

Lumen Christi CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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We are called to be the Light of Christ in the world. Mission Statement

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. — *Psalm 72:11*



The Catholic Bishops of Minnesota have designated the Feast of Epiphany as “Immigration Sunday”

All people are encouraged to take action, raise awareness, and strengthen relationships between migrants, refugees, and communities. This campaign is in response to Pope Francis’ call to promote a culture of encounter – to see people on the move with humanity, to open hearts and minds, to change perceptions. We are a united global human family and share a joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit, and host communities.

**Please stop by the Gathering Area after Mass today and
[sign a post card to support the Dream Act of 2017 \(H.R. 3340 and S. 1615\)](#)**

Your signature supports young immigrants in our community who are facing an uncertain future because of the recent decision to end the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

Food Market Collection

Music Ministry: Handbell Choir at 8:30 Mass
Faith Formation Epiphany Celebration 9:00 am CR
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass
Liturgical Décor 11:30 am CH

Monday, January 8

Bridge 12:30 am 1CON

Tuesday, January 9

Wednesday, January 10

6th Grade Family Mass Noon Ch
Pastoral Care Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm 1CON
Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm GA
Adult Choir 6:30 pm CH

Thursday, January 11

Senior Yoga 2:00 pm CR
Adult Faith Formation Committee 6:30 pm Rm 252
Handbell Choir 6:30 pm CH

Friday, January 12

Men's Group 6:30 am 1CON

Saturday, January 13

Martin Luther King Weekend

Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm CH
Baptisms at 4:30 Mass
Coffee & Donuts
New Parishioner Registration

January 14

Martin Luther King Weekend

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Coffee & Donuts

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Music Ministry: Adult Choir at 8:30 Mass

Families Moving Forward Arrives

Clergy Sexual Abuse Support Group

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 5:30-7:00 pm
Conference Rm at 9001 E. Bloomington Freeway,
Bloomington. Free. Family and friends welcome. Lim-
ited to 12 people. Call Deb Riba, LMFT, 952-881-9883

The Twin Cities Peace Circle

4th Monday of the month, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, North Re-
gional Branch of Hennepin County Library, North Conf.
Rm, 2nd floor, 1315 N. Lowry Ave., Mpls. We wish to
gather victims/survivors/thrivers in a safe, supportive en-
vironment to share experiences, listen to others, explore
healing. Contact Jim with questions, concerns or com-
ments: 773-412-0909, richter316@aol.com.

PARISH NEWS

Food Market Collection

This weekend is our monthly food market collection for Neighborhood House. Please be as generous as you are able. The need is great. Thank you for your generosity.



Lumen Christi Catholic Community warmly welcomes

Joshua John Benke

into the community of faith.

Sign Up for Families Moving Forward

The families are coming January 14 - 21. That's next weekend already! Make sure to sign up after Masses in the Gathering Area or on Sign Up Genius. The link can be found on the home page of lumenchristicc.org. Please come and spend a couple hours of your time to help those struggling through homelessness. Thank you for whatever time you can offer.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection January 13-14

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little or no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to next week's collection. We welcome our own parishioner, S. Mary Lamski, CSJ, who will speak at all of the Masses.

Abria Thank You

Dear Lumen Christi Catholic Community, Please accept our tremendous gratitude to you for the support of the women and babies we serve at Abria Pregnancy Resources by providing such beautiful clothing, other baby/maternity items, and toys for our boutique, through the Angel Tree. Your generosity in providing the lovely items truly supports and lifts up our moms and babies in need.

Our mission at Abria is to offer a safe, non-judgmental and supportive environment for women and couples facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our clients experience friendship, hope and encouragement through positive and life-affirming personal support services, education, and resources. With the help of supporters like those of Lumen Christi we are able to do that.

Thank you for your generosity to the women and babies we serve. May God reward you all for your kindness. With gratitude, Naomi Terlouw, Associate Director



Tom & Lois Soderberg
Congratulations on
60 years of Marriage!

Thank you to the following parishioners who contributed to our Christmas season environment.



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Grandma Pat Pleau & Aunt Teri Pleau
 Will, Miranda & Kate

Faith Formation

Confirmation Catechists Needed
Share Your Faith in 7 Short Sessions

Our 8th graders will begin their peer group classes at the end of this month. Classes meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and on Sundays at 12:30 pm. Want to help them along the way? Lessons are planned by Faith Formation staff and use a curriculum recommended by a group of catechists and parents. All volunteers need “essential three” credentials required by the Safe Environment Policy of the Archdiocese. Phyllis Hamill-Little can help you get ready! Please contact her for more information. Classes begin January 21 & 24, so act now!

First Eucharist Preparation

Please keep in your prayers the families who yesterday began immediate preparation for First Eucharist.

No Children’s Liturgy of the Word
next Sunday, January 14.

Sunday Faith Formation Classes Resume Jan. 21.

Adult Faith Formation 1st Thursday
Women in the Early Church, Feb. 1, 7:00 pm

Dr. Cathy Cory, History Chair at UST, will be here to speak on women in the early church. More details next week.

Discover Your Inner Disciple

7 Ways to Kickstart Your Spiritual Life in 2018

1. **Spiritual Direction** see the presence of God working in your life and hear God’s voice calling.
2. **Daily Quiet** 5 or 10 minutes to “be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).
3. **Attend Weekday Mass Once a Week**
4. **Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
5. **Get Involved in Your Parish** examine your commitments to be sure you are making the best use of your time and unique gifts.
6. **Explore a Teaching of the Church that is Difficult for You to Accept.** Approach the topic with a mind willing to learn and a heart willing to hear the voice of God. Don’t be afraid to be honest with God in prayer.
7. **Set Aside a True Day of Rest** Stay off work email, minimize shopping. The Sabbath was made for us because we need it!

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Human Trafficking

"I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: Where is your brother? (Gen 4:9)...Let us not look the other way." ~ Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Faith-Based Response to Human Trafficking

Aware of the history of the Super Bowl in the past, faith-based groups in the Twin Cities have bonded together in preparation for the possibility of traffickers taking advantage of the occasion of this sporting event in Minnesota in February 2018.

Our parish has agreed to collaborate with the Anti-Trafficking Working Group and the Breaking Free Shelter to support women and children at emergency shelters for the 10 days surrounding the 2018 Super Bowl.

Can you join in this effort by donating \$10 gift cards to be used for food, bus cards, medicine, and other specific personal needs? Buy your \$10.00 gift cards from Target, Cub grocery store, Walmart, MTC, Walgreen's or CVS. (Any cards and supplies that have not been used during the Super Bowl outreach will be given to the three Minnesota shelters serving trafficked women and children.)

Drop your \$10.00 gift card in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the office during regular office hours no later than noon on Monday, January 29, '18. Thank you.

Pastoral Care**Charter Pastoral Care Committee Forms to Guide Pastoral Ministry at LCCC**

In August, the Pastoral Care Committee began to meet. Their mission: to foster and extend supportive connections across our parish and local communities. The Committee is charged with developing platforms to engage the parish and local communities to learn who the community is, what people's most pressing needs are, and to guide Pastoral Ministry as we respond to people.

Look for opportunities, soon, to share who you are, what matters to you, and what you and your loved ones need most.

Do you want to be part of this initiative to ongoingly shape Pastoral Ministry at LCCC? Consider becoming a committee member! Contact Torrey Cramer-Elsner for more information. tcramer-elsner@lumenchristicc.org or 651-698-5581x105.



*"Inspire us, as nation, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as **one human family**, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home."*

—Pope Francis, Greece, April 16, 2016

**"Room for Discussion" on Immigration Issues
Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm, Community Rm
"Who Is My Neighbor?"**

All are invited to an opportunity to examine immigration issues through the lens of faith. All **perspectives** and opinions are welcome in this evening of sharing, listening, learning and prayer. The evening will include presentations and small group discussions. It's a chance to take time away from debates and controversies to reflect on issues concerning immigrants, refugees and "dreamers" and consider our own responses to them. No need to register, please come and participate.

**Immigration****"And Who Is My Neighbor?"****By Tim Murphy**

I imagine that you are often challenged by the Gospel – much as I am almost every Sunday. I want to share a quick story about immigration and how it impacted me. The story is of a boy of 14 whose mother gave him \$25 and told him to cross the border with his brother to San Diego. Over time – he fell in love with my niece and today they are married with three children. I always marveled at my nephew and how resourceful he was – he certainly was not prepared to either work legally here nor to become a US Citizen when he arrived. He was in great need of help.

It was my brother-in-law who responded to this need, to get legal representation for my nephew who uprooted his young family to return to Mexico to apply for legal work status. It was costly, it was uncertain and it was scary for everyone involved. In the end, my nephew now legally works here and can care for his family without fear of living outside the law.

Like the parable, we are challenged with what is right in front of us – what we are called to do. The response of the Good Samaritan illustrates an overwhelming generosity and compassion for his neighbor.

My view of immigration is formed in the same way – the example of my brother-in-law, like the Good Samaritan, challenges me to ask the question **how am I called** to respond to one in need?

Jesus answered, "The one who treated him with mercy. Go and do likewise." —Luke 10:29-37



Welcoming Christ and His Family

Was it nighttime when the Holy Family fled to Egypt? How much warning did they have? Did Joseph's dream come soon enough to give them time to pack their belongings for the long road ahead? Or did he rouse Mary and the holy child from a shortened slumber and flee Bethlehem to be a few steps ahead of Herod's soldiers, carrying only what they could grab on the way out the door?

This story, like so many others in scripture, is presented to us only as a sketch, leaving much untold. In recent years it has become a lightning rod, attracting controversy in social media circles as the worldwide refugee crisis explodes and Christians struggle to balance prudence with Christian responsibility. Although the situation of modern refugees does not mirror exactly that of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, we cannot dismiss the comparison altogether. The Holy Family had to leave their homeland to avoid violence and death; they had no certainty of when, if ever, they might be able to return. In fact, throughout salvation history, the people of God have found themselves displaced. Noah sought refuge from the flood. The Israelites went to Egypt to escape famine and left it to escape slavery, wandering forty years in the desert before finding a home at last. In the Old Testament, God reminds the Israelites that they were once aliens, and the land of Canaan was given to them as gift—so they must act likewise in their dealings with others. The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel consistently urged the Israelites to welcome the outcasts of other countries. And of course Jesus referred to himself as one without a place to rest his head, and emphasized that at the final judgment, the true disciple will be the one who, among other things, welcomed the stranger (Matthew 25).

Our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that whenever we encounter immigrants, migrants, or refugees among us, we have encountered Christ. To learn more about the Church's official teachings on this topic:

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God's greatness can be found in the little things, Pope says. God shows his greatness through his tenderness toward his children like a loving father, Pope Francis said. In his homily during morning Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae Dec. 14, the pope said it is as if God "wants to sing us a lullaby" to soothe those who are wounded. This compassion is most evident during the Christmas season, where God "makes himself small and in his smallness, does not stop being great." Francis said that God, like the good Samaritan who tended to the wounds of the man who was robbed, looks to care for his wounded children. Christians should reflect on "God's invitation: 'Come, come; let me see your wounds. I want to heal them.'" "Someone may ask: 'Where is the theological place of God's tenderness? Where can the tenderness of God be found? (It is found in) the wounds: my wounds, your wounds,'" the pope said. "By their wounds, we are healed."

- Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

Council Connections



The **Discipleship & Parish Life Ministry Council** has been discussing volunteer experiences in the church and the opportunities to explore further deepening how the Gospel messages are realized in our ministries inside and outside the walls of our church. Volunteering is an opportunity to share the good news, to witness, and to serve those in need. Connecting it directly to our own faith journey is an opportunity to grow spiritually.

The **Faith Formation Ministry Council** continues our work to make Lumen Christi a more welcoming community and facilitate parish-school integration with our work on a survey to provide a venue for additional feedback in order to obtain insights and ideas for improving Sacramental preparation experiences for children and their families at Lumen Christi.

The **Finance Council** is monitoring parish financial performance. While not yet finished, the stewardship campaign has had a very positive response. We are continuing to evaluate ways to further strengthen community involvement and engagement.

The **Pastoral Care / Social Justice Ministry Council** is working on a plan to infuse Catholic Social Teachings in the LCCC leadership and the parish. Reactions to the 11/21 Highland Catholic School 7th & 8th grader presentation will be leveraged to provide a starting point for the effort. The Ministry Council supports the SJ Committee in planning a Room for Discussion on Immigration 1/22.

The **Worship Ministry Council** identified membership roles and welcomed an additional member. We share our values about Eucharistic Adoration and its future; we will discuss an article based on the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy: "Finding the Heart of the Matter." We will align our annual plan more clearly in relationship with the LumenUs strategic goals, and identify areas of synergy between them and the work of other ministry councils.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6

4:30 pm †Clair Galdonik

Sunday 7

8:30 am †Ralph Sershen

10:30 am Lumen Christi

Monday 8

7:45 am †John Nicholson

Tuesday 9

7:45 am †Lois Nozel

Wednesday 10

7:45 am †Shannon Harris

Thursday 11

7:45 am †Mike Campion

Friday 12

7:45 am †David Hietpas

Saturday 13

4:30 pm †Gretchen Pollei

Sunday 14

8:30 am Lumen Christi

10:30 am †Lucy Pickerign

Epiphany of the Lord

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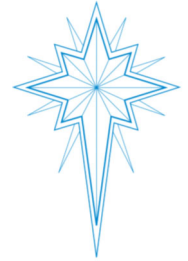
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Monday - Friday 7:45 am

Sacrament of Penance Office Hours

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

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

New Parishioners Registration for new parishioners is offered after all Masses the second weekend of every month, Sept - June. Please join us!

To Find Out About Becoming Catholic Contact Phyllis Hamill-Little

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism A Baptism Preparation class for new parents is offered monthly and Baptisms are celebrated once a month. Contact Phyllis Hamill-Little

First Penance & Eucharist Contact Phyllis Hamill-Little

Confirmation Contact Phyllis Hamill-Little

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 Torrey Cramer-Elsner

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, Intercessions, Church Decor Contact Sr. Lynore Girmscheid

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

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

Prayer Line Call 651-698-5581, x101 or email volunteer@lumenchristicc.org

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 lgirmscheid@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 Phyllis Hamill-Little or register at www.virtus.org.

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