acknowledge and thank Fr. Michael for the indelible mark of his personal and ministerial leadership upon our parish community. We have been profoundly moved by his deep humility and the inspiring ways he has witnessed to the Love of God through his ministries to our community and its mission.

Every priest's first assignment is a foundational blessing—a pivotal experience that shapes the future of his pastoral outreach and missionary vision. We pray that Fr. Michael's time with us, though brief, has been a source of immense joy and grace, and that his ministry at Lumen Christi will forever be an inspiring and spiritual chapter in his life story.

Fr. Michael, as you embark on your next calling, please accept the overflow of our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering faith, dedication, and kindness you have shared. Your gentle guidance, the wisdom in your homilies, and your genuine care for every soul in the pews have helped us grow stronger as one community of believers. Thank you for walking with us in our faith journey.

Though we will miss your presence and ministry at the parish immensely, we send you forth with our constant prayers and best wishes.

May God bless your new assignment with abundant grace, renewed joy, and continued fruitfulness in your priesthood. May the Holy Spirit guide you; Christ sustain you, and Our Lady watch over you and intercede for you always.

**Fr. Matthew & the Lumen Christi Community**





## SOLEMNITY OF *Mary,* HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31 | 4:30 PM  
Thursday, January 1 | 9:00 AM

Join us for Mass on this holy day of obligation to celebrate Mary as the Mother of God & her unwavering faith & trust in God!



## NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE NOTES

### Communion Service

There will be no communion service on January 1.

### Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no adoration on December 31 & January 1.

### Confessions

There will be no confessions on January 1.

## CHRISTMASTIDE THANKS

Thank you to all who have made our worship beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons:



- Thanks to Bob Gosewehr, Tom Hogan, John Rosing, Dale Kehoss, Mark Cywinski, Ben Broghammer, Clair Conor, Rick Lee, Luke Buehler, and Jim Kemmer for setting up the outdoor creche; to Charlie Daub and Brian Kruger for assembling the indoor stable built by Bob Yearling.
- Thanks to Jim Brown at Regency Florist for our beautiful poinsettias and live trees and our wonderful outdoor decorations.
- Thank you to Betty Rubner for the cover of our Christmas songbook.
- Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for helping direct Christmas traffic.
- Thanks to all of our liturgical ministers for their service at Christmas and throughout the liturgical year.
- Thanks to our dedicated music ministers for all the extra time they share with the parish in this season of celebrating;
- Thank you to Liturgy Assistants Stephanie Kapta and Teri Roberts, and of course, thank you to Lumen Christi parishioners whose prayer, presence, and generous stewardship make everything possible!

Thank you and many blessings in the New Year!

**Margaret Caldwell**

Director of Liturgy and Music



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AT ST. HYACINTH

Cold weather could not keep Lumen Christi parishioners from traveling to St. Hyacinth in Milwaukee, our local twinning partner, for a lovely celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass was followed by homemade tamales and Mexican pastries. Thank you, St. Hyacinth, for your wonderful hospitality!

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Communion Services (Chapel)

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri | 7:15 AM  
Sat | 8:30 AM

### Reconciliation (Church)

Sat | 9 - 10 AM

### MONDAY

Caring for Caregivers ..... 9 AM  
Room: Chapel

### SUNDAY

CF: Child Ministry Classes ..... 10 AM  
Room: School classrooms



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR NEW YEAR'S January 1

Closed all day

## JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY

# *to welcome*

our new associate pastor,  
Fr. Ariel Orozco

*After the 9 AM & 11 AM Masses  
on Sunday, January 11*

### AGE OF WISDOM MEETING

**Tuesday, January 6**

**1:30 PM | St. James Hall**

Detective Cory Polishinski from the Mequon Police Department will be our speaker at the next Age of Wisdom meeting. He will discuss scams and other safety issues affecting our community. All are welcome to join us for an informative program, dessert, and fellowship. Contact Kathy Shields at [shieldsk@lumenchristiparish.org](mailto:shieldsk@lumenchristiparish.org) or (262) 512-8981 with questions.

### TUESDAY EVENING BOOK CIRCLE

All are welcome to join us. We usually meet in **St. Elizabeth** at **7:00 PM** on the **first Tuesday of each month**. However, we will not meet in January. The selection for the **February 3** meeting will be ***Spirit Wheel*** by **Steven Charleston**. Contact Judy Gilroy at (262) 242-4278 or [rgilroy@wi.rr.com](mailto:rgilroy@wi.rr.com) with questions.



# Night of Light

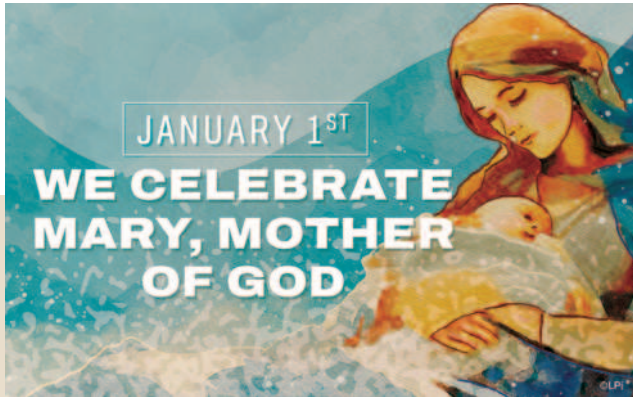
*An evening for women to come together for fellowship & reflection*

**Saturday, January 17 | 5:30 - 8:15 PM | St. Cecilia Hall**

All women ages 18 & up are invited to join us for dinner & fellowship followed by prayer & reflection by **Grace Mazza Urbanski**, on the ***Sacred Heart of Jesus: the Origin Story***. Register via the parish website or by scanning the QR code.







## DAILY OBSERVANCES & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 29

*Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*

### Tuesday, December 30

*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
8:30 AM † Kathleen Kenda*

### Wednesday, December 31

*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
St. Sylvester I, Pope  
8:30 AM † Adam Berk*

*Mass of Anticipation:*

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
4:30 PM For the parishioners of Lumen Christi*

### Thursday, January 1

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
9:00 AM † Phillip Jennings*

### Friday, January 2

*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops & Doctors of the Church  
8:30 AM † Helen Schultz  
(Anointing of the Sick the last Friday of the month after Mass)*

### Saturday, January 3

*Christmas Weekday  
Mass of Anticipation: The Epiphany of the Lord  
4:30 PM † Virginia Horbinski*

### Sunday, January 4

*The Epiphany of the Lord  
7:30 AM For the parishioners of Lumen Christi  
9:00 AM † Barbara Arbogast  
11:00 AM † Marilyn Ann Tomczak*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Tyler	Marjorie	Richard Thoma	Kayden
Matthew	Drehfal	Judy N.	David
Ceelen	Martha	Mike Kaske	Mary Beth
Susan	Christine Essex	Olivia	Willichowski
Rosemary	Gloria Fritsch	Gerald & Linda	Catherine
Moore	Inge Kraninger	Lafferty	Steve Paulson
Julie	Patrick Swan	Jess	Dori Storch
Dave Ostrenga	MJR	Matt	Don
David	John B.	Marie	Lisa D.
Margaret	Brian Merkel	Robert	Cooper
Fritsch	Sue	Betty Ollerman	Minahan

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-406

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## WE WELCOME INTO THE FAITH THOSE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

**Jolie Mae,**  
daughter of Cameron & Noreen Marotta

**Luca Jacob,** son of Jacob & Karley Laihinen

**Elizabeth Michelle,** daughter of David & Joanna Peters

**Grayson James,** son of Alexander & Sarah Prickett



## IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY:

Born to eternal rest on December 10, 2025

### PATRICIA FRAZIER

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

## ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Please note: There will be no Eucharistic adoration on December 31 & January 1.

There will also be no confessions on January 1.

## COMMUNION SERVICES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 7:15 AM | Saturday at 8:30 AM

*Please note: There will be no communion service on January 1.*

## BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM | ST. CECILIA HALL

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- SCAN THE QR CODE
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### POINSETTIAS TO THE HOMEBOUND

On December 5th, Lumen Christi elves delivered 93 poinsettias on behalf of the parish to those who are regular recipients of communion from our Communion to the Homebound Ministers. This was a collaborative effort between the Mequon-Thiensville Knights of Columbus, our parish music ministry, and our communion-to-the-homebound ministry. Special thanks to Steve Olkowski for organizing the project, to Peggy Knorr, Bridget DeLoge, and our many volunteer drivers.

**If you or a family member are unable to make it to Mass and would like to arrange for communion to be brought to you, please call the parish office at 262-242-7967.**



*Pictured above: Greg Von Roenn (Kof C Program Manager) & Steve Storch (K of C Program Director) with winners/honorable mentions Emma, Katey, Karina, & Sophia. (Tatum was unavailable for photo.)*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCE ESSAY WINNERS

The Knights of Columbus St Pope John XXIII Council 5438 in Mequon have announced the winners of its 2025 8th grade Catholic Citizen Essay Contest. This contest gives students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic Citizen in many different scenarios and strengthens the bond between the Knights of Columbus, Lumen Christi school, and public schools.

**The theme this year, appropriate given the new election of a pope, was "There have been 267 Popes since Jesus Christ who laid the foundation for the Catholic Church. Who are your 3 favorite popes? Why?"**

There were 28 entrants from the Mequon area. The winners were announced and prizes awarded (Marcus Theatre gift certificates) on Tuesday, December 9th at Lumen Christi School. Congratulations to all winners and participants!

#### The winners are:

- **1st Place:** Katey
- **3rd Place:** Sophia
- **2nd Place:** Emma
- **Honorable Mention:** Karina & Tatum

*The winners and their essays will now move on to the Milwaukee Archdiocesan competition where judging will occur in February.*

## WINTER 2026 BOOK STUDY

### Join Us for a 3-part book discussion on ZOOM

Join members of the Hello, Neighbor Tri-Parish Racial Justice Collaborative for a virtual, winter book study on *How the Other Half Eats: The Untold Story of Food and Inequality in America*.

Below are the **TWO options** for discussion dates and times:

- Tuesdays (Jan 20, Jan 27, Feb 3) | 7 PM - 8:30 PM
- Wednesdays (Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4) | 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

**Registration is open on the parish website.** Call Catherine in the parish office with any questions.

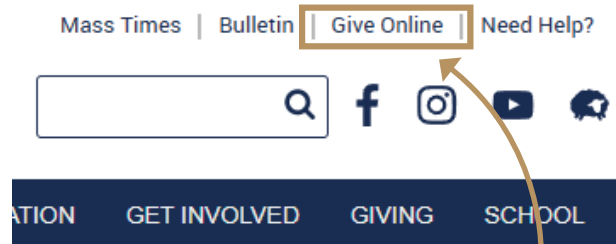


## THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2026 PLEDGE

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their pledge forms. Your generosity of spirit and treasure is truly a blessing.

For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a once yearly gift to support the needs of our parish. **To make year end donations easy, donate via our online giving site! An easy access link located at the top of our parish website labeled "Give Online."**

*Thank you for contributing to Lumen Christi!*



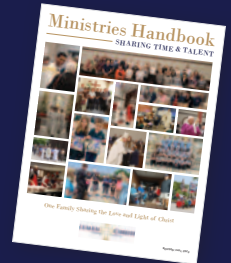
## REMINDER FOR END-OF-THE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2025 must arrive in the parish office by Wednesday, December 31, 2025 or be postmarked by that date. All other checks will be posted to 2026, regardless of the date of the check.

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

*Jesus calls us to be workers in the vineyard of God's Kingdom. How can you give back to God with your time & talent?*

If you would like to know more about any of our ministries, a copy of our Ministry Handbook, can be viewed online at the parish website.



## CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

This group provides loving and prayerful support for those who are caring for loved ones in need. Members share concerns and challenges, while receiving helpful information to provide the best care for their loved one. Meetings are every other Monday from 9:00-10:30 AM in the Chapel. If you would like to know more, please contact Susie Miller at (262) 751-9564 or skmiller1@icloud.com.



## BROKEN/UNUSED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Last spring, Lumen Christi participated in a local electronics recycling drive that yielded over \$450 back to our parish for continued Care for Creation efforts. **Please drop off any broken/unused Christmas lights to the Works of Mercy Donation Area** to be recycled in next year's drive.

Thank you!

## PEOPLE'S TABLE GREATEST NEEDS

(formerly the Jim Luther New Hope Center)

Canned meats, canned fish, toilet paper, small sized Kleenex (80-100 count), small lotion, small conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, small dish detergent, & plastic grocery bags. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be written to People's Table. Volunteers are always needed on Tuesdays from 12 - 2:30 PM & Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6 PM.

Call Steve Pollock with any questions at (414) 916-5944.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all

happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans. ©LPi

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA: JUST FOR FUN! ©LPi

Question: Which saint is the patron saint of priests? Answer: St. John Vianney



### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

The St. Gertrude Prayer reads: "Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen."

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*(subject to change for holy days & holidays)*

Monday-Thursday | 8 AM - 4:30 PM & Friday | 8 AM - 3 PM

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Thursdays from 4-5 PM & Saturdays from 9-10 AM or by appointment. *(subject to change for holy days & holidays)*

**Baptism:** Preparation is required. Arrangements can be made through the Baptism Coordinator, Kathy Shields.

**Matrimony:** By appointment only. Please make arrangements at least six months to one year in advance by calling the parish office.

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Make sure to follow Lumen Christi Parish & Lumen Christi School on Facebook and Instagram! Get the light of Lumen Christi Parish right in your newsfeed & follow the exciting and inspirational activities that take place in our school!

**Lumen Christi Parish:** @lumenchristicatholicchurch (Facebook & Instagram)

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