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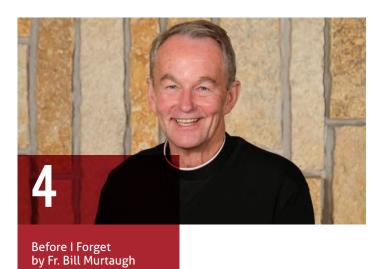
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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith nourished by the Eucharist, we are committed in our discipleship with Christ to act for justice, be of generous service, and authentically welcome all to Pax Christi Catholic Community.

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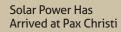




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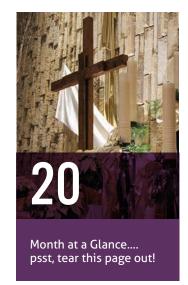














# LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER



Fr. Bill Murtaugh Senior Associate Pastor

RABBI ABRAHAM HESCHEL (1907-1972) wrote: "There are no proofs for the existence of the God of Abraham. There are only witnesses." These witnesses are found in all religious traditions. They are the saints, the martyrs, the prophets, and ordinary people whose lives tell us about a God who takes us seriously; who is affected by our concerns; moved by our cries; who responds to our suffering and joys. This is the God that Jesus and all prophets speak of. Only a God who responds to human beings deserves their faith.

As a religious Jew, Jesus knew the words of the prophets. He quotes them in the Gospel. A prophet is one who speaks to God for the people, and who speaks to the people for God.

No one chooses to be a prophet. Who would want the job? You have to speak the word God has given you, even when no one wants to hear it. In fact, they get angry when you say it. Prophets can be a pain; they just refuse to go with the program. Just when things are going smoothly, they start making waves.

No one chooses to be a prophet. It is God who chooses men and women, gives them the word, and then sends them to speak. I'd like to introduce

Amos to you. He lived in the good times of Israel (786-746 B.C.) while Jeroboam II was the king. Israel is at peace with her neighbors. The economy is good. People are working. There is low unemployment. Life is humming along. Things are looking better and better and along comes Amos. What is his problem? Why can't he get with the program?

Amos's problem is that God has given him a vision, and he cannot get that vision out of his head. He would like to go back to his own happy life. But he can't because he no longer sees the world the way he used to. God has shown him how out-of-kilter Israel was; they needed to see that their ways were different from God's ways.

Prophets give us a way stepping back appraising our situation. We are constantly in need of an outside authority to help us look at our environment; everything might look right, but nothing would really be right. That's why God sends prophets. That's why Amos was called. The people in Israel thought everything was perfect, when in fact it was far from perfect.

Poor Amos was just minding his own business, breeding sheep, and working as a dresser of sycamore trees. That means he cuts the top of the fruit open. If the fruit is healthy, letting air in makes it ripen sooner and become juicier. If there are insects inside, opening up the fruit releases them.

Amos gets the call of dressing Israel, cutting her open to show what is healthy and what is not. And what does he find? Underneath all the prosperity and lack of conflict is a people who have forgotten God's command to care for the poor, the defenseless, the "little" people.

Amos, like all true prophets, is a pain because they call us to account. "Instead of looking at yourself, look at the world around you. Why are there so many poor in a country so rich? Why do so few have so much and so many have so little? Why do the powerful live in comfort and the powerless suffer?"

But Amos is not quite finished. "In the days of the Lord, the table will be turned. Justice will come rolling down like the waters. Those who have thirsted will drink, and those who have been drinking will drown."

When Amos finished speaking, there was silence. No one

applauded. No one asked questions. Everyone just left. Finally, the priest came up to Amos and invited him to go home. And that's how the story ends.

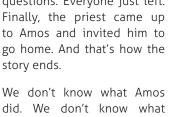
did. We don't know what the Israelites did with his message. We do know that 40 years later Israel was conquered by the Assyrians. Its cities were destroyed, and its people were sent into exile. Was it because they didn't take seriously Amos's warning? We don't know.

But we do know Amos's words make us squirm. What he and all true prophets say is not what we want to hear. They are calling us to change in radical ways.

Amos's message is this: God intends justice.

Justice is not about charity nor generosity. Justice is about fairness. The question that justice asks is not "How do we help the poor?" but "Why do we have so many poor people?"

When Amos talks about God's justice, he has two things to say. The first is that we are interconnected as a human family. What happens to you happens to me. God intends for all people to experience



a "Holy Communion," which means "I can never be what I am supposed to be as long as others are not what they are supposed to be." The job of the prophet is to make us notice the people we have overlooked and to pay attention to what people have and don't have. In our times we are also called to notice what is happening to our planet Earth. We are certainly interconnected to the

environment on a daily basis.

The second thing Amos tells us is to build fairness into social and political structures so that justice will happen. Israel did have such structures. Amos's job was to remind people what was already in place. Earlier prophets, speaking for God, had told the people: "When you reap the harvest, you shall not reap to the very edges of the field, or gather the gleanings of the harvest; you shall leave some for the poor."

And every 50th year was a Jubilee Year—all debts were cancelled, land was redistributed, everyone started over. Amos reminded the people that they have disobeyed what is built into the law.

We are no longer an agricultural

society like ancient Israel, nor do we have a Jubilee Year. We have to dream up new structures for our twenty-first century world. It seems like an impossible task, but that's why we have God in our lives. The structures of ancient Israel were Godgiven, and God will help us find the structures of fairness and justice if we pray, pay attention, and listen. What kind of world does God want for us? God still calls prophets to speak about poverty, racism, economics, consumerism, sexism, criminal justice, war, nuclear weapons, housing, food, environmental concerns, and workers' rights, to name a few.

Christians must be actively engaged in the world if we have any hope of contributing to the coming Reign of God. Our work for justice must be grounded in today's spiritual life—one that includes an understanding of the Bible as a living document speaking to our lives today in the twenty-first century, having a personal prayer life, belonging to and active in the life of the Christian community, and

I believe that is the call of the Church in our times: bringing justice and reconciliation to our world—with God's help and in God's time. As Pope Francis recently said: "We will either build the future together or there will be no future."

rooting our activities in God's

will rather than our own.



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"Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."

—Pope Francis address to U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015

Peg Musegrades, Chair of Pax Christi's Justice Council, keeps this quote from Pope Francis in a personal journal. Peg is one of ten members of the Justice Council who are focused on helping Pax Christi grow as a faith community in the area of readiness for social action. Although justice has always been an integral part of Pax Christi from its initial founding, Peg believes that this is an ideal time for Pax Christi to act on social justice issues. Pope Francis has pushed Catholic social teaching to the forefront and made it clear that climate change can't be ignored as a justice issue. Peg cites the influence of Pope Francis as well as the leadership within Pax Christi as factors in creating an opportune time and setting for justice ministry.

The Justice Council uses the Justice Speaker Series and local opportunities for social action as the foundation for their visionary work to fulfill aspects of their mission and purpose. Their focus has been to grow as a faith community in the area of readiness for social action. This readiness has taken the form of the Justice Speaker Series, which was started in 2017. This year, seven different speakers—individuals living and working within

the Twin Cities for social transformation—have provided a forum for Pax Christi members to learn about the most pressing social issues. When trying to determine which issues the speaker series should address, Peg thought that it might be difficult for Justice Council members to come to a consensus. However, when each person had a chance to rank the issues most important to them, it quickly became clear which issues were most urgent: food insecurity, criminal justice equity, immigration rights, affordable housing, climate justice, and justice for the poor.

The response to the speaker series has been very positive. Attendance for each session has ranged from 40 to 80 participants, with the immigration session drawing the largest audience. With the use of social media, the speaker series has allowed the council to reach beyond the Pax Christi community to find people from other churches who want to be engaged and connected on these issues. The speakers provide first-hand knowledge in their areas of expertise, which is key to people truly understanding the scope and complexity of these issues. Justice Council member Ricardo Ortiz Nava says that the best term to describe the sessions is "eye-

opening." Ricardo said that attendees are usually surprised when they hear the numbers and statistics used by the speakers. The speakers' specific examples also bring the issues to life. Attendees generally walk away knowing that an issue has multiple layers to it.

Peg says that after hearing

a speaker, the question for

individuals then becomes, "What can I do now?" Even though these issues present a difficult undertaking because of their scope and complexity, Peg and Ricardo have learned from listening to the subject matter experts that one area where people can greatly affect change is by influencing policy. Policy change comes about not only through participation in city, state, and national elections, but also through a range of activities, such as making purchases as consumers, attending city meetings, participating in advocacy groups, and contacting those who create policy. Peg says that people need to realize that calling your elected officials and telling them what specific actions to take can make a difference. In response to affordable housing issues, the Justice Council created contact cards, which were distributed one weekend after Mass. The cards provided contact information for elected officials, making it easier for people to take that next step to reach out and voice their concerns on affordable housing. Last vear, the whole Pax Christi community was invited to send postcards and sign a letter to members of congress regarding comprehensive immigration reform. Over 600 Pax Christi members participated in this advocacy. By influencing changes in policy, the Justice Council is able to work toward its mission of affecting those forces and structures that create injustice.

The speaker series also sets the stage for next steps and carry through by inviting Pax Christi members to collaborate on justice issues by working in teams. At the end of each speaker session, attendees are invited to sign up for further involvement and take that next step and become part of an advocacy team. Forming teams is a new initiative on the part of the Justice Council and they are still in the process of determining how this initiative might take shape.

In addition to their work with the Justice Speaker Series, the Justice Council provides ongoing opportunities for social action in the areas of food justice, environment, housing, and immigration. The Justice Council collaborates with local community programs addressing these issues, including Meals on Wheels, Loaves and Fishes, PROP (Giving Garden), YouthLink, Eden Prairie Housing Coalition, On the Road to Jericho, and the Tutor Network.

Because justice is part of the fabric of the Pax Christi community and it is intertwined with many aspects of the parish, Peg and Ricardo admit it can be difficult to distinguish which activities fall under the Justice Council umbrella. One of the areas that is intertwined with the council is the Justice Grant Board. The purpose of the Justice Grant Board is to review grant applications from organizations that work on homelessness and childhood development. The Justice Council provides leadership and vision to the Justice Grant Board by setting the guidelines for making the awards. The parameters set by the council involve both the amount of impact that the grant will have on the organization, and what kind of change it will have on the local community.

Peg and Ricardo have both

been members of Pax Christi for more than 20 years. Both say their participation in the JustFaith ministry played a role in being called to become members of the Justice Council. JustFaith—which uses speakers, reading, and discussions educates participants to help create deeper connections and purpose within their communities. Peg said that the JustFaith program taught her how important her faith was to her, and because of that she needed to act on it. Ricardo said that as a Justice Council member, he has learned a lot not just about social justice matters, but also about the Pax Christi community: "I've learned that this community is very open and receptive to justice matters, that these issues are highly complex, and that these initiatives require a huge commitment." Peg agrees that the issues are complicated and that in order to act, people need education like that provided through the speaker series. She thinks being concerned is part of the process because it creates awareness and leads you to find out how much you didn't know.

Beyond gaining knowledge on justice issues, Ricardo says that his involvement in the Justice Council has led to a greater understanding of the Church itself, its role as the hands and feet of Christ, and that as a community we are an instrument of the extended

Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor

# JUSTICE MINISTRY MISSION

We will discern the most pressing needs of people and planet and utilize Pax Christi's resources to promote the dignity of the marginalized and change the forces and structures that create injustice.

## JUSTICE MINISTRY PURPOSE

The Justice Ministry Council exists to serve and speak for the marginalized, to serve the parish as its primary resource and catalyst for the work of social justice. to educate the community on social issues and Catholic social teaching, to provide opportunities for social action, and to foster awareness that social ministry is integral, not optional, in the life of the parish. It provides leadership and vision to the Justice Grant Board and other justice related ministries.



## **GREEN CARD VOICES EXHIBIT COMING TO PAX CHRISTI**

#### STORY TELLING: ENCOUNTERING OTHERS AND OURSELVES

**ONE OF** the ways that we come to understand ourselves and the world is through story telling. The stories we tell unpack our wants, our needs, and our strivings. They offer a window into the shared and different meanings and judgments that we create out of what happened. Stories can be created to divide us, but they also have the power to invite us into deeper relationship with one another. Pope Francis has consistently encouraged, even demanded, that we create a culture of encounter across our communities and the whole world. The power of sharing our stories with one another is that important to our Christian call to discipleship.

Our recent Social Justice Speakers Series has brought us opportunities to deepen our relationships with people and issues that may be hidden from us in our own daily paces by listening to their stories. We welcome every opportunity to engage in this life-giving, love-giving storytelling. One area that has become a focus for Pax Christi members has been stories of migration. We seek to understand this complex issue and the impact on real human beings: our neighbors right here in Minnesota and around the world.

This month, we have two more extraordinary opportunities to make a connection to the story of migration in the United States. First, the Catholic Community Foundation will be with us as host of a *Giving Insights Social Forum*, on Tuesday,

April 9, 6:00–8:30pm (see page 18 for more details). This forum will explore our Catholic response to U.S. immigration policy. The second opportunity comes through the generosity of the Catholic Community Foundation. Starting April 6, we will have six days of hosting the Green Card Voices exhibit in Dorothy Day Social Hall. The mission of Green Card Voices is to share immigrant stories with as many people as possible. Their work began in 2013 with an exhibit called "Immigrants Telling Their Life Stories," which visited over 35 locations in Minnesota. The exhibit includes portraits, biographies, and first-person video stories of Minnesota migrants and refugees. We invite everyone to take time between April 6 and April 11 to visit the exhibit (see details on page 18).

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Director of Justice Ministries





Our fabulous Bible Camp drama team goes to Open Arms as part of their leadership training.



Senior high youth help prepare meals while on mission in Detroit, MI.

# YOUTH ON A MISSION FOR JUSTICE

**WE OFTEN** look at young people and remind them that they are "the future of the church." But let's not forget that they are also the church **HERE AND NOW!** The children and youth of Pax Christi live out their role as disciples by engaging in acts of service and justice as part of their Faith Formation experience—from Finding God (elementary school) to PaxConnex (middle school), all the way through Faith Interest Connectors, Wayfinders, and Confirmation (high school)!

St. Teresa of Avila says, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world." The youth of Pax Christi are truly the body of Christ in our midst!



Our 4- year old Bible campers make a blanket for outreach for Youth Link.



A Finding God fifth grade group blesses meals they have packaged for St Stephens.



A fifth grade group in the Finding God program packages meals and adds blessing cards for Youth Link.



"Wayfinders" visit Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen for outreach and service to those in need.



# THE ROAD TO EMMAUS AND EDEN PRAIRIE

SO JESUS WENT IN TO STAY WITH THEM, AND IT HAPPENED THAT, WHILE HE WAS WITH THEM AT TABLE, HE TOOK BREAD. SAID THE BLESSINGS. **BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO** THEM. WITH THAT THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM. **BUT HE VANISHED FROM** THEIR SIGHT.

-LUKE 24:29-31

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS of the Triduum, beginning at sundown on Holy Thursday and ending at sundown on Easter Sunday, encapsulate the essence of our faith. The sharing of a meal at the Last Supper, the awful events of Good Friday, and the celebration of the Resurrection of the Holy One, grounds the Christian on the journey of faith. In our movements through the Easter Season, we harken back to the remembrance of these defining days. The Emmaus story, the passage in Luke's 24th chapter, brings together the progression that the disciples had witnessed and that we live today. These disciples recalled the events of

the One who had lived among them, who was remembered in the breaking of the bread. They recollected the passion of Jesus, the torment He faced, and the departure of the ones He thought He could count on to hold Him in His time of need. These friends on the road to Emmaus were dismayed at the events they had witnessed. They were in bewilderment that their friend had been buried, yet somehow cannot be found, with women reporting "a vision of angels who announced he was alive." They shared these events with a stranger on the road, who became interested in the stories of those recent days. As they sat down for a rest and a

meal, they were transported back in memory when the stranger took the bread, broke it, shared it, left their sight, but remained in this new yet familiar way of interacting with the Risen One.

This story of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus is retold each year and many times, and it must be. This breaking of the bread is remembered each time we gather for Eucharist, and it must be. This walking with a stranger and listening to what we can learn and become is a posture of a disciple, and it must be. As an Easter people, may our eyes be opened, and may we recognize in the stranger among us that God is present, with us, as it must be.

Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director

# TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY** ~ APRIL 18 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm



The Mass for Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples. We put into practice a major tenet of Jesus' teaching in tonight's gospel: "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). At the Holy Thursday Mass we have an opportunity to get our feet washed and to wash another's feet.

Following Mass we take time for adoration of the Eucharist in our chapel. The chapel will be open until 10:00pm for private prayer for those who wish to answer the call, "Could you not, then, watch one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40)

#### GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 19 Living Stations at 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm

The emphasis today is on the cross. It is not on death. This is a day of conversion, for the love of God is made most manifest in the death of Christ. We do not mourn. We celebrate not sorrow but the victory of the cross. We move more deeply into the Paschal Mystery—the mystery of life and death in our own lives.

On Good Friday at Pax Christi

we celebrate Living Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross is a devotional prayer in which people meditate on a number of scenes from the passion and death of Jesus. At Pax Christi, we call these stations "living" stations because our youth act out the scenes. The reflections include prayer and music. Please join us for this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! The "Celebration of the Lord's Passion" is to remember the passion and death of Jesus. The service is not a Mass. We begin with a short time of silent, reverent prayer. Then we move into the Liturgy of the Word.

#### HOLY SATURDAY ~ APRIL 20 BLESSING OF Easter Food at 12:00pm Vigil Beginning at 8:00pm

The custom of bringing Easter food to the church for a blessing began in Eastern Europe, was brought to the United States by immigrants, and has become more increasingly mainstream. A decorated basket containing a sampling of the foods to be eaten for Easter dinner is blessed on Holy Saturday. Some of the traditional foods are: a round loaf of Easter



bread, usually decorated with a cross of dough, symbolizing Christ, the True Bread from heaven; ham or sausage representing the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity; brightly decorated hard-boiled eggs representing new life and Resurrection; butter shaped into a figure of a lamb or small cross as a reminder of Christ; salt for flavor as a reminder of a Christian's duty to others.

On this most holy night, we gather at the fire to tell the stories we hold dear, the stories our ancestors gave us as a heritage. We wait alongside the waters of baptism to pass through the waters to the banquet table of new life. "This is the Night" for our broken world to be made whole. We renew our baptismal promises. We celebrate with our catechumens and candidates.

We are sent forth to be light for those in darkness, to be story for those without hope, to be rebirth and resurrection for those in death and decay, to be bread and wine for those who are starving for food, for love, and for God.

#### EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 21 Mass at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

As the song says, "This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia!" With joy, we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. We will continue our celebration for the 50 days of Easter until we reach the feast of Pentecost. We also sing, "Jesus Christ is risen today." In "real" time the resurrection was hundreds of years ago. But Christians believe that the resurrection



has meaning in our lives each and every day. resurrection, Jesus opens for us the way to new life. 12 APRIL 2019 APRIL 2019 13



# WALK ALONGSIDE OUR RCIA SEEKERS

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is marked by a deepened period of preparation for those discerning initiation into the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) process. As our two catechumens (not baptized) and four candidates (already baptized in a Christian tradition) enter their final preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, the rest of the community accompanies them during this spiritual journey. Part of this accompaniment includes three public rites.

The **RITE OF WELCOMING** was celebrated in January at a 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Those who attended were privileged to welcome our catechumens and candidates into the Catechumenate Phase of the RCIA process for those considering becoming Catholic. This is the first public rite in the process. Three symbols embody this rite: **The Threshold**—the participants and ministers started at the baptismal font which is the threshold, or entrance, into both Pax Christi's sanctuary and into Christianity. They were introduced to the assembly by their sponsors, named what they were seeking from the Church, and then welcomed by the assembly into the next stage of the RCIA process. From there all could cross the threshold and proceed to the altar. **The Cross**—the sponsors placed the Sign of the Cross on the participants' foreheads, eyes, ears, lips, shoulders, hands, and feet to symbolize a turning toward Jesus. The priest blessed them with the Sign of the Cross and the sponsors placed a cross pendant over the participants. **The Word** —to follow Jesus means studying Jesus' words and actions in our Scriptures—His teachings, preaching, parables, actions, miracles, death, and resurrection. After hearing the Word through our Scripture readings and homily, the RCIA participants were presented with the bible and then dismissed to reflect on the Word we just heard.

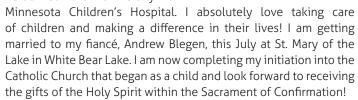
Our Pax Christi community participated in the second public rite for those preparing for initiation in the Catholic Church. On the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, the Pax Christi 11:00am assembly celebrated the RITE OF SENDING (at Pax Christi) prior to THE RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUED CONVERSION (which takes place with one of our bishops at the Basilica of St. Mary in the afternoon). The sponsors presented the participants to the assembly and attested that they have experienced a conversion and are ready for the next and deeper steps toward completing the Sacraments of Initiation. The presider asked for the assembly's permission and affirmation of those being sent. The participants then signed the Book of the Elect which was taken to the Rite of Election that afternoon where the bishop welcomed our catechumens into the elect (preparing for Baptism) and recognized our baptized candidates on their continued journey to fulfill their initiation rites (Confirmation and Eucharist).

During Lent, the RCIA participants prepare for the third public rite: **RITE OF INITIATION**. This is done when the participant feels ready, usually by the Easter Vigil, where we celebrate all three initiation sacraments—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—with the catechumens, and the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist with the candidates.

Sacraments are a communal celebration. Please continue your prayers and your support of our companions. Consider welcoming them into this community by inviting any of them for coffee, a meal, or to check out your Pax Christi group. Please contact me to arrange this.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche. Director of Faith Formation

Hello! My name is Katie Wenzel. I was baptized at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Duluth Minnesota and received my First Eucharist here at Pax Christi. I graduated from nursing school at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, in December of 2018 and recently moved back to Eden Prairie. I work as a cardiovascular pediatric intensive care unit nurse at the University of

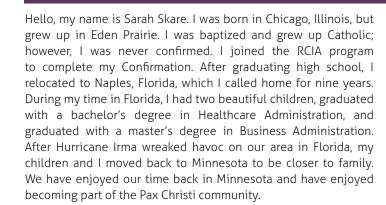


My name is Brian and I am from Carroll, Iowa. I attended Iowa State, which is where I met my fiancé. We moved to Minneapolis and now live in Richfield with our puppy Millie. I made the decision to go through the RCIA process in order to strengthen my relationship with Christ.





Hi, my name is Elizabeth. I grew up in Houston, TX, and moved to Minnesota in high school. I currently live in Eden Prairie. My fiancé, Christian, and I bought a house last spring. It has been fun putting our own touches on the house and playing fixer-upper. I am a pharmacist and have recently completed school and a residency. I love my job because helping people understand their medications is very rewarding. In my free time I enjoy playing piano and baking—tiramisu is my favorite. I am also very much an outdoors person (weather permitting) and I especially enjoy biking and being out on the water.







was raised in Milaca MN, and finished K-12 at the same school. I live in Eden Prairie with my fiancé, Elizabeth. I met Elizabeth the summer out of high school and then went on to get a bachelor's degree in biology at Metropolitan State. I now work in the medical device industry. In my free time, I enjoy playing fixerupper with our house and spending time outdoors. I am also an animal lover. We enjoy going to the zoo and have six green cheek conure parakeets as our lovable pets.

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# SOLAR POWER HAS ARRIVED AT PAX CHRISTI

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council, Finance Council, and Community Council and their years of research, planning, verification, and design we can now be proud to model our "Care for Creation" through solar energy production.

Despite the inclement weather and record snowfalls, IPS Solar has completed the installation of our hosted community solar array on our roof. The array, while barely visible from the ground, encompasses a major portion of the flat surfaces on the roof. The system is the result of extensive studies of our roof systems and structural capacity to support these panels and peak snow loads as well. It is designed to minimize any negative aesthetics

or program activities and maximize the energy producing potential of our site. In fact, you may not have even noticed the majority of the construction process.

To provide an educational opportunity for our members and other interested parties, we will be hosting the annual meeting of our solar provider, Cooperative Energy Futures, here on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 6:30pm. If you are curious about how community solar works or would like a tour of our new system, please come to this gathering. Watch our eNEWS and other announcements for details.

The photo to the left is the original concept design schematic.

The four photos on this page were taken during the installation on the north area of the building. These are all in the area above Nazareth Hall.



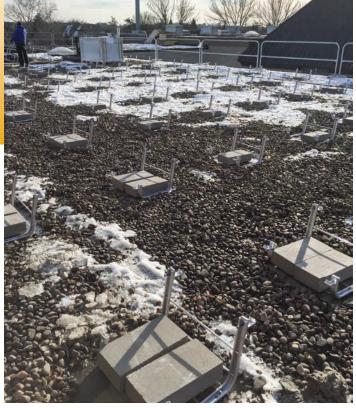


Meanwhile, we will start to see credits on our electrical invoices for the energy production which will start this month. We anticipate the system will provide 17 to 20% of our electrical needs. this will significantly contribute to lowering our operating costs for the next 25 years.

You can be proud of the efforts of your Leadership and the entire community for leading the way in the solar energy revolution. We are providing alternative energy to users that may otherwise not be able to have access to lower energy costs and helping to care for God's creation.

Thanks for your support in this long-awaited success.

Written by Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations





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# **ENGAGED AS PEOPLE OF PEACE**

**THE FOCUS** of member engagement here at Pax Christi is on hospitality, building on our strength. Lonni Pratt in *Radical Hospitality* wrote, "Hospitality is a call to revere what is sacred in every person ever born." That is a powerful statement, and intimidating. We humans tend to judge others quickly based on physical traits and/or their beliefs and/or the first thing we hear them say, before we get to know them as another human. Both Fr. Mike and Fr. Bill remind us regularly that every person is a beloved child of God, and sometimes that is hard to remember. Pratt adds, "Hospitality is both the answer to modern alienation and injustice and a path to a deeper spirituality." Hospitality offered by members of Pax Christi is an ongoing act of justice. We seldom think of it that way.

In the Vatican II document *The Church in the Modern World*, it is written, "While there are just differences between people, their equal dignity as persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace." To restate the idea, it is through each of us performing acts of justice, both individually and collectively as members of Pax Christi, that we can help achieve equity and maintain human dignity and peace. It's not easy, but if you and I don't do it, who will? It is everyone's duty. Fr. Mike and Fr. Bill frequently remind us in their homilies that we are to bring the peace of Jesus Christ to others by doing small, daily things. What can I do today to bring peace to others?

About peace, Benedict Spinoza wrote, "Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice." In other words, when each of us is at peace with God and with self and with others, we are more likely to act for justice. Each of us is not always at peace for one reason or another. That's the struggle.

May God grant peace to us all.

Written by the Lay Leadership Development Council



## **PARISHIONER NEWS**

#### **FEBRUARY BAPTISMS**

Vincent William Bryan 2/10/2019 Levi Christopher Narins 2/16/2019 **Brooks Callaway Greywitt** 2/17/2019 John Joseph Rogat 2/17/2019 Finnley Patrick Sabin 2/17/2019 Carson Christopher Sill 2/17/2019 Ava Mae Brooks 2/24/2019 Vivian Ann Hendricks 2/24/2019 Paige Catherine Munn 2/24/2019

#### **NO FEBRUARY WEDDINGS**

#### **FEBRUARY FUNERALS**

James Barrett 2/1/2019 Timothy James Keating 2/11/2019

#### **FEBRUARY NEW MEMBERS**

Hobie Artigue and Kristin Ward
Michael DeRosa
Marie and Thomas Erickson
Erika Kociemba
Raymond and Itohan Ogagarue
Jeremy and Kayla Scherr



# **BOOMERS & BEYOND**

PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

Sign-up at www.paxchristi.com/boomers to receive info on upcoming events.

#### Upcoming events include:

**April 5:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation

**April 18:** Feed My Starving Children **May 14:** Annual Spring Retreat

## **READINGS FOR APRIL**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2019**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019**

Thursday:

Sunday:

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27;

Friday: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42 Saturday: Gn1:1-22[1:1,26-31a]Ps1041-2,5-6,10,12,13-14,24,35;

> Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2019

Monday:Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15Tuesday:Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18Wednesday:Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35Thursday:Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48Friday:Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14Saturday:Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15Sunday:Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2019**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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## **APRIL**

#### **EASTER BASKET DRIVE CONTINUES**

Last Weekend to Drop Off: April 6/7

Complete details can be found online.

#### **GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES**

#### Thursdays through May 16, 5:30-7:30pm at Pax Christi

The Southwest Grief Coalition (SWGC) is a partnership of local churches working together to provide support and education for those who are grieving. A seven-week spring series, *Living and Growing Through Loss*, will be hosted here at Pax Christi. The evening will include a light meal, large group education session, and small group supportive sessions designed to offer listening and care to your type of loss. There is no cost to participate and you do not need to attend all sessions. For more information, look for the spring brochure in the kiosk by the reception desk, visit Pax Christi website www.paxchristi.com/grief, or the new SWGC website www.swgriefcoalition.org, which includes links to local grief resources and suggested bibliographies about death. Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

#### TAIZE' PRAYER

## Gathering around the Cross FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00Pm, Main Worship Space

Come and experience Taizé Prayer, an evening prayer service modeled on the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé, France. The service includes chants (like *Jesus, Remember Me*,) uncomplicated repetitive songs, psalms, scripture, and silence. The meditative music, candle-lit environment, and generous time of silence will help draw us more deeply into Lent and prepare for Holy Week. Friends and family are welcome.

#### FEATURED ART EXHIBIT: LOVED & LOVING

#### On DISPLAY APRIL 6–28 IN THE Pacem In Terris Gallery

The upcoming art exhibit, *Loved and Loving*, will feature the spectacular landscapes of Gregg Rochester, the beautiful nature scenes of Pat Duncan, and the efforts of their evolving student, Jacqueline Bergan. It is hoped viewers will experience God's expression of love as a personal gift to them in the fullness of the love Ignatius refers to in his Spiritual Exercises. *Loved and Loving* will open Sunday, April 7. Following morning Masses, there will be a reception with hospitality and an artist meet and greet. The works will be available for viewing through Easter Sunday. Bergen—who is an author, spiritual director, and artist—says, "When an artist takes up brush, paint, pastel, watercolor or whatever medium they prefer, they proceed to embrace the sacred process of creativity."

#### **GREEN CARD VOICES EXHIBIT**

#### On DISPLAY APRIL 6-11

Through the generosity of the Catholic Community Foundation, we will have six days of hosting the Green Card Voices Exhibit in Dorothy Day Social Hall. The mission of Green Card Voices is to share immigrant stories with as many people as possible. Their work began in 2013 with an exhibit called "Immigrants Telling Their Life Stories," which visited over 35 locations in Minnesota. The exhibit includes portraits, bios, and first-person video stories of Minnesota migrants and refugees. We invite all to plan to take time to visit the exhibit.

#### **GIVING INSIGHTS SOCIAL FORUM**

The Catholic Response to Immigration
Tuesday, April 9; 6:00-8:30pm; Hall of Martyrs RSVP

Hear the "Pope's favorite nun," Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., talk about her work welcoming immigrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. A moderated panel discussion will follow, featuring Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Warren Sazama, S.J. of St. Thomas More parish, and an immigration lawyer. Additional details on back cover.

#### ST. MARY'S RED LAKE MISSION GALA

#### April 25, 6:30pm, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Edina

St. Mary's is both a school and parish located on the Red Lake Indian Reservations—one of the poorest communities in the state. Fr. Byron is well-acquainted with the mission. His former graduate student is the administrator, and as a visitor to the mission, Fr. Byron can attest to the great and necessary work being done there. He also attests that the annual gala is a very special occasion, in large part because of the gratitude of the Red Lake people. There's a happy hour prior to a feast of fresh walleye with all the trimmings. Dinner is followed by comments from the mission's pastor, and entertainment or remarks from the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe. The event is free but serves as a fundraiser, with an invitation for contributions at the end of the evening.

#### SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING

#### Tuesday, April 30, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

Come enjoy a relaxing and fun art collage session with others. We make five by eight-inch cards which reflect aspects of our inner selves, our soul's purpose, and the Divine. Once finished with each card, you will journal with it by using the journal sheets and three guided questions. Find out what that card is all about. You may also want to make cards for your deck that honor others, so feel free to bring photos of loved ones, loved places, loved pets, and anyone in the world or heaven who has inspired you. If you have questions, contact Lynn Schelitzche, lschelitzche@paxchristi.com.

## **MAKE PLANS NOW**

#### **BOOMERS AND BEYOND SPRING RETREAT**

Adding More Joy to Your Life
Tuespay, May 14, 8:30am, \$15.00 RSVP

Boomers and Beyond senior ministry, along with the Young at Heart senior group of St. Edward's Church in Bloomington, invite all the parish seniors to our annual end-of-year retreat. The retreat will start with the 8:30am Mass, followed by a light breakfast, an hour presentation, and end with a spring luncheon. Our presenter is Fr. Jim Van Dorn, Guardian of St. Joseph Cupertino Friary. Fr. Jim is also part of the preaching staff at Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake. Fr. Jim will share his belief in St. Frances of Assisi 's (1181–1226) assertion, "Our job is to lift up people's hearts and to give them reasons for spiritual joy." Fr. Jim will share how to bring more joy into our own lives, and how we do that and not make it seem like a job. Join us for smiles, laughs, friendships, and good food. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration required by Wednesday, May 8.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON JUSTICE FOR THE POOR

Abbie Shain, Steering Committee, MN Poor People's Campaign Sunday, May 19, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

Coming of age during the Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter movements, Abbie learned that organizing makes the impossible possible. She holds a BA in Religious Studies from Macalester College and is currently studying to earn her MSW from the University of Minnesota School of Social Work in May of 2019. In March of 2018, she had the transformative opportunity to train with Rev. William Barber at the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, TN.

#### SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/JUSTICE TRIP

July 21–27; current 9–12 graders RSVP

Join us this summer as we travel to Washington, DC, from July 21–27, for a week of service, justice, advocacy, and solidarity! This year's trip will cost \$500 per person, which includes airfare, transportation, food, programming, and supplies! Register now with a \$50 down-payment. Questions? Contact Jessie Johnson, Senior High Youth Formation Minister, 952-405-7210, or jiohnson@paxchristi.com.

#### **VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

July 29-August 2, ages 3 years - 5th grade Early Bird Rate available through April 30: \$60.00/child with a family cap of \$120 RSVP

Campers will sing, dance, make friends, spend time in service opportunities, and see our drama team bring to life the stories of Super Heroes from the bible. High schoolers, parents, and grandparents are invited to be crew leaders. As a volunteer you grow in your faith and are supported with training, free nursery, and more. To join the team or receive the early bird rate for your camper, register online now.

#### DRAMA CAMP

July 29-August 2, 9:00am-3:00pm (Hours Subject to Change) 6th Grade Youth and Older RSVP

Bible Camp Drama Team needs you! Come share your acting talents! No prior experience is necessary! Our fabulous team is open to those in 6th grade and older. The group meets for a rehearsal week of team-building, outreach opportunities, and learning our scripture stories. These awesome youth break open the Word of God through music and movement for the younger campers. Girls and boys are welcome to join. Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, Camp Director, rdignan@paxchristi.com.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

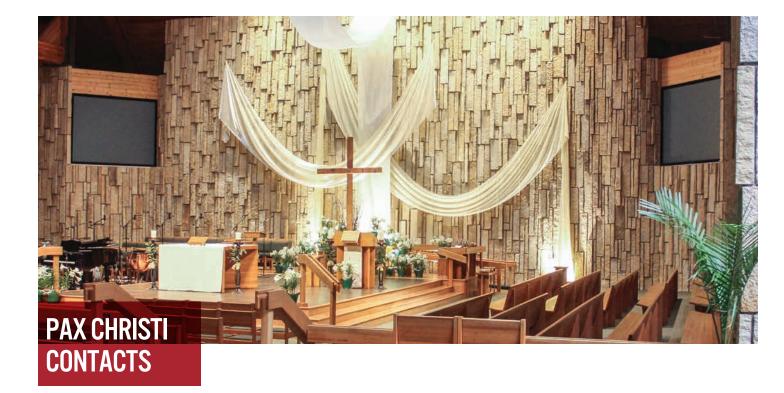
July 29-August 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm; 6th through 8th grade The fee is \$150 per youth through April 30 RSVP

Will you be a sixth, seventh, or eighth-grader this fall? You are invited to be part of Pax Christi's Middle School Service Camp! Join PaxConnex for a week of service and fun at Pax Christi and in our local community. Mornings will be spent at local organizations serving those in need. Service sites may include People Reaching Out to People (PROP), Feed My Starving Children, and Senior Community Services. Youth also have the option of serving as crew leaders at Vacation Bible Camp. During the afternoons we will spend time having fun with games, movies, and trips to Grand Slam, Cascade Bay, and Valleyfair! Fee includes lunch each day, transportation to all off-campus locations, admission to all afternoon activity sites, and a t-shirt. Questions? Contact Evan Bierer, Youth Formation Minister, ebierer@paxchristi.com.



#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRS RICE BOWL PROGRAM

Lent is a journey we undertake as a community of faith and as a global Church. We are companions on this Lenten journey, giving and receiving support in our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving, encouraging one another to care for our neighbors most in need as we prepare for the coming of Easter. Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. who are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Program. You are invited to use the Lenten Calendar—included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how we can be in solidarity during the Lenten season. CRS Rice Bowls are available by the entrances.



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#### **SOCIAL FORUM**

TUES. APR. 09. 2019 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

The "Pope's Favorite Nun," Sr. Norma Pimentel, M.J., Executive Director of Catholic Charities Rio Grande Valley, will give a keynote address prior to a moderated discussion with panelists from Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, sanctuary parish St. Thomas More Catholic Community, and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Forums are FREE of charge. Space is limited. Registration is required.

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