



# *Lumen Christi* CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**December 2, 2018**

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

First Sunday of Advent

*Let  
this  
be  
the  
time*



Calendar

**Sunday, December 2**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Food Market Collection

Angel Tree

Music Ministry: Junior Choir at 8:30 Mass

Faith Formation 9:00 am 2nd Fl. Classrooms

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass

First Reconciliation Demo 11:30 am Ch

Parish Listening Session 3:00 pm CR

**Monday, December 3**

Eucharistic Adoration 8:15 - Noon Chapel

**Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 pm Chapel**

**Tuesday, December 4**

Parish Council Executive Comm. 5:30 pm 1CON

**Wednesday, December 5**

All School Mass Noon CH

Adult Choir 6:30 pm CH

Family Advent Retreat 6:30 pm CR

Social Justice Comm. 7:30 pm 1CON

**Thursday, December 6**

Senior Yoga 2:00 pm CR

Junior Choir 5:15 pm CH

Handbell Choir 6:30 pm CH

Baptism Prep Class 7:00 pm 1CON

**Friday, December 7**

Men's Group 6:30 am 1CON

**Saturday, December 8**

**Immaculate Conception**

**Mass 7:45 am CH**

Centering Prayer 9:30 am CR

Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm CH

Coffee & Donuts 5:30 pm CR

New Parishioner Registration 5:30 pm CR

**Sunday, December 9**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Coffee & Donuts**

**New Parishioner Registration**

Music Ministry: Adult Choir at 8:30 Mass

Baptisms at 8:30 Mass

Faith Formation 9:00 am 2nd Fl. Classrooms

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass



Your donation to Lumen Christi helps us continue our ministries.

Parish News



**Advent Evening Prayer**

**Mondays, December 3, 10, 17, 7:00-7:30, Chapel**

Give yourself a half hour of quiet, peaceful, prayer.

Each Monday night between now and Christmas, we will pray Psalms, listen to a Bible passage and reflect on it, pray for the needs of the world, the church and our community, and sing Mary's hymn of praise, the Magnificat. Simple, profound, and healing. Come and see! All ages are welcome.

**Advent Booklets**

Advent booklets are available in the Gathering Area this weekend for those who wish to pray daily during Advent. Please take whichever book suits your needs. Loyola Press also has some great resources on their website.



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day**

**Saturday, December 8**

**One Mass at 7:45 am  
in the Main Church**



Please pray for the following parishioners who have died recently:

**Celeste Kramer**

**Mary Leo**

May they rest in peace with our risen Savior.



**Angel Tree Gifts Due Next Weekend**

All gifts for the Angel Tree must be returned by next weekend, December 8/9.

Gifts should be unwrapped with the tag securely attached. Thank you so much for your generosity. If you would like to help deliver the gifts to the agencies on Tuesday, December 11, please call Shellee at 651-6991251.

**New Parishioner Registration Next Weekend**

New Parishioner registration is available after all Masses next weekend in the Community Room. A parish representative will meet with you to fill out the paperwork and answer any questions. Welcome!

Today's Readings

**The Promise of Justice**

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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Pastoral Care

**Parish Listening Session:  
Grieving in the Wake of the Sex Abuse Crisis  
Sunday, December 2 at 3 pm – 4:30 pm  
Lumen Christi Community Room**

The clergy sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church is an emergency we keep reliving at home, across the nation, and the globe. Locally, our Archdiocese recently settled its bankruptcy proceedings. Nationally, revelations of abuse and coverups in Pennsylvania pile onto the reports we've known about for years. We again find ourselves experiencing any range of emotions about these events and our loss of trust in our Church.

The staff at Lumen Christi will host a Parish Listening Session to offer space for parishioners to reflect, share their feelings and needs with the parish staff, and to prayerfully discern how God is speaking to each of us at this time. The Parish Listening Session will take place Sunday, December 2 from 3 – 4:30 pm in the Church. All parishioners are welcome.

Importantly, this will not be a time for staff sharing of information, development of an action plan, or advice or counsel. In fact, this gathering won't attempt answers of any kind. We want to be with you, listen to you, and hear how you're doing and what you need. We will sit in what this experience is like for us and turn towards God, letting God lead us together.

Christmas Eve Family Mass



**Christmas Eve Family Mass  
4:00 pm**

We invite your children ages 3 and older to participate in the Christmas Eve Gospel as angels, shepherds, cows, donkeys, and sheep. Main character roles of Mary, Joseph, Main Angel, and Innkeeper are reserved for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above. Parts are distributed by age and in the order the requests are received. Please include your children's names, ages, and roles in which they are interested. Sign up by contacting [eileenslagle@yahoo.com](mailto:eileenslagle@yahoo.com) or 651-690-3149. There will be one rehearsal at church on Saturday morning, December 22, main characters at 9:00 am and all participants from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

**Help Needed**

We are in need of adult assistance with the Christmas Eve Family Mass. If you are able to help with organization, rehearsal, or before and during the Christmas Eve Mass please contact [eileenslagle@yahoo.com](mailto:eileenslagle@yahoo.com) or 651-690-3149. Thank you for helping make this possible.

Faith Formation

**Baptism Class, Thurs., Dec. 6, 7:00 pm**

Baptism preparation for parents of infants and young children will be offered this Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please contact Phyllis Hamill-Little to register.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Are you or someone you know wondering about being Confirmed as an adult or about becoming Catholic? At Lumen Christi we have a year-round, open process to welcome individuals wherever they are and accompany them as they discover where God is leading them. For a no-strings-attached conversation, please contact Phyllis Hamill-Little in the parish office. If you would like to know more about being a companion to inquirers, the commitment to welcome new people is adaptable to your time and talent resources.

**Grief Group**

Lumen Christi / Nativity Grief Support Group will meet **Thursday, December 6** from 9:00 – 10:00 am at Nativity in the Bride's Room, located in the lower level of the church. We welcome all who have suffered a loss of someone or something of value, recognizing that grief is individual, yet it is often eased when shared with others. The group is guided by trained grief facilitators.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Lumen Christi offers Adoration on Mondays from 8:15 - Noon. All are invited to attend any time.**

If this does not work for you Nativity is looking for some adorers during the following times:  
 Friday 2 am, Saturday 4 am, Sunday 2 am and 3 am and Thursday at 10 am.  
 Also on Saturday at 6 pm, Friday at 3 pm, Monday at 4 pm, Thursday at 3 pm and Wednesday at 1 pm.  
 Other times are also available where they are looking for a second adorer. If you would be able to fill one of these times contact [Jim.McQuillan@MarshMMA.com](mailto:Jim.McQuillan@MarshMMA.com).

**Seniors**



**PRIMETIMERS DECEMBER EVENT**  
**Octagen House in Hudson, WI**  
**Friday, December 14**

Want to see how the fashionable Victorians decorated for the Holidays? Then come with us on a tour of the Octagen House (2 story), Carriage House and Gift Shop in Hudson, WI. This home is in the National Registry. Every room is festooned with garland, trees and flowers reflecting the opulent taste of that elegant era of Christmas Past. After that we dine at Pier 500 on the St. Croix for lunch.

**Board the bus: 9:15 am** Leave Lumen Christi: 9:30. Return about 2:30 - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$52 per person includes bus, tours, & lunch. Please pay \$15 dues (9/1/18 to 6/1/19) if not yet paid. Make check/reservation slip to Lumen Christi Prime-Timers and send or bring to the church office.

**Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, December 11**  
 Questions? Call Shellee 651-699-1251 or Jeannie 651-690-3059.

**PrimeTimers December Registration**  
**Octagen House in Hudson, WI, Thurs., Dec. 14**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch Choice (includes coffee & tea) (Please pick 1):**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Prime Rib Philly sandwich, chips

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Turkey sandwich, chips

\_\_\_\_\_ Monterey chicken sandwich, chips

**Food Market Collection**

**Food Market Collection This Weekend**

The Food Market Collection for Francis Basket is taken the first full weekend of every month. Donations of food, toiletries and laundry detergent are very appreciated. Cash donations help the Food Market stretch donations by buying in bulk through Second Harvest.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we want to let you know how thankful we are for your generous donation of \$2,997.71 and 234 pounds of food during October for the Francis Basket Food Market.

**Your Donation Makes a Difference, A Personal Story**

When she first heard about Neighborhood House, Shatara and her two young daughters were struggling with homelessness and everything that goes along with it. When her older daughter's teacher told her about Neighborhood House, she began to have hope that her life could change for the better.

Shellie Rowe, family centers manager, guided Shatara as she learned about the many resources Neighborhood House has at its Family Centers. "When I first met Shatara, she was really struggling. She was consistently living in her car, had limited family support and had no income at all," Shellie said. "With Neighborhood House's programs, step by step, we were able to help get her life back on track. We were able to provide her vouchers for gas, so she could keep her car running and were able to give her clothing and winter coats for her two children."

In time, the program helped her find stable housing. Through a partnership with Minnesota Housing, Neighborhood House provided a housing voucher to help pay a portion of her rent on an affordable, two bedroom townhouse for her family.

"Having stable housing allowed me to work a job and to support my kids without worrying how I was going to survive until the next day," Shatara said. "I am achieving a lot of things I never thought I could because Neighborhood House took a chance on me. I want to work hard to show that I deserved the chance and want to show other women that if you're willing to work hard, there's something better ahead."

**Neighborhood House is committed to helping families in our community make positive steps forward in their lives. Your gift helps families not just survive, but begin to thrive.**

**Homelessness:****Excerpts of a Letter from Catholic Charities**

“The emergency is now visible.” This was a recent news headline on a topic that has received extensive coverage over the past few months: a rising trend of unsheltered homeless populations in the Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Region.

A number of our stakeholders have reached out to ask: Why is this happening? What is Catholic Charities doing? What is the community doing? How can I help? We hope this initial response is helpful.

A combination of factors lies at the root of this crisis. A lack of affordable housing options, combined with rising rents and stagnant wages for many, has created an unsustainable housing crisis. Homelessness – often “invisible” to those not experiencing it – has become heartbreakingly visible in our community.

Catholic Charities Housing Stability teams see the impacts of the housing crisis firsthand. Catholic Charities operates four of the region’s largest emergency shelters (two for adults, one for youth and one for families). On any given night, we are providing shelter and homes for more than 1,800 people. All of our shelters are full, and the individuals and families we work with face long wait lists for the few affordable housing units available on the market. ***There is simply not enough supply to meet the growing demand.***

We must focus on regional and statewide efforts to meet the immediate needs of our unsheltered neighbors as winter descends, as well as long-term strategies to develop safe, stable homes for all. Catholic Charities is a committed partner in advancing this collaborative work.

In St. Paul, Catholic Charities is a key partner with the City of St. Paul, Ramsey County and private philanthropic partners in opening the Winter Safe Space, a 64-bed temporary emergency shelter resource open from November – April. This collaborative, called Rush/Outside-In, is a powerful multi-sector effort focused on the St. Paul/East Metro area.

One of the core values that drives our work at Catholic Charities is collaboration. We are deeply concerned about the increased need in our community. And at the same time, we are heartened and fueled by the collective response of our partners in direct service and with the support – from so many of you and others in the community – that powers real, lasting solutions.

With gratitude,

Tim Marx, President and CEO of Catholic Charities

Find the full letter at [lumenchristicc.org](http://lumenchristicc.org).

Catholic Charities cont.

If you are interested in getting more involved:

Give a financial gift: <https://www.cctwincities.org/donate/> or call (612) 204-8374.

There is always a need for **donated items** to support people experiencing homelessness. <https://www.cctwincities.org/donate/wish-list-for-people-in-need/>

You can learn more about **volunteer opportunities** at our shelters here: <https://www.cctwincities.org/volunteer/>

And, with the legislative session coming up, it is critical that we amplify voices on issues connected to affordable housing. Sign up for **advocacy** alerts and let your elected officials know you care: <https://www.cctwincities.org/education-advocacy/take-action-now/>

### Partnering with Neighborhood House

#### Join other Lumen Christi Parishioners at the Kowalski’s Food Drive, December 8/9

Help collect items to stock Neighborhood Food Market shelves. Shoppers are invited to purchase items and then donate them on-site at our Neighborhood House table.

You can help in several ways:

- Greet customers and hand out Food Wish List
- Collect food items at our table
- Collect financial donations
- Take donations out to the Neighborhood House van.

There are 2 hour shifts over the 2 days. Each shift needs 3-5 volunteers. Kids (age 5+) with adults are welcome to join the fun!

Location: Kowalski’s, 1261 Grand Ave., St. Paul

Questions? Contact Vanessa Edwards, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, 651-789-2524, [vedwards@neighb.org](mailto:vedwards@neighb.org)



#### To Register:

Lumen Christi is building a parish team to participate in service opportunities with Neighborhood House. If you would like to be a part of that visit [neighb.org/support/volunteer/](http://neighb.org/support/volunteer/), fill out the volunteer application form (individual) and then let Steve Hatting know you have signed up if you would like to work with the Lumen Christi team, [stevenhatting1@gmail.com](mailto:stevenhatting1@gmail.com). After you have registered as a volunteer sign up at [neighb.org](http://neighb.org) click on the link to help at the Kowalski’s Food Drive. ***Hope to see you there!***

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 1

4:30 pm †Frances Loughran

### Sunday 2

8:30 am Lumen Christi

10:30 am

### Monday 3

7:45 am †Frances Donahue

### Tuesday 4

7:45 am †Edward & †Marjorie  
Heinen

### Wednesday 5

7:45 am †Jeanine Hawkins

### Thursday 6

7:45 am †Don Ruegener

### Friday 7

7:45 am †Fred Wagner

### Saturday 8

Immaculate Conception

7:45 am †Mary Wagner

4:30 pm †Celeste O'Donnell

### Sunday 9

8:30 am Lumen Christi

10:30 am

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

**HYMNAL 1080**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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Jane Schmidt, Principal

Please call 651-690-2477 for a tour.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday 4:30 pm**

**Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am**

**Monday - Friday 7:45 am**

**Sacrament of Penance** Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

## Office Hours

**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. Jeanne Wiest, OP

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mbisanz@lumenchristicc.org).

**Mass Email** [jwiest@lumenchristicc.org](mailto:jwiest@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](http://www.virtus.org).

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

**Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 651-291-4475**

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