

Lumen Christi Social Justice Ministry



What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
Micah 6:8

The Mission:

The mission of social justice ministry at Lumen Christi is to promote the Gospel message of justice and charity in our service to our parish, neighborhood and world community.

Who are we?

We are a group of parishioners from all walks of life who share a common passion. Called by our pastor, Fr. Paul Feela, and working in partnership with the Archdiocesan Office of Social Justice, we seek to infuse the message of justice from the Gospel into everyday life at Lumen Christi Catholic Community.

What is our vision?

Beginning with *Rerum Novarum*, written by Pope Leo XIII in 1891, the popes and bishops of the Catholic Church have created a series of encyclicals and letters that together comprise the core of Catholic Social Teaching. This teaching is the Church's attempt to apply the message of the Gospel and centuries of Christian experience to injustices in our modern world. Through the hard work and dedication of our parishioners, the Lumen Christi Catholic Community provides direct service to the poor and vulnerable and addresses the root causes of poverty, war, and affronts to the dignity of all people. We do this through our worship, educational, and outreach programs.

What do we do?

In the past few years, Lumen Christi has promoted a variety of justice-oriented activities, including the following:

- Hosted speakers on topics like the Catholic vote and Pope Benedict's latest encyclical (*Caritas in Veritate*)
- Held a postcard campaign to state legislators addressing the needs of the poor and vulnerable in Minnesota
- Hosted an educational workshop on the Biblical roots of social justice
- Met with the Governor's Special Advisor for Faith and Community Initiatives to discuss the needs of the poor and vulnerable in Minnesota
- Collaborated with other parishes and congregations in meeting with local legislators to address social justice concerns
- Sent out regular email updates on justice-related events at Lumen Christi and in the Twin Cities area

All of this sounds great – how do I get involved?

There are several ways parishioners and people in the community can be a part of justice efforts at Lumen Christi:

Join our update email list, and receive regular notices about social justice opportunities at Lumen Christi and beyond.

To subscribe, send an email to lumenchristisj@yahoo.com

The social justice team meets the first Wednesday of each month during the school year. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings and learn more about the social justice committee. For more information, contact Mike Harley at (651) 695-1596 or the parish office at (651) 698-5581.

Watch the weekly parish bulletin and check out the bulletin board (located on the wall next to the parish office) for updates and ways to get involved with social justice activities at Lumen Christi.

If you are interested in social justice efforts in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, you may contact the Office of Social Justice at (651) 291-4477 or visit <http://www.osjspm.org>.

As always, your prayers and encouragement are welcome! We invite you to join the effort to make the Gospel call to justice an integral part of the mission and life of Lumen Christi Catholic Community.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of the sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

Luke 4:18

