



Lumen Christi CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**Fourth Sunday of
Advent**

December 19, 2021

Mary set out and traveled to
the hill country in haste
to the town of Judah,
where she entered
the house of Zechariah and
greeted Elizabeth.

— Luke 1:39-40

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30 am CH, Livestreamed
 Youth Faith Formation 9:30 am CR, 1CON
 Mass 10:30 am CH
 Handbell Choir at 10:30 am Mass

Monday, December 20

Mass 7:45 am CH
 Eucharistic Adoration 8:15 am - Noon Ch
 Trauma Sensitive Yoga 6:00 pm CRW
 Advent Homily Faith Sharing Groups 2:00 pm Zoom
 Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 pm, CH or Livestreamed

Tuesday, December 21

Mass 7:45 am CH

Wednesday, December 22

Mass 7:45 am CH
 Christmas Worship Environment Set up 10:00 am CH
 Adult Choir 6:30 pm CH

Thursday, December 23

Mass 7:45 am CH
 Handbell Choir 6:30 pm CH

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Parish Office closed
 No Confessions
 Mass 2:00 pm CH, Masks required
 Mass 4:00 pm CH, Livestreamed
 Mass 6:00 pm CH



Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

Mass 8:30 am CH, Livestreamed
 Mass 10:30 am CH,

Sunday, December 26

Feast of the Holy Family

One Mass

Mass **9:30 am** CH, Livestreamed

Prayer Line

Our parish prayer line is here to support you in prayer. Send us your prayer intentions by phone or email. Contact Eric Fought at efought@lumenchristicc.org or call 651-370-1611.

Weekly Collection Update

Week ending	<u>Dec. 4/5</u>	YTD <u>2021</u>
Total Collection	\$30,499.26	\$1,239,215.79
Budget	\$49,225.00	\$1,167,747.20
Variance	- \$18,725.74	\$71,468.59

*Thank you for your donation.
 We are extremely grateful.*

Parish News

Please Make Reservations for Christmas Masses

Visit lumenchristicc.org or call the parish office at 651-698-5581 for assistance. Masks are required for the 2:00 pm Mass and recommended at the other Masses.

Christmas Eve Masses

2:00 pm Music: *Cantors, Trumpet, Strings*
Masks Required

4:00 pm Music: *Adult Choir, Brass, Trio, Livestream*
 Due to Covid 19 concerns, no children's enactment of the Christmas story.

6:00 pm Music: *Cantors, Brass, Trio*

Christmas Day Masses

8:30 am Music: *Cantors, Hand Bell Choir, Brass, Strings, Livestream*

10:30 am Music: *Adult Choir, Brass, Trio*

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31

No 7:45 am Mass Friday, December 24

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday December 26

There will only be one Mass at 9:30 am.



Lumen Christi Catholic Community warmly welcomes

Hawkins Thomas Krueger
 into the community of faith.

Working to Keep Worship Safe

- Masks are recommended.
- Our liturgical ministers wear masks before, during and after services while interacting with parishioners.
- Our priests and Eucharistic ministers sanitize their hands and wear masks during the consecration and distribution of the Eucharist. Receiving Communion on the tongue is suspended at this time.
- We encourage you to spread out in the church.
- Please be mindful and take precautions around children who are not able to be fully vaccinated yet.
- If you are not feeling well please stay home.
- Livestreaming and recorded Masses are offered.

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Parish News

Advent Evening Prayer

Monday, Dec. 20, 7:00 pm, Main Church

Join us for a half hour of prayer, reflection and song.

Our last celebration of Advent Evening Prayer we want to especially invite all parishioners to join us for a time of prayer as we call to mind all those who are struggling with grief, loneliness, anxiety, depression, and addiction during this time of year. We also invite all those seeking a time of spiritual connection and community to be with us. A reception will follow the service. For more information, contact Eric Fought, Director of Care, Support, and Justice Ministries, efought@lumenchristicc.org, 651-370-1611.

Financial Support

We sincerely appreciate your donations to support the ministries at Lumen Christi. We hope you will remember a special gift for Lumen Christi this Christmas.

Each holiday season, Lumen Christi anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. Also with Christmas on a Saturday this year, we are expecting a lower attendance on Sunday, December 26, which does affect our budget. Please remember Lumen Christi this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity in helping our mission.

To Make an Electronic Donation:

1.) To make a credit card donation: or
Visit lumenchristicc.org and click on the Donate button



2.) To set up regular electronic giving visit lumenchristicc.org, click on Financial Stewardship and then Financial Commitment Form.

To Register as a Parishioner visit lumenchristicc.org, click on Community, Join the Parish.

Donations for 2021

Donations in the office can be accepted until 4:30 pm December 30. The parish office will be closed Friday, December 31. Donations for 2021 must be postmarked by December 31, 2021 as specified by IRS tax laws. Please call the parish office at 651-698-5581 if you would like further assistance.

Angel Tree

Angel Tree Thank You

A Thrill of Hope, The Weary World Rejoices!

We are filled with a thrill of hope as we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas at Lumen Christi. You have made the weight of the world lighter this Advent in purchasing gifts for 500 individuals and families! Thank you for your continuous efforts in responding to the call and your generosity in making sure all the tags were taken and no one was forgotten. This parish community is so very generous! Thank you. This Advent, you have alleviated some of the weariness in the world in exchange for the everlasting joy Jesus brings with His coming at Christmas.

You cared for this many people at these organizations:

Abria	44
Neighborhood House	122
Catholic Charities	173
Jeremiah House	40
Urban Academy	69
Prison Ministry	7
Parish and School families	



Special Thanks to:

Co-chairs: Shellee Micko, Nan Cedarblade,
Laurel Boerger

Sign-up Genius set-up: Sue and John Kaufenberg

Sorters: Deanna Abrahamson, Barb Meyer

Drivers: Mike Cedarblade, Tom Distad, Claire Distad,
Amy Kotch, Rick Osborne, Fran Ring, Dave Tyree

Pope Quotes

“God’s style is nearness, compassion and tenderness. He always draws near to us, is compassionate and tender...

Allow me to say, we are saints. But then, by our actions, we become sinners. But, fundamentally, we are saints.”

— Pope Francis



Christmas Season Flowers & Decor

If you would like to donate to our beautiful Christmas décor, and would like to give “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” someone, please put your donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Decor” with the following information and drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.

Donors Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Today's Readings

Audacity

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Understanding the Mass

The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."—C. Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

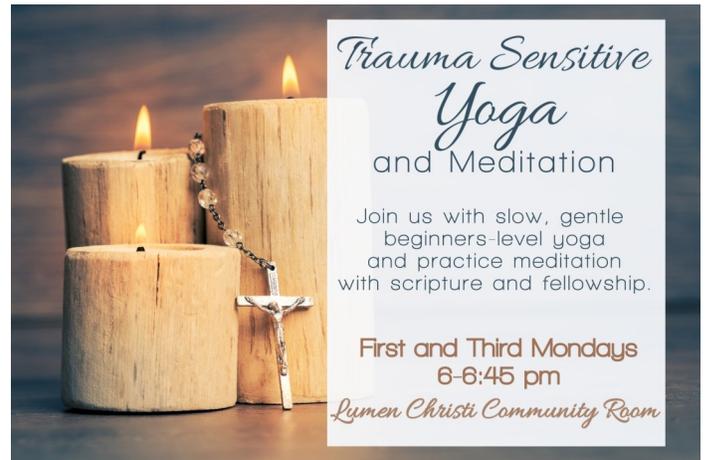
Care and Support



Time to Send Holiday Cards

This season can be a difficult time for some of us, especially our parishioners who are seniors, whether they are living independently, are homebound, or live in a care center. It can also be a challenging time for those who are sick or grieving.

Help us offer some holiday cheer this year by volunteering to send cards to parishioners in the coming weeks between now and Epiphany. When you sign up, you'll receive the names and addresses of three parishioners to send a festive holiday card to, letting them know that our community is thinking of them. If you're interested in participating, contact Eric Fought, Director of Care, Support, and Justice Ministries, efought@lumenchristicc.org or 651-370-1611. If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving holiday cards, please let Eric know.



The Christmas season is a wonderful time of year, but for some, anxiety and depression can be at an all time high. Join us at Lumen Christi for gentle, relaxing, and energizing beginners-level yoga and meditation that is trauma-informed and scripturally based. **Sessions will be held the first and third Mondays of each month in the community room, beginning in December, the next session will be December 20.** Join us any time! Friends and family are welcome. Please bring a mat. No cost. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Eric Fought in the parish office.

Financial Stewardship - Giving Appreciated Stock

Giving long term appreciated stock — stock that you've held for more than one year — to charity is a smart way to give for three reasons:

1. When the market is strong, the value of your gift is higher. Simply put, you have more to give.
2. You can give up to 30% more by avoiding capital gains tax on stock when you gift it to a charity or donor advise fund. This is especially beneficial when the stock has experienced significant growth.
3. You also receive an income tax deduction for the full value of the donation up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Work with your tax advisor to determine further benefits.

Contact Ryan Rehkamp at rrehkamp@lumenchristicc.org or 651-370-1615 to learn more or make a stock gift.

Lumen Christi Library Located down the main hallway

A Book of Uncommon Prayer (Brian Doyle)
Doyle was a Catholic journalist and author who died much too early. His legacy are writings that reflect the tangible reality of the Incarnation in the ordinary spaces of life. He always offers some fresh approaches to everyday spirituality where wonder, imagination, and joy thrive.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers
Growing out of the long-standing tradition that faith begins and is nurtured in the home, this contains inspired offerings for families and individuals. *Its prayers* mark the joys, sorrows, and daily routines of many generations. The book was developed by the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

Blessed Are You (Gwen Costello)
This collection of prayers offers Catholics a way to tap into their rich prayer tradition. The morning and evening prayers can be prayed in as little as ten minutes and yet infuse the day with God's presence. There are also seasonal prayers, prayers to and from the saints, prayers for special needs and occasions, and the stations of the cross.

Reminder: Sign up for Christmas Mass



Thanks to Claire and Tom Distad for helping deliver the Angel Tree gifts.

Do it. Justice

Lumen Christi

Casa Guadalupano

Worldwide, there are over 26 million individuals who have been displaced from their home countries. Of that large group, annually, the United States grants asylum to 30,000-40,000 individuals annually. The number being granted asylum has been steadily increasing each year in light of the number of conflicts around the world, the control of territories by gangs, and areas where a functioning government is nonexistent.

Currently, we have nine individuals living at Casa, a combination of single adults and two families. This includes five individuals from East Africa; one from Middle East; one South America; 2 from the Caribbean. There is plenty of news to reflect on and frankly be saddened by – the continuing circumstances along the border with Mexico; arrival of tens of thousands of individuals from Afghanistan; the continuing arrival of thousands of individuals from around the globe.

Significant Developments Since our Last Update

- Casa's youngest resident was born Nov. 12, 2021
- One resident moved out November 8. Two more moved out December 1.
- One resident remains on track to achieve his Mechanical Engineering Degree in December and will likely be moving in early 2022.
- Special Education services with St. Paul Public Schools and therapy through Fraser were arranged and implemented for the 5-year old resident.

Asylum Hearings

- Asylum hearings resumed at Fort Snelling in early July.
- The residents at Casa are waiting for the scheduling of their next hearing date.
- Earlier this summer there was a report that there are 1.3 million asylum cases on the dockets of the 69 immigration courts across the United States.

Cyber Attacks are Up

Ninety percent of Ransomware comes through email. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- Do not purchase gift cards or send money to ANY-ONE who requests it through email. Speak to the person making the request on the phone first before purchasing.
- Double check the email address the email was sent from if you are asked for any personal information.
- If you are not expecting a file from someone, do not open it.
- If you get an email from a company asking you to click a link to verify something (such as a password change or account information) **do not click the link in the email.** Go to the website directly to check your account.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18

4:30 pm †Phyllis Hullet

Sunday 19

8:30 am Lumen Christi
10:30 am †Edward T. Dahlin

Monday 20

7:45 am †Arlene Michienzi

Tuesday 21

7:45 am

Wednesday 22

7:45 am

Thursday 23

7:45 am

Friday 24

Christmas Eve
2:00 pm †James Haug

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

Saturday 25

Christmas Day
8:30 am
10:30 am

Sunday 26

9:30 am Lumen Christi

READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is livestreamed through our website and Facebook page.

Monday - Friday 7:45 am

Sacrament of Penance Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

Office Hours

8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Closed Fridays Memorial Day - Labor Day

New Parishioners Visit <https://lumenchristicc.org/new-parishioner-registration/> or stop in to the parish office to complete the paperwork. Please join us!

Find Out About Becoming Catholic Contact Lynn Schelitzche

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Contact Lynn Schelitzche

First Reconciliation & Eucharist Contact Lynn Schelitzche

Confirmation Contact Lynn Schelitzche

Christian Marriage Contact Fr. Paul Feela before setting your wedding date, *at least 6 months in advance* of the wedding date you would like.

Pastoral Visits / Communion for the Sick Contact Eric Fought

Sacraments for the Sick & Dying Contact Fr. Paul Feela

Anointing of the Sick At the onset of serious illness or before serious surgery.

Sacrament of the Dying (Viaticum) At the beginning of the dying process or after a terminal diagnosis.

Funeral Arrangements Contact your funeral home first and they will make the arrangements with the parish.

Liturgical Ministers, Environment, Intercessions Contact Amy Wittak

Adult, Junior, Handbell Choirs, Cantors, Instrumentalists Contact Mary Poepping

Parish Library Located down the main hallway from the Gathering Area.

Prayer Line Call Eric Fought, 651-370-1611, or email efought@lumenchristicc.org

Eucharistic Adoration Monday, 8:30 am - Noon (not on holidays)

Children's Liturgy of the Word Children 4 - 4th grade enjoy the Sunday Gospel at their level. Find a link on the homepage of the website under the Mass link.

Announcements

Bulletin Articles are due by Thursday at noon, a week before the article is in the bulletin. E-mail texts to mbisanz@lumenchristicc.org.

Mass Email awittak@lumenchristicc.org by Tuesday at noon for the coming weekend. Limit announcements to weekend events in the Gathering Area or parish-wide events in the coming week.

VIRTUS Training All adult volunteers and employees who have regular contact with youth are required to receive background checks and VIRTUS training. Contact Lynn Schelitzche or register at www.virtus.org.

SafeCatholicSPM.org If you or someone you know has been abused, your first call should be to law enforcement or child protection officials.

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 651-291-4475

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