

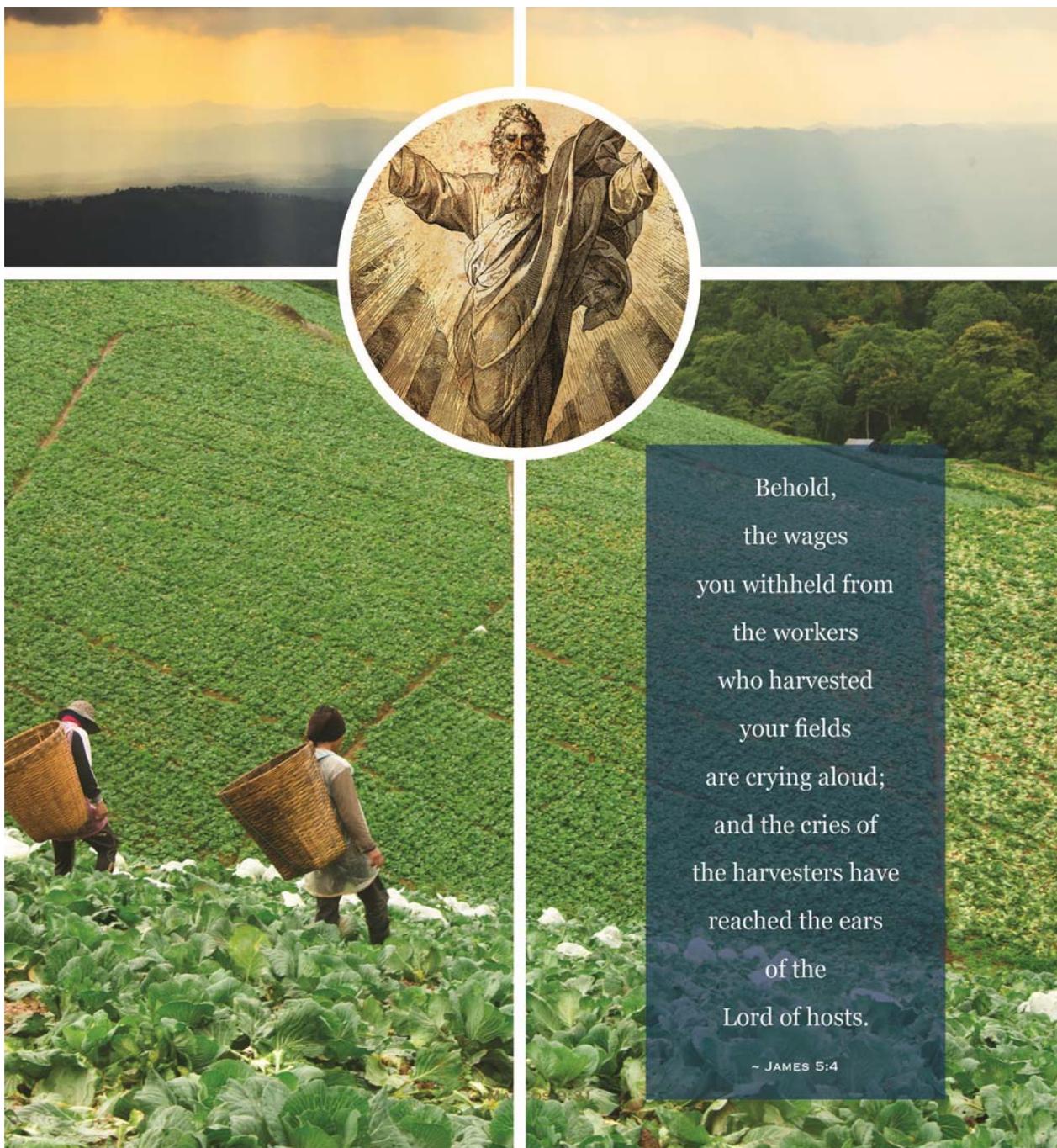


Lumen Christi CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021



Behold,
the wages
you withheld from
the workers
who harvested
your fields
are crying aloud;
and the cries of
the harvesters have
reached the ears
of the
Lord of hosts.

~ JAMES 5:4

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 26

Book Sale 8:30 am - Noon CR
 Mass 8:30 am CH, Livestreamed
 Mass 10:30 am CH
 Youth Ministry Sunday Discovery Night 6:00 pm
 CR, ICON, Rm. 237, GA

Monday, September 27

Mass 7:45 am CH
 Eucharistic Adoration 8:15 am - Noon Ch

Tuesday, September 28

Mass at 7:45 am CH

Wednesday, September 29

Mass at 7:45 am CH
 Adult Choir 6:30 pm CH

Thursday, September 30

Mass at 7:45 am CH
 Archdiocesan Synod Meeting 1:00 pm CR
 Archdiocesan Synod Meeting 6:30 pm CR
 Handbell Choir 6:30 pm CH

Friday, October 1

Men's Group 6:30 am 1CON
 Mass at 7:45 am CH
Highland Catholic School Marathon for Catholic Education

Saturday, October 2

Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm CH
 Mass 4:30 pm CH
 Ministry Scheduler Pro Training 5:30 pm CR
 Food Market Collection

Sunday, October 3

Food Market Collection
 Mass 8:30 am CH, Livestreamed
 Ministry Scheduler Pro Training 9:30 pm CR
 Mass 10:30 am CH
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Ministry Scheduler Pro Training 11:30 pm CR
Blessing of Animals 11:30 Parking Lot

Parish News



Lumen Christi Catholic Community warmly welcomes

Augusta Odette Pohl
 into the community of faith.



Please pray for **Joan Kreuzer** who has died. May she rest in peace with our risen Savior.

A private family service will be held at Carondolet. Joan and her husband John were members of St. Greg's and Lumen Christi for over 25 years. Daughter Mary Marlow, her husband Gary Marlow and son Tom Kreuzer are parishioners.



Ministry Fair October 10/11

As we begin to emerge from the Covid pandemic we continue to evaluate what is safe for us and what we are comfortable doing. The success of our parish is based on the participation of our members. The weekend of October 10/11 we will have a Ministry Fair at Coffee and Donuts. Prior to that you will receive a mailing for our annual stewardship appeal. There will be a list of the many ministries at Lumen Christi. Please consider what God is asking of you and how you can support our community. We do have an urgent need for more Mass Ministers: Ushers, Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, hospitality servers for coffee and donuts and the Loaves and Fishes ministry. We hope to see you that weekend!

Adorers Needed for Eucharistic Adoration

We are in need of additional Adorers (both consistent one-hour slots and substitutes) for Monday morning Adoration from 9:00 am—noon. Please contact Amy Wittack, Director of Liturgy, if you are available.

Bringing Them Home

The Catholic Cemeteries is offering a respectful and economical way to care for cremated human remains. Sometimes families store an urn thinking they will deal with it at a later date. Years pass and the urn is on a shelf or in a closet. Resurrection Cemetery is offering to place cremated human remains in a communal crypt with a committal service by Archbishop Hebda on All Soul's Day, November 2. Go to www.catholiccemeteries.org or call 551-228-9991 to learn more.

The Presentation of Gifts

You are invited to bring up the bread and wine at a Mass that you are attending. Perhaps you would like to present gifts on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion. On the day you bring up gifts, the ushers will help you/your family at the appropriate time. You can sign up in the back of church on the table with the hearing assistance devices.

Weekly Collection Update

	Week ending <u>Sept 11/12</u>	YTD <u>2021</u>
Total Collection	\$12,693.24	\$944,508.81
Budget	\$21,100.00	\$895,200.00
Variance	—\$3,406.76	\$49,308.81

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

Pastoral Musings ~ What Prayer Is. . .and What It Is Not. . .

Over the centuries, the word prayer has been distorted and trivialized. As I read Jesus's attitude toward prayer in the Gospels, the use of the word in Paul's letters, the teachings of the desert fathers and mothers, and the practices of Eastern Christianity, I am convinced that prayer is first of all referring to an inner state of being, a conscious choice, a faith-filled, loving union with what is always right before our eyes. That is what it means to be in union with God! This is what can make anything a prayer.

Yet whenever we enter into prayer we are always going to be called to a certain form of death. Prayer is not a communication with an absent God – try to get God to come around to our way of thinking. Prayer is a ceaseless call to die to our self-interest which is always going to be life-giving in the long run. Whenever you see life being created between people and within people, then you begin to see God's Spirit at work in our world. And when you feel the Spirit, you're always going to feel the freedom of the gospel.

The question is: Why are we not freed by the gospel in the way that Jesus was? I think that the problem for most of us is that we've been held down, shackled by our fears for so long that we no longer have the power to be creative and imaginative, listening for the next "word of the Lord." We're so busy trying to get "saved" from the problems and tragedies of daily life that we cannot see how God is embracing these with us. For the most part, our prayers are trying to change God's mind, rather than aligning our mind with God's. So we pray that our daughter will be healed of her cancer, or the Vikings will win a close game at the two-minute warning, or that our son will pass the ACT test to get into the college of his choice. And that is all fine and good; even Jesus prayed to the Father that the cup of suffering would pass from him in the garden of Gethsemane. But we ignore that most important phrase, *however, not my will, but yours be done* [Luke 22.42].

It is very important that this point is made at this time in history because there are people of all religious denominations – including clergy – who appear to say prayers often and yet live very self-contained and self-satisfied lives. The very notion of prayer, I am afraid, can be easily used for self-centered purposes to try and manipulate God to come around to our way of thinking, as Jesus shows us in the gospel parable of the Pharisee and the Publican [Luke 18.9-14]. The text tellingly states that the Pharisee prays "to himself," and "thanks God that he is not like" other people, who are supposedly inferior to him. The point cannot be made any clearer than here. Yet, one wonders how much this brilliant parable has really guided Christian spirituality down through the centuries. We have sought so many other ways to justify ourselves rather than taking ownership of our honest inability to "act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God [Micah 6.8]. Is that perhaps what happens in real prayer?

Salvation is something we are asked to *respond to* with gratitude. We don't have to fight for it. We don't have to merit it. We don't have to work hard to earn it. We don't even have to obey rules in order to deserve it. The point of prayer is simply to notice that we already have it. But only those who, like Jesus, know that they are already loved by God will be able to respond to life's challenges with gratitude. What prayer does is to free us enough from all our excuses and insecurities to be able to respond like God does to those around us. Then we, like Jesus, will have the power to make our prayer-responses effective in this world.

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Today's Readings

Proclaim the Wonder of God

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations. Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Faith Formation

Youth Ministry Sunday Discovery Nights

This Sunday we kick off our new Youth Ministry Discovery Night. All 9th and 10th graders are invited to come and hang out, eat dinner, engage in meaningful discussions, and participate in fun activities. We meet from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Come to the Community Room and try it out!

First Reconciliation Parent Session is in Two Weeks Tuesday, October 12, 6:30-8:00pm is our First Reconciliation parent orientation and materials pick-up with Fr. Paul and Lynn Schelitzche. See more information about the program and registration on our Sacraments/First Reconciliation page on our website.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



Sunday, October 3rd at 11:30am
Lumen Christi Parking Lot

Archdiocesan Synod



SYNOD 2022

What is the Synod?

The synod process is taking place over three years in our Archdiocese, culminating at Pentecost 2022! The Archdiocese is grateful for the 8,000+ people who gave over 30,000 comments during the Prayer and Listening Events in fall 2019-winter 2020. Now it is time to take the next step: the Parish Consultation with small groups.

Focus Areas Announced

Based on the information already gathered in the Prayer and Listening Events, information gathered for the Ad Limina visit with Pope Francis in January, and the results of the Disciple Marker Index, Archbishop Hebda has discerned the initial set of focus areas for the Archdiocesan Synod sessions above will be:

1. **Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization (living the Gospel).**
2. **Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call.**
3. **Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.**

There are two different sessions for each focus area.

Synod Sessions continue THIS WEEK

At Lumen Christi:

We are offering these sessions on either **Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00pm, or Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm, in our Community Room, mid-September to mid-November as follows:**

Focus Area Above 1, 2, 3 :

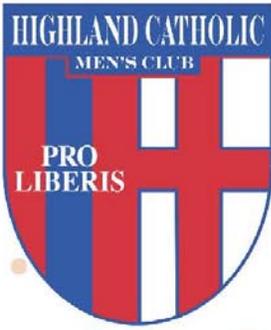
More discussion on Focus Area 1:

1. Sept. 30 – Thursday 1:00-3:00pm, or 6:30-8:30pm
2. October 7 – Thursday 1:00-3:00pm, or 6:30-8:30pm
2. October 14 – Thursday 1:00-3:00pm, or 6:30-8:30pm
3. Nov. 4 – Thursday 1:00-3:00pm, or 6:30-8:30pm
3. Nov. 11 – Thursday 1:00-3:00pm, or 6:30-8:30pm

No registration needed. Please attend the sessions of your choice and be a catalyst for shaping our future church.

See more at <https://www.archspm.org/synod/>

Each session includes prayer, Archbishop's video, questionnaires, and discussion.



Highland Catholic Men's
Club Presents

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by:



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BY FRIDAY
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MEDIUM PUMPKINS \$10

PREORDER ONLINE: [TINYURL.COM/H76MC45V](https://tinyurl.com/h76mc45v)

Pick-Up: Friday 10/8, 3 - 7 pm
Highland Catholic School Parking Lot

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 25

4:30 pm †Bob Truda

Sunday 26

8:30 am

10:30 am Lumen Christi

Monday 27

7:45 am

Tuesday 28

7:45 am

Wednesday 29

7:45 am

†Susan Skramstead

Thursday 30

7:45 am

Friday 1

7:45 am

†Earl Miller

Saturday 2

4:45 pm

†John Cunningham

Sunday 3

8:30 am

Lumen Christi

10:30 am

READINGS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).



The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple. — *Psalm 19:8*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

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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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