



Lumen Christi CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.” — Matthew 18:20**



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Parish News

Sunday, September 6

Mass 9:30 am Livestreamed and in person

Monday, September 7

Labor Day
Parish Office closed
Mass 7:45 am

Tuesday, September 8

Mass 7:45 am

Wednesday, September 9

Mass 7:45 am
Evening Prayer 7:00 pm Livestreamed

Thursday, September 10

Mass 7:45 am

Friday, September 11

Mass 7:45 am

Saturday, September 12

Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 13

Mass 9:30 am
Food Market Collection Weekend

Parish News

We Pray for Those Starting a New School Year

Let us send prayers that all of our teachers, students and parents will have good health and their best school year ever. The uncertainties this year bring extra stress to teachers, students and parents. We can help by keeping them in our prayers, either in your personal prayer or with our parish email rosary. If you would like to join a daily decade of the rosary sent to your email starting Sept.7, send a request to mbisanz@lumenchristicc.org.

Parish Office Open on Fridays

The summer is over and we are resuming our regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Feel free to call us or stop in with any questions or needs you may have.

Food Market Collection This Weekend

If you are able to help those in need, write a check to Neighborhood House or donate through lumenchristicc.org and click the donate button. Thank you. Your gift will nourish children so they can learn in school, give adults energy to grow in their career, and provide seniors nutrients to maintain a healthy body and mind. Thanks to your support, fresh, healthy food is accessible to immigrants, refugees and low income families in St. Paul.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection, Sept. 13

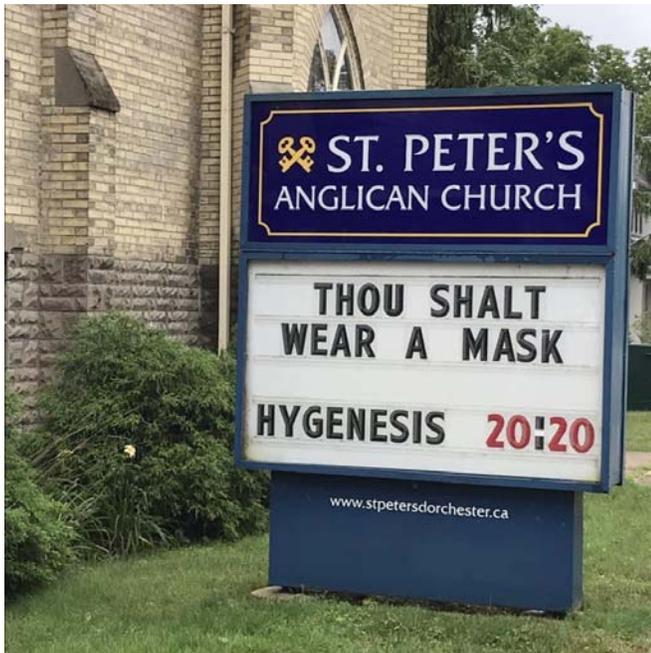
Due to the Corona virus, we were not able to take this collection on Good Friday, which cares for the sacred sites of the Holy Land, supports parishes and schools, helps the populations affected by the war in Syria and the refugees scattered in various countries. A donation is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support the Holy Land and the Christian communities there. Donate online at lumenchristicc.org/donate. Checks should be written to Lumen Christi with a note in the memo line. Thank you.

Emergency Collection for Lebanon, Sept. 13

Lebanon is suffering from the Aug. 4 explosion in Beirut with over 200 killed, 6,000 injured and over 350,000 displaced. They need our help with the basics for survival, including shelter, food, medicine and hygiene kits. Thank you for giving lifesaving support. Donate at lumenchristicc.org/donate. Checks should be written to Lumen Christi with a note in the memo line.

We have met our goal for raising the \$20,000 Schultz Foundation Match for Tuition Support! Thank You for Your Generosity! You Make a Difference in Catholic Education for Families!

This is \$40,000 to assist families with tuition who are struggling due to job losses and changes in financial situations due to COVID 19. This will make a big difference for families in need. Thank you!



Weekly Collection Update

	Week ending <u>Aug 22/23</u>	YTD <u>2020</u>
Total Collection	\$28,618.12	\$865,421.15
Budget	\$18,400.00	\$825,775.00
Variance	+\$10,218.12	+\$39,646.15

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

Parish Leadership

Interested in participating on a Ministry Council?

Consider joining in on the **Fall Ministry Kickoff** event, on **September 15 at 6:00 pm**. It will be conducted virtually and you can participate via your computer or telephone. There will be opportunities to learn more about the various Ministry Councils and their contributions to the parish. Contact Ryan Rehkamp in the office prior to the event so you can be sent the essential details on how to join in that evening. 651-370-1615, rrehkamp@lumenchristicc.org.

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CARE, SUPPORT & JUSTICE * DISCIPLESHIP & PARISH LIFE**



Called to Serve on a Ministry Council

Finance Council

When I was asked to become a member of the Finance Ministry Council a few years ago, I accepted, but was very nervous about my lack of experience serving on a board. While my first few meetings were a little over my head, I soon realized that there were no expectations of me as a newcomer other than to observe. When I did comment on a particular topic, however, my opinion seemed to matter. I was encouraged to continue and eventually I learned more about how the ministry council functioned.

As a ministry council, we engage ourselves in approving the annual budget, assessing investment performance guiding our Montreal Ave. site development, managing cash balances and supporting the processes behind planned giving and weekly contributions from our community. In my years of participation I learned how committed the other ministry council members and LCCC staff were to the well-being of the community. I also witnessed how the ministry council and parish were open to, and willing to adopt, new ideas.

I never thought I would be up to serving as Chair, but here I am now, in that very role. What a wonderful learning experience. What they say is true, usually when volunteering to help others, the person who gains the most is the volunteer.

—Sarah Houle-Johns, Finance Council Chair

Discipleship & Parish Life Council

” If you have ever been involved in parish leadership you know how rewarding the experience can be. If you haven’t please join your fellow parishioners on September 15 for the easiest ‘no obligation’ way to explore how you can find a personally enriching role in any one of the six ministry councils. You are needed and you will be glad you did. “

—Mike Martin, Council Chair

My faith-formative life of service began at age 12--singing (in Latin) the summer funeral Masses with five of my seven siblings--and has culminated with Michaela asking me to discern in joining the Discipleship and Parish Life Ministry Council a few years ago. At that time I was engaged in Liturgy as a Mass Coordinator and Eucharistic Minister as well as helping with funeral lunches. Becoming a Ministry Council member at a planning level seemed a logical next step. I have cherished these years and hope others will answer "the invitation."

—Maureen Hatting, Council Member

Just as there is a hierarchy of human material needs there is also a hierarchy of human spiritual needs. Serving the nutritional needs of those in distress has moved me a step closer toward spiritual maturity. The service and support of other members of the Discipleship and Parish Life Ministry Council made this possible.

—Steve Hatting, Parish Council Rep

Being on a committee is not glamorous. It is often tedious and repetitive. But, sometimes, when I step back and look at the whole of it - all the individuals who’ve given up their evenings to be here, who have to go home and finish a report for work, who are here solely to continue to bring the Word of God and Love of God to the world, I’m pretty darn impressed and pleased to be part of it all.

—Peg Endress, Council Member

After sitting in the pews of Lumen Christi with the same people around me for over a decade, I thought it was time to learn some of their names.

—Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, Council Recorder

Saints' Feast Days

Saint Peter Claver (1581-1654), September 9

Nearly two hundred years ago, Peter Claver left Spain to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures.” Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Unfortunately, systemic racism still exists and people of color do not have equality and the same privileges as whites. We are called as Christians to see each person with dignity and speak up for what we can to make changes in society, especially at this time in history.

**Open Wide Our Hearts:
The Catholic Church Confronts Racism
Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 am-noon
(Feast of St. Peter Claver)**

Zoom Webinar – Registration & details at www.MNCatholic.org/openwideourhearts

The tragic death of George Floyd has ignited a public conversation about ongoing racial inequity and injustice in America. How can the Church uphold the dignity of all human persons and foster the common good during these contentious times? What issues do we need to address with our own Church that prevent an appropriate response? The Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, is hosting this forum for priests, deacons, educators, and lay ecclesial ministers on the memorial of St. Peter Claver to provide an opportunity for formation and reflection on these critical issues in our community, and how we as a Church can respond.

Featured speaker: Bishop Shelton Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and Chairman, USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism
Panelist: Damen Owens, international speaker and evangelist and executive director of Joyful Ever After. More panelists to be announced.

**Voting and Values:
Integrating Faith in the Public Arena
Wednesday, September 16, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Virtual event offered over Zoom

Catholic Charities & a Jesuit perspective on the ways in which our faith informs our participation in civic life and voting. <https://risensavior.org/event/voting-and-values/>

Do it. Justice

Lumen Christi Justice

ELECTIONS MATTER 2020

*Commit to Vote --
Commit to Civil Discourse*



As Catholics, we are called to act on behalf of the poor, the stranger, the unborn, the earth.

One important way to do this is through voting.

What if every parishioner, family member, school parent, eligible person in our parish and school made a commitment to discern issues that speak to us, to educate ourselves on policies and possibilities, to engage in civil discourse, form our conscience and then vote our values this November? What if we tapped family and friends to do the same?

This week prayerfully reflect on what troubles you in the world. Then commit yourself to do something about it: Make a pledge to vote in November. If you want to go a step further, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a campaign inviting Catholics to model civility and love for neighbor. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate asks us to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in our families, communities, and parishes, and call on others to do so as well. Check out the many resources to help us move beyond “partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype,” towards “a different kind of political engagement” at [CivilizeIt.org](https://www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it). <https://www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it>

"Ask the Complicated Questions"

Ask the complicated questions,
do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our weakness,
forging faith in fires of doubt.

Seek the disconcerting answers,
follow where the Spirit blows;
test competing truths for wisdom,
for in tension new life grows.

Knock on doors of new ideas,
test assumptions long grown stale;
for Christ calls from shores of wonder,
daring us to try and fail.

For in struggle we discover
truth both simple and profound;
in the knocking, asking, seeking,
we are opened, answered, found.

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IFrom Protest of Praise: 50 Hymn Texts

The Lumen Christi Social Justice Committee supports education for the parish on the work of **Casa Guadalupana** which provides, immediate, temporary housing for individuals who have applied for asylum. Asylum is a legal protection granted under U.S. law, for a person who has been forced to flee their country of origin due to persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular group. The average length of the asylum process is 1000 days.

A Personal Reflection from an Individual Living at Casa Guadalupana during 2020

I came to the United States to obtain higher education. I enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study Mechanical Engineering on a scholarship from the Ministry of Higher Education from my home country. My intention was always to go back home after I graduated. Towards the end of my college degree, due to a combination of mental health issues and the fact that I lost my scholarship as a retaliation for my political activity; I was forced to withdraw from the University. I lost the monthly allowance I was getting from my scholarship sponsor. I was not eligible for any U.S. loans because I was an international student. I knew that if I went back home I would be persecuted for expressing my political views. I became homeless. I was in a really tough spot and I didn't know what to do or where to go.

I ended up applying for asylum. The social worker at my lawyer's office introduced me to Casa. After eight months of uncomfortable homelessness, my life changed dramatically.

Moving to Casa meant that I had a bed to sleep in and my own room to enjoy much needed privacy. When I was homeless, I used to sneak into one of the classrooms at the University to spend the night. I slept on the rough floors of different classrooms and sometimes on chairs that were in common areas or hallways. It was very hard on my back during the first few weeks. I always had to sleep very late after everyone had left and wake up very early before anyone arrived. I slept uncomfortably for a few hours each night. During the day, I would hang around the study areas and in the libraries not knowing where to go. I really missed my privacy since I am an extremely introverted individual. I really started appreciating the privacy of having my own space after I lost it.

Moreover, moving to Casa meant that now I have access to a shower and washer/dryer machines, things that I took for granted before my homelessness. When I was homeless, I would take a plastic bottle and try to find a unisex restroom with a drain in a University building that is open late at night. It had to be unisex so that I could lock the door. I would sneak in late at night or during the weekends so that no one would see me with my bottle, clothes, and towel. I would stand by the drain and pour water over myself several times. Washing myself was a major hassle and very time consuming so I only did it on rare occasions. As for doing laundry, I had to soak my clothes in a small bathroom waste basket. I would soak my clothes late at night in one of the University restrooms. I used hand soap as a clothes detergent to soak my clothes for about 15 minutes. Then, I would rub, spin, and wash my clothes by hand. After this tedious process, I would spread my clothes on top of an old radiator in one of the Mechanical Engineering classrooms in order for them to dry. I had to make sure to remove my clothes early in the morning. The small size of the waste basket and the limited surface area of the radiator allowed me to wash only one top and one bottom article of clothing each time. Moving to Casa means that now I can easily just turn on the faucet and shower peacefully within minutes. It means that I can do an entire load of laundry easily without having any anxiety or fear of being caught doing something unacceptable.

Furthermore, Casa not only guided me to the food resources within the area, but now I also have access to a full kitchen where I can comfortably prepare my own food. While I was homeless, and after I ran out of the money I got from selling most of my possessions, I starved at first because I didn't know where the local food resources were. I discovered some places that served free meals. I always felt uncomfortable standing in line. There's a specific time when the meal is being served. You can't eat whenever you want. Any food shelves were almost useless to me because I had no access to a stove or an oven to cook the food I could get. I used to regularly cook pasta using one of the microwaves in the Mechanical Engineering buildings. I would just keep microwaving the pasta and adding water to it until it was soft enough to eat. Now that I am in Casa, I am very thankful for being able to cook my own food, and eat at any time.

Finally, having a mailing address and being able to receive mail is something people take for granted. When I was homeless, I had to list General Delivery as my mailing address. That meant I had to go to the main USPS office in downtown Minneapolis to get my mail. They keep the mail there for a short period of time before they dispose of it or return it to the sender. I was always worried I might miss an important envelope. Some entities/institutions, such as the immigration office, won't accept General Delivery as a mailing address.

I am doing much better now. I have my work permit and I am waiting for my asylum interview. I have a full time job. I am saving money for school and I am hoping to enroll in classes again this September. If things go according to my plan, I will be graduating in December. I don't know where I would be without the essential support from Casa. I am looking forward to the future. I can't say that I was feeling the same 18 months ago.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 29

Sunday 30

9:30 am †Sharon Anderson

Monday 31

7:45 am †Shelah Fought

Tuesday 1

7:45 am Edward Cleary

Wednesday 2

7:45 am †Dan Naughton

Thursday 3

7:45 am †Don Hullett

Friday 4

7:45 am Bernie Jansen, Jr.

Saturday 5

Sunday 6

9:30 am †Clair Galdonik

READINGS 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am

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!

To Find Out About Becoming Catholic Contact Lynn Schelitzche

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism A Baptism Preparation class for new parents is offered monthly and Baptisms are celebrated once a month. 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 651-698-5581, x101 or email volunteer@lumenchristicc.org

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

Rosary Weekdays, 7:15 am and half hour before funerals

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 of child protection officials.

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 651-291-4475

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