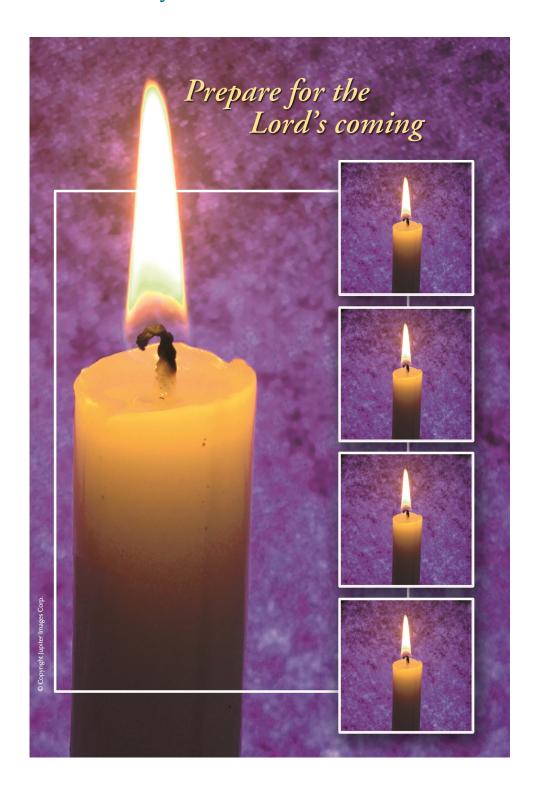


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### First Sunday of Advent, November 27th, 2022



#### **Parish Calendar**

#### Saturday, November 26th

Mass 4:30 pm CH

#### Sunday, November 27th

Mass 8:30 am CH, livestreamed

Mass 10:30 am CH

#### Monday, November 28th

Mass 7:45 am Ch

Eucharistic Adoration 8:15 - Noon Ch

#### Tuesday, November 29th

Mass 7:45 am Ch

#### Wednesday, November 30th

Mass 7:45 am Ch

Adult Choir Practice 6:30 pm CH

#### Thursday, December 1st

Mass 7:45 am Ch

Bell Choir Practice 6:30 pm CH

### Friday, December 2nd

Mass 7:45 am Ch

#### Saturday, December 3rd

Mass 4:30 pm CH

#### Sunday, December 4th

Mass 8:30 am CH, livestreamed

Mass 10:30 am CH

#### Adoration Mondays, 8:15 - Noon, Chapel

All are invited to drop in for prayer. Join the silence and feel Christ's presence in this hectic world.

#### Confessions Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Walk through the sanctuary to behind the choir area.

#### **Stewardship**

Reminder! Please send in their stewardship envelopes. If you've misplaced it, you can call into office and have a new one sent out.

#### **Weekly Collection Update**

Week ending	November 12/13	<b>CYTD 2022</b>
Total Collection	\$11,443.20	\$1,107,425.97
Budget	\$22,975.00	\$1,036,718.00
Variance	\$11,531.80	\$70,707.77

Thank you. Your contribution makes a difference.

#### **Care and Support**

#### It's Time for the Angel Tree Project!

Make Christmas a little brighter for someone in need by purchasing a gift for a child, senior, or other adult who could use some love and support this holiday season.



The selection of tags will once again be online through our parish website at www.lumenchristicc.org.

You will find the information on our homepage. This will then link you to a Sign-Up Genius form where you can select who you would like to buy a gift for.

The site is live now and the office can also help you select a tag. We hope that all the tags are selected so everyone receives a Christmas gift.

#### **Pastoral Care**

We are in need of Homebound Eucharist Ministers. Are you looking for a powerful way to make a difference in another parishioner's life?

As a Homebound Eucharist Minister you bring Christ's presence in the Eucharist and through your presence.

You also bring companionship to someone who may otherwise be isolated for long periods of time. People have found this to be a rewarding way to use their gifts because of the profound impact it has on the recipient.

Contact Steve, Director of Care, Support and Justice, to discern if this ministry may be a match for you.

Training will be provided, and time commitments can be made to fit any schedule.

#### **Prayer of the Week**

#### **Advent Praver**

Come, Lord Jesus.
O God, you are great indeed.
Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

#### **Musings of Deacon Mike**

"Brothers, select from you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them." (Acts 6:4, 6b).

Since the beginning of the Church the need for Deacons has been required. Diakonos, Greek, meaning to serve at table. Much more than a waiter.

The Deacon is most often seen at Mass assisting the priest. Their main duties are to proclaim the Word (Gospel and sometimes a Homily) and serve at the altar (table). These are distinct aspects of the Deacon. The Deacon of the Word and Deacon of the altar. Distinct in the aspects of the Mass, but seamless in execution. The area you may not see the Deacon is in his service duties to the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry and thirsty and those who need shelter and clothing. In short, their service to the Corporal Works of Mercy. The Deacon has an assignment that is outside of the Parish assignment serving God's people who are in need. You will see the Deacon



serve in Spiritual works of mercy as well. Some will aid and may speak for RCIA classes or for Family Formation.

They are ordained with the same laying of hands by the Bishop as the Priest. As a matter of fact, all priests, bishops, archbishops, and even the Pope were first ordained as Deacon. Their role as Deacon is what the Church calls a temporary Deacon, where you will see your Deacon (at least this one) is a Permanent Deacon. Our Ordination to Holy Orders is the same, but our faculties (ministerial duties) are somewhat different. This is where the Deacon will assist at Mass, but can be a presider at a Wedding the same as a priest. Only a priest (or bishop or Pope) can consecrate the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Priest is in persona Christi Capita, meaning they act in the person of Christ as head of the Church as Jesus did at the Last Supper. The Deacon acts as persona Christi servito. Christ as servant, as Jesus washed the feet of the disciples at the last supper commissioning them to do likewise, the Deacon is in the person of Christ to serve others and not to be served.

The question of what does a Deacon do is a good one. One thing is to understand the ministerial faculties graced to the Deacon at his ordination. For a Deacon, like a Priest is a minister of the Church. A Deacon is however, not a priest in that he does not possess the faculties of Confession and Reconciliation or of consecration or of Confirmation. He is an ordinary minister of the Eucharist like the Priest. A Deacon can Baptize, Preside over Weddings without a Mass and serve as minister at funerals where there is no Mass along with presiding at the burial site. Deacons can bless objects and people just like a priest. But, being a Deacon, being your Deacon, I am here to assist Father Dan in his ministry and to serve you within the powers of the Sacrament of Holy Orders the Church entrusted to me. But, it is much more than what is done as much as who a Deacon strives to be. To serve you as Christ serves. That is mostly to pray for and with you and serve you in your spiritual needs. To will the good of the other for the sake of the other. To walk with you on your journey to holiness and minister the sacraments empowered to me for as long as we are both at Lumen Christi.

I am excited to be your Deacon in word, prayer and service. May God Bless you and may the light of his face shine upon you! Please find me after Mass in the Community Room or the Gathering Space to connect, chat, or share stories of our faith. Amen.—Deacon Mike Lane

#### **Today's Scripture**

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there's the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent-its first couple of Sundays in particular-has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It's unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

#### WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah's prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God's reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent's days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah's invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

#### **Lumen Christi Catholic Community**

#### **Highland Catholic School**

#### Season of Thanksgiving

One of my favorite holidays is Thanksgiving. As a child it often meant loading up the family station wagon for a drive to St. Cloud to visit both Grandmother Zaczkowski and Grandma and Grandpa Matchinsky.

The windows would be steamed up from all of the delicious cooking, the adults would gather around the kitchen table to deal the cards, and the cousins would play endless games of Chinese Checkers and hike to Lake George. It was a day of family, fun, and the start of memories that still warm me today.

At this time of Thanksgiving, I am especially grateful to the parishioners of Lumen Christi Catholic Community for their continued generous support of our school. You are making a difference in the lives of so many children and building our future church. You deserve an extra slice of pie!

Wishing everyone a day of family, fun and new memories.

Jane Schmidt, Principal



#### **Advent Children's Choir**

Students in third through eighth grade are welcome to join our Advent Children's Choir!

We will meet from 11:45 to 12:45 on the four Sundays of Advent (11/27, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18) to rehearse and sing at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.



Please contact Alexa Vavra ASAP if your child would like to join! The group could use a few more singers, so please signup today.

#### **Faith Formation**

### THE CHOSEN Video Series – After Saturday evening Mass for one hour.

Popcorn provided. Study guides available on the Faith Formation bulletin board and at the viewing. December 3<sup>rd</sup> Episode 5 "The Wedding Gift"

17<sup>th</sup> Episode 6 "Indescribable Compassion" January Episodes 7 and 8 TBA

#### **First Reconciliation**

Parent/child retreat is Tuesday, November 29, 6:30-8:00 pm. Community Room. The celebration Saturday, December 10, 2022, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Main worship space.

#### **Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Thinking about becoming Catholic or do you simply want to know more about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult already baptized in a Christian faith, but now thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you an adult seeking baptism? Are you already baptized Catholic but seeking preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist?

If you are interested in RCIA, or would like more information about the process, contact Lynn Schelitzche.

#### Advent 2022

If your family would like to light the Advent Wreath, bring up the Gifts during an Advent or Christmas Mass, or greet parishioners and guests at one of the Christmas Masses, contact Amy Wittak, Director of Liturgy, at awittak@lumenchristicc.org.



### Advent Retreat - 12 Tiny Things

Ellie Roscher, Retreat Leader, author, and spiritual director, will guide us into how to cultivate a micro spiritual practice: how to do one thing a day on purpose as spiritual practice. What is God calling you to in work and in life? There are twelve essential areas of life: space, work, spirituality, food, style, nature, communication, home, sensuality, creativity, learning, and community.

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 from 9 am to 4:15 pm in the Community Room



#### BRING SOME JOY THIS CHRISTMAS



During this weekend's Masses there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence.

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

During our recent Military second collection we raised \$932 in support of Catholic initiatives at military bases.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us at 7:45am, 12 noon with Highland Catholic, or 5:30pm.

Volunteers are needed to help with alter linen laundering of towels and purificators, no alter cloths. Contact Barbara Shields at 651-698-7421 or Barb Meyer at 651-698-9220 if you are interested.

Join us on Friday December 2nd after the 7:45am Mass for First Friday Coffee in the Community Room.



There will be plenty of coffee, pastries, and fellowship for everyone.

#### **Financial Wellbeing**

Have you Recently Retired or Thinking about Retiring? The University of St. Thomas is offering a program to those already retired or thinking about retiring called "The Next Chapter."

It is not a financial planning seminar, but rather a sixmonth, non-credit, guided journey using principles of Ignatian spirituality to assist participants in discerning what God might be calling them to in this exciting "Next Chapter" of their lives. Participants will meet once a month (January-June 2023) with readings and reflection required between sessions.

It is sponsored by Fr. Chris Collins, SJ, Office for Mission, at St. Thomas.

**Information Sessions.** (Held in the Anderson Student Center)

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**, 7-8:30 p.m., ASC Room 341 **Wednesday, Dec. 14**. 7-8:30 p.m., ASC Room 202

To learn more or to register contact: Michele Goodson at mkgoodson@stthomas.edu.



Once again, we'd like to invite your children ages 3 and older to participate in the **4pm Christmas Eve Gospel** as angels, shepherds, cows, donkeys and sheep, with the roles of Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel and the Innkeeper for students in grades 3 and above. Parts are distributed by age and in the order the requests are received. To sign up, please contact Eileen Slagle at <a href="mailto:eslagle768@gmail.com">eslagle768@gmail.com</a> or 651-690-3149 and include your child's name, age(s), and roles in which they are interested.

There will be one rehearsal at church on **Thursday**, **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** with main characters at 1:00 p.m. and all participants at 1:45 p.m. The Mass will be live-streamed, so parents/guardians will need to sign a waiver for participation. Finally, if your child(ren) would alternatively like to join the **Children's Choir** (ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up), please contact Alexa Vavra, Director of Music, as practice begins this weekend.

Finally, older youth are invited to be **Greeters** for this Mass, so please contact Amy Wittak, Director of Liturgy, to sign up.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday 26 4:30 pm

Sunday 27

8:30 am Lumen Christi 10:30 am † Jane Thames Monday 28 † Layne Brose

7:45 am

Tuesday 29 † Thurber Spaanem 7:45 am

Wednesday 30 † Timmothy Jakubic 7:45 am

Thursday 1 7:45 am

† Alain Baudry

Friday 2

† Bill Robinson

7:45 am

Saturday 3 † Kathleen Deveney 4:30 pm

Sunday 4

8:30 am † Michael Deveney 10:30 am Lumen Christi

#### **READINGS First Sunday of Advent, Year A**

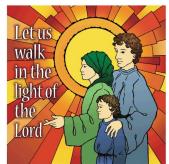
#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1

**Psalm** — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-

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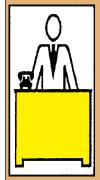
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8:30 Mass is livestreamed through our website and Facebook page.

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

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

Find Out About Becoming Catholic Contact Lynn Schelitzche

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Christian Marriage Contact Fr. Dan Haugan 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 Steve Regnier

Sacraments for the Sick & Dying Contact Fr. Dan Haugan

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

Liturgical Ministers, Environment, Intercessions Contact Amy Wittak

Adult, Childrens, Handbell Choirs, Cantors, Instrumentalists Contact Alexa Vavra

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

Prayer Line Contact Steve Regnier

**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 mhuber@lumenchristicc.org.

Mass Email <u>awittak@lumenchristicc.org</u> 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.

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