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## PAX CHRISTI'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

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Building On Our Strengths

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The moment in between what you once were and who you are now becoming is where the dance of life really takes place. (Barbara DeAngelis)



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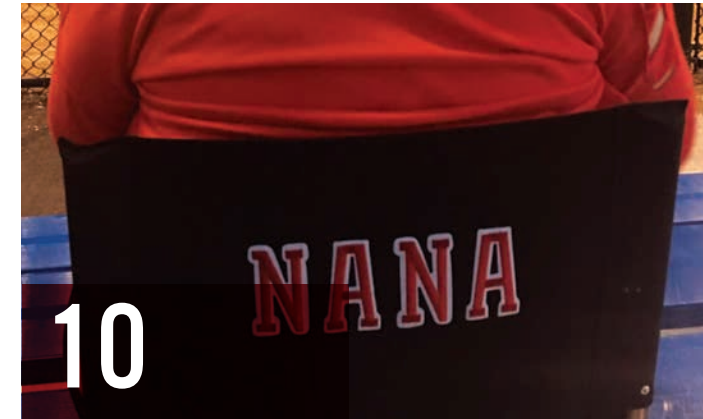
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# BEFORE I FORGET...



Fr. Bill Murtaugh  
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— C.S. LEWIS

**THE LATIN** word *transitus*, meaning to go over, to cross over, is often applied to the death of a prominent religious figure like a saint or a prophet. We have our religious examples with the prophet Elijah's dramatic ascent into the heavens in a fiery chariot, and Francis of Assisi's slow death due to declining health and his embrace of "Sister Death." But in Christianity, *transitus* is the passage through death to new life. We are always dying to the "false self," the ego, and rising to the "true self" where we find God within us. *Transitus* is about our spiritual growth as individuals and as communities of faith.

Spirituality is not something you are, but something you do. Healthy spirituality refers to behavior designed to free us from the delusion that "I" can control my own life, and from the illusion that "I" am controlling it. That was what Bill Wilson, the creator of the Twelve Step program of recovery, knew and why he said, "First of all, we had to quit playing God." What he means is that all addicts, and I would add almost all humans, play God by insisting that we can and should control our lives. The genius of the Twelve Step recovery program isn't that it provides us a method to stop

compulsive behavior, but it frees us from the delusion that we are God, the delusion that led to those behaviors in the first place.

The Mission and Value Statements of Pax Christi reminds us that we are a God-Centered Community: Guided by Sacramental worship and prayer, we hold God as the center of our daily lives. We come from God. We are going to God. We believe the way to God is through Jesus, whose Spirit forms us into a Eucharistic Community of praise and thanks. The core element of our Christianity is the belief that the self-communicator of God happened in the flesh and blood of Jesus of Nazareth. And Jesus is our model for living, suffering, dying, and rising. This is what the Church calls the "Pascal Mystery."

Our spiritual growth is an ever-deepening capacity to embrace life with justice, compassion, awe, wonder, curiosity, humility, and serenity. We live our lives for the glory of God and work for God's Kingdom of peace, justice, and the dignity of every human being, and all of God's creation.

Almost all spiritual writers from different religions write that pride leads to other sins and failings. Among the many Christian writers who focus on pride, C.S. Lewis is among the best. Lewis has said that "Pride is the essential vice, the utmost evil. Other sins are 'flea bites' in comparison to pride. Pride is what made the Evil One the Evil One. Pride is the complete anti-God state of mind." He devotes a whole chapter to pride in his book *Mere Christianity*. "As long as you are proud, you cannot know God," he says. How do we become free of pride? It is by continually recognizing our powerlessness, for powerlessness cultivates humility and humility is the antidote to pride.

Although we should be suspicious of humility that is disingenuous and leads to self-hatred, we must be honest enough to admit that our Western culture has gone to the other extreme, puffing up pride and being too harsh on humility. It espouses independence over inter-dependence; it promotes winners instead of ones who serve; and it prefers self-glorification to self-knowledge.

Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister defines humility this way: *Humility is simply a basic awareness of my relationship to the world and my connectedness to all its circumstances. It is the acceptance of relationships with others, not only for who they are but also for who I am. Humility is not a false rejection of God's gifts but the acknowledgement that I have been given them for others. Humility is the total continuing surrender to God's power in my life and in the lives of those around me.*

In his writings, St. Benedict outlines 12 steps for cultivating humility. They have been reworked and simplified here to speak more directly to us who are working the Twelve Steps; but hopefully anyone serious about the spiritual life will find them helpful.

**1)** Be aware of God's presence always. Remind yourself that if God is everywhere, God is present as everyone. Each encounter is an encounter with God, demanding your utmost respect and attention.

**2)** Place God's Will above your own. What is your will? To control life to your own advantage, or, when you realize this is impossible, to blind yourself to your



powerlessness with addictive behaviors. What is God's Will? To liberate you from the places in which you are enslaved. Doing God's Will is freeing yourself and helping to free others as well.

**3)** Seek guidance only from those who have your best interests at heart, those who support your liberation from the illusion of power and the addictions it carries with it.

**4)** Be patient and still in the face of difficulties and contradictions, and even personal injustice; respond not from a sense of injured pride or frustrated will but from a place of objective calm and mindful tranquility.

**5)** Recognize when evil thoughts arise in your heart; see them for what they are: the chains of enslavement; and release them by confessing your dark thoughts and secret sins to a trusted confidant. As the Twelve Step proverb puts it, "We are only as sick as our secrets."

**6)** Be content with whatever life brings you, seeing nothing as reward or punishment and everything as an opportunity to deepen your capacity for humility and the liberation humility brings.

**7)** Consider yourself lower than others, not in hopes that "the last shall be first" (Matthew 20:16), but in order to help lift the other toward freedom.

**8)** Do nothing that serves you alone; make all your deeds of benefit to others and the community.

**9)** Discipline your speech and strengthen your capacity for silence.

**10)** Avoid silliness, mockery, and playing the fool.

**11)** Speak gently and forthrightly, and avoid the fog of words that comes with speech that is designed to deceive.

**12)** Keep your heart humble and your appearance simple, engaging each moment as an opportunity to release fear and the need to control.



## TRANSITIONING TO HOME OWNERSHIP

### ANDREW HOBBS CHOOSES A NEW HOME CLOSE TO HIS SPIRITUAL HOME

**FOR PAX CHRISTI** parishioner Andrew Hobbs, life is busy. He has two jobs: one at Pax Christi creating and running the PowerPoint slides for weekend Masses, and the second as a full-time deputy for the Hennepin County Sheriff's office. When he has time, he also helps relatives at their local lawn and garden business. Recently, Andrew decided he was ready for homeownership. But, with so little room in his schedule, he didn't want the time-consuming aspects of a house. For Andrew the answer was buying a townhome.

Andrew started looking for properties online in February of this year. His goal was to avoid signing another one-year lease and committing to paying another 12 months of rent. With a hot real estate market and properties being listed and sold very quickly, Andrew realized that his transition to home ownership would require a quick decision—something he admits wasn't easy for him. He describes himself as a more cautious decision-maker, and in this situation, he didn't have a lot of time to contemplate his choices. To help him with the process he relied on the assistance of Christine Swan—a realtor who he trusted and who understood him.

In addition to quick decision making, the transition to home ownership required commitment. First, to be competitive with his purchase offer, he would need to commit to paying more than the asking price. Andrew knew that over the long term that getting the property he wanted in the right location was well worth the money. Second, he didn't leave things to chance. When the mortgage lender he initially chose failed to get things rolling, Andrew didn't hesitate and pursued another lender that wanted his business and got the job done.

Andrew's transition to home ownership hasn't meant a change in lifestyle as much as a change in mindset. It was the idea that he's responsible for the mortgage payment going through each month, and that he has made a significant financial commitment. It's also dealing with the idea of complete responsibility if something goes

wrong. Now, when something in his home isn't working quite right, it requires a trip to Lowes for supplies rather than a call to a landlord who will just fix it.

One of Andrew's favorite aspects of his new home is the location. Since Andrew's job involves working late into the night, he has been enjoying the solitude of his townhome that, unlike his previous location, is far from a railroad track. In addition to being near his parents, Andrew is in close proximity to Pax Christi, where his volunteer efforts involve teaching fourth and fifth graders about responsible use of social media. Except for unpacking a few things and making the place his own, Andrew's most recent life transition is complete. Given how committed and ambitious Andrew is, there will undoubtedly be more transitions to come.

*Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor*



# TRANSITIONING TO A NEW STATE AND PARISH

**LEKHA PAULY** and her family moved to Eden Prairie from Mississippi in 2010. She and her husband, Joby, and their six-month-old baby boy started regularly attending Pax Christi. But she was interested in doing more than just attend weekly Mass. She looked for opportunities of interest, and that led to volunteer service at Pax Christi. Her first efforts involved the PROP Giving Garden. She started performing the tasks that need regular hands-on attention through the growing season, weeding and watering regularly to ensure a healthy crop of vegetables to donate to the PROP Food Shelf.

Lekha found she always enjoyed the music at Mass and within a few years she was involved in the choir. She has always liked singing and believes in the "she who sings once prays twice" St.

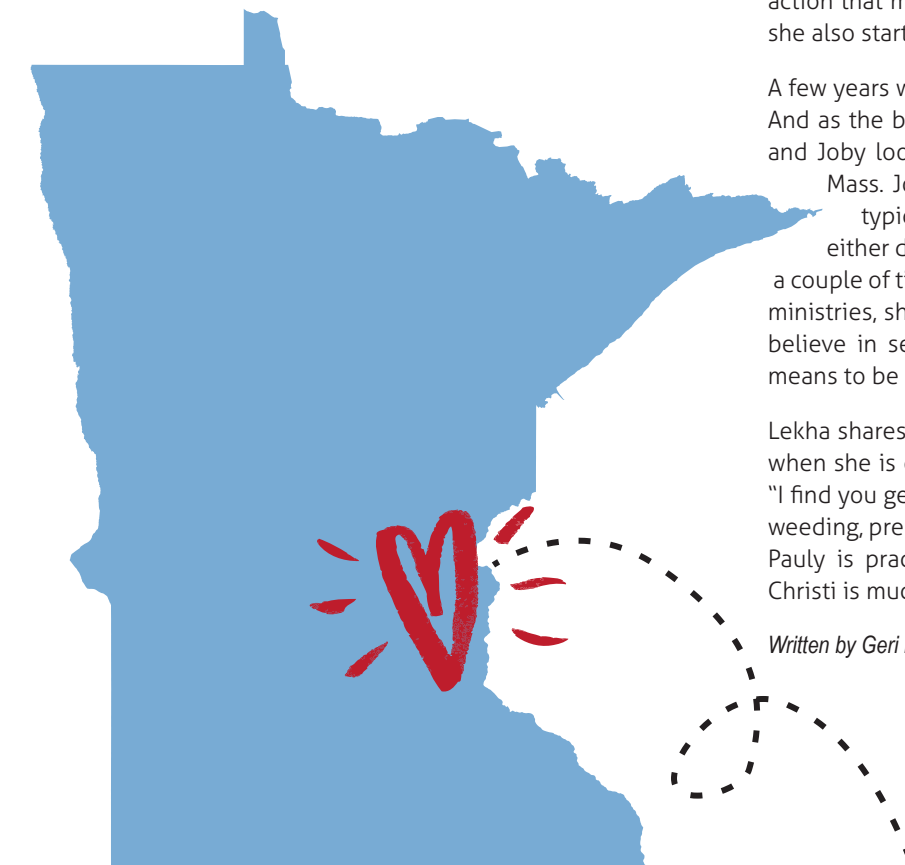
Augustine philosophy. She enjoyed making new friends in choir and recognized the easiest way to meet people at Pax Christi is to get involved, as it is too difficult to make new friends just by coming to Mass.

So in addition to attending Mass and singing in the choir, she started volunteering for the Set-up Ministry—the behind the scenes crew who help with the Mass set-up, including preparing the hosts and wine for the priests and then cleaning and storing the vessels after Mass. "I had no clue how much coordination was involved in preparing for each Sunday Mass," Lekha shares, adding "It is like a finely tuned machine with everyone doing their part, and it all seems to come together seamlessly." You can tell by talking with her, she enjoys being a part of the behind the scenes action that makes it all work. As she enjoyed the Set-up Ministry, she also started volunteering as a cross-bearer.

A few years went by and the Pauly's welcomed another baby boy. And as the boys grew—they are now age eight and four—Lekha and Joby looked for more ways to be involved while attending Mass. Joby became a lector at 11:00am Masses and Lekha typically sings with the 11:00am Mass choir. She also either does the set-up or crossbearing at the 9:00am Masses a couple of times a month. And if she is attending for one of those ministries, she also regularly sings with the choir. Lekha and Joby believe in setting an example for their young sons on what it means to be part of a faith community.

Lekha shares that she feels more a part of the church community when she is contributing or participating in some way. She adds, "I find you get back more than you put into it." Whether watering, weeding, prepping for Mass set-up, crossbearing, or singing, Lekha Pauly is practicing that philosophy and the community of Pax Christi is much richer for her involvement.

*Written by Geri Martin, Pax Christi parishioner*



# SUSAN CAVARA— FOCUSED ON LIFE'S BLESSINGS AFTER THE LOSS OF HER SPOUSE

**SUSAN AND ART** met by chance on a sidewalk in downtown Minneapolis. The two had worked together in the 1960s, but hadn't seen each other in decades until running into one another on that day in 1994. Both had previously been married and were now both single—they were at the right place at the right time. "It was just meant to be," Susan said. The two were married and would spend 20 years together.

The couple loved traveling and being active members of Pax Christi. All was well until Susan noticed some changes in Art's speech. Then came an admission from Art that he was having difficulty managing the checkbook. Along with the speech and cognition issues, Art also started to experience some falls. It took some time, but eventually Art was diagnosed with front temporal dementia.

Susan transitioned from spouse and partner to the added role of caregiver. The last two years of his illness, Art lost his ability to communicate. "It was all on me," Susan said. Her role expanded beyond tasks like managing the checkbook and mowing the lawn; she became the primary decision-maker for everything, including their living situation. Eventually she had to make the very difficult decision of moving Art to a nursing home. For the eight months that Art was in the nursing home, Susan was there every day, except for two, making sure he got the attention he needed. Even through the worst of it, Susan told herself she could make it through.

Although Susan said that her mourning began while Art was ill, she was devastated when he passed in August of 2015. To deal with the transition, she sought the support of West Suburban Grief Coalition for a year and a half. She also kept as busy as possible and traveled to Florida to visit friends and family. When Susan's neighbor also lost her husband just a month after Art died, Susan found solace in their shared experience.

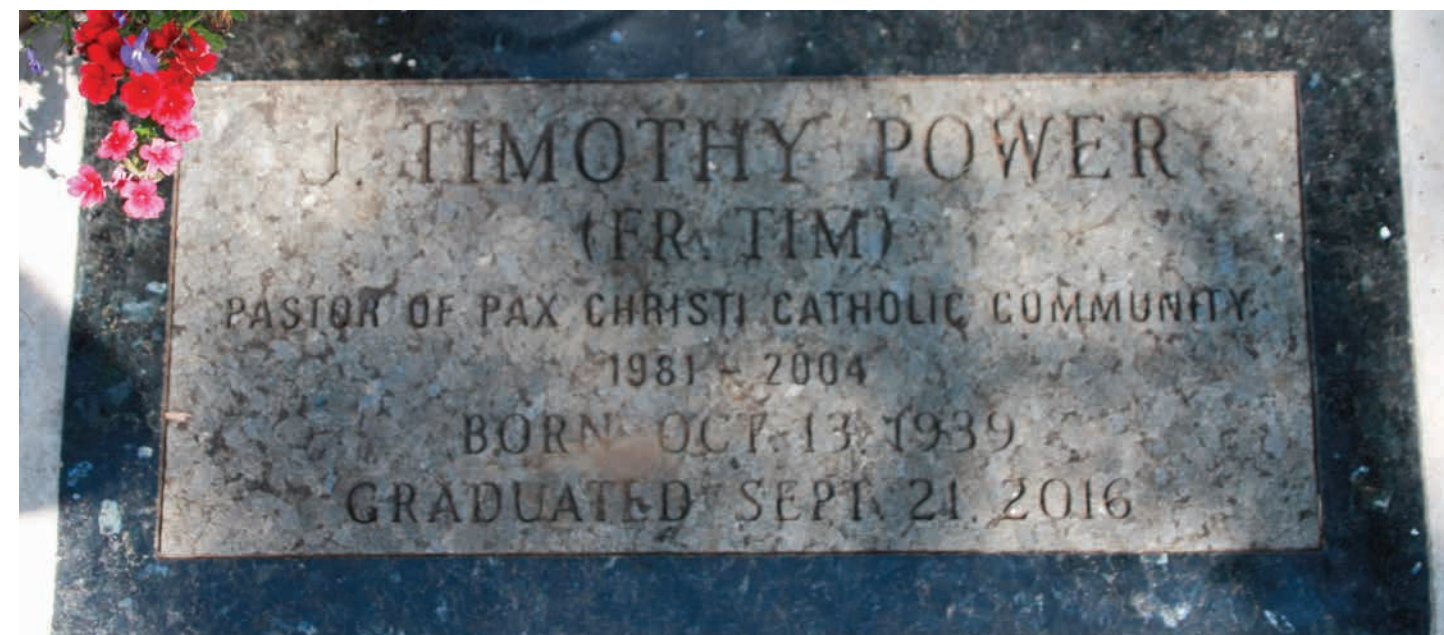
Susan has had a life of taking care of others. Before Art's illness, she cared for her mother who died in 2002, and later cared for her father who died in 2006. Today she is as busy as ever and is comfortable

being on her own. She keeps active by seeing her grandchildren who live nearby and traveling to see the grandchildren who are out of state. She continues to care for others by volunteering with two Pax Christi ministries—Justice, and Care and Support. At one time she was so consumed caring for Art, she frequently missed Mass and instead watched services on television. Although she can now regularly attend Mass at Pax Christi, she said that Sunday Mass can be a very difficult time for her, especially when the liturgy includes some of Art's favorite songs, and memories of Art singing them come flooding back to her.

Susan told herself that after Art's passing she would never date again. However, last year friends introduced her to someone at a Fourth of July party. The man she was introduced to, Steve, also lost his spouse to front temporal dementia, just one month before Art died. For a while Susan and Steve were even using the same care facilities for their spouses without even knowing it. Their similar experiences lead to a strong connection, and they have been seeing each other for the last year.

Susan's advice to someone recently widowed is to pray a lot, tell yourself that you can make it, join a grief support group, and don't be afraid of asking for help. Today Susan feels very blessed: for where she lives, for being a member of Pax Christi, and for her family, neighbors, and friends. "Art was such a blessing," Susan said. And while she and Art were meant to be together, she accepts that it was only to be for 20 years.

*Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor*



## SAYING GOODBYE IN PRAYER

**AMONG** the many transitions we make in life there is one that is final. Visiting Fr. Tim Power's grave in Pleasant Hill Cemetery adjacent to Pax Christi brings a new perspective to moving from death to new life. His memorial stone records his birth date and his death date with the word "graduated" between the two. Ever the pastor, Tim is asking us to see our final transition as similar to moving on, like graduation, embracing a new horizon.

When we are in school, we look toward graduations, knowing what the requirements are to achieve commencement. We plan for it. Graduations are celebrated to both honor the one graduating and also to help us get through a necessary transition within our own families as the graduate moves on to college or begins a new way of interacting with

us. Poster boards, videos, toasts, and speeches focus on the journey. Our final transition is celebrated in much the same way.

Pax Christi's funeral ministry provides direction to those preparing a prayer experience celebrating someone who has died and consoling those who mourn. Two prayer services, with possible music, readings, prayers, and roles for those grieving are presented on Pax Christi's website. One service is a funeral Mass; the other is a funeral service, newly created to address the needs of mourners from different faith traditions or families who wish to honor their loved one with a Catholic service, but do not feel the funeral Mass is the right option. The website clearly describes how to design either celebration within the Catholic Tradition. Pax Christi's

pastoral and liturgical staff are available to help.

What is the purpose of such celebrations? They honor the deceased and help the mourners with their transitions of sadness, grief, and loss. They provide a vision of light in darkness, hope in sorrow, and faith in the future.

One story Fr. Tim told at a funeral symbolizes the transition Pax Christi's funeral services are meant to provide. The gospel was John 14: 1-4, where Jesus tells His disciples He is going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house. Tim followed this reading with a story.

*A terminally ill child asked his mother if death hurt. "Kenneth," she said, "you remember when you were a tiny boy how you used to play so hard all day that when night came you would be*

*too tired even to undress, and you would tumble into mom's bed and fall asleep? That was not your bed – it is not where you belonged. In the morning, much to your surprise, you found yourself in your own bed, in your own room. That was because someone, your dad, loved you and carried you there. Kenneth, death is like that. We just wake up some morning to find ourselves in the other room, our own, where we belong, because God has prepared it for us."*

It's hard knowing that we can't see or experience the room prepared for our loved one. But with the community gathered around us, with voices raised in song, saying good-bye in prayer can make this final transition bearable.

*Written by Fred A. Baumer, parishioner, and Community Council member*

# KRIS KOEPL

## LIVING AND DYING WITH GRACE



*Kristin Ann Koeppl*

*I've had a great life.*

*A treasured life.*

*I'm not entitled to be crabby.*

*Nana Mom*

**XOXOX**

9/6/1946 - 2/18/2018

**KRIS KOEPL** left the world as she lived in it—with grace. Throughout her cancer journey, this mother to four and grandmother to 10 “grand angels” never lost her sense of humor or her sense of gratitude.

Kris’ daughter, Missy Colehour, said that her mom never asked, “Why me?” Kris was honest about not wanting to die, but had faith and was not afraid to die. For Kris, it was more about not wanting to leave everyone. Kris’ friend, Mary Ann Callahan who is Pax Christi’s Care Ministry Specialist, said that often those who are dying have their worlds become smaller. That wasn’t the case for Kris, who kept living life with a very wide perspective right up to the end. She never stopped being a *Disciple on a Mission*. Determined to attend a Justice Committee meeting even when she was very sick, she saved up her energy for days so that she could facilitate the discussion. Kris even put granddaughter Abby in charge of making bars when the funeral hospitality committee called. She wanted to answer the call for as long as she could.

Missy would ask herself, “Why isn’t she sad?” Missy and Mary Ann believe Kris wasn’t sad because her feelings came from a place of gratitude. Even on one of her down days, Kris said to Missy, “I’ve had a great life. A treasured life. I’m not entitled to be crabby.” The statement was so profound that Missy memorialized the statement on a bookmark given to those attending Kris’ funeral. In addition to her gratitude, there was her humor. Who else, knowing that they were going to die from a rare cancer, would joke about being the world’s only cancer patient to not lose weight?

Kris’ cancer journey began with a diagnosis in March of 2015. In addition to surgery she also went through chemotherapy but stopped treatment in January of 2017. In November of 2017 Kris made the decision to begin hospice care. Missy thought that it was too early to take that step, but knew it needed to be Kris’ decision. Together the family learned more about hospice care. Mary Ann Callahan says that utilizing hospice care is about transitioning from life to death, borne up by a team of specialists to meet the needs of the whole person, including a doctor, nurses, a social worker, a chaplain for spiritual care, and even support services which can include music, pets, and massage. Missy also learned that hospice is designed to facilitate care just as much as to provide it, giving people the tools they and their families need to meet their physical needs and to identify and prepare for the next stages of the illness. Because at-home hospice is not around the clock and involves staff stepping in and out, communication and documenting patient care with the nursing staff is key.

From day one, Missy said that there was always an open dialogue about care. Any decisions that had to be made were directed to Kris and her decisions were honored. Missy said Kris was very “hands on” and wanted to be the decision-maker about even small things. The one decision that was a group decision was about where Kris would spend her last days. Kris’ preference was to stay at the house shared by her and Missy’s family, but wanted everyone to be comfortable with that idea. It quickly became a unanimous decision that Kris would stay at home.

Even though Kris made every decision, Missy said that because she and her mom were so connected that she could often anticipate what her mother needed. Missy said that often meant leaving her mom alone and giving her the space she needed. Mary Ann agrees that people who are dying often need a great deal of time alone to rest, reflect, and prepare their souls for transition. When visitors are present, they should spend time simply listening to the wants and needs of the person who is ill. Talking allows the person to let their feelings out and gives them strength. Missy documented many of her conversations with Kris, but also wishes she had filmed more of them.

Missy said that every day was different and learned not to have any expectations of what each day would be. She acknowledged the little losses along the way, knowing that it would be the last time for many of their rituals, such as their lunch and shopping trips to one of their favorite spots.

Especially during those last months, Missy didn’t want to leave Kris and admits she had her own ideas of how she wanted things to be when her mother died. Missy had to let go of her own ideas and accept the thought that maybe her mother didn’t want the family surrounding her bedside when she passed. In January, Missy was faced with the decision of whether to leave town for three days. The hospice nurse gave Missy some valuable advice and told her that whatever happens, happens; if she was meant to be there when Kris passed, she would be there. Missy did go on the trip and picked up taking care of Kris upon her return.

Missy says that while Kris embraced hospice care, she didn’t overuse it. Kris knew right away that she didn’t need the spiritual support of a hospice chaplain because she had her Pax Christi faith community. Pope Francis’ emphasis on being a “church of accompaniment” is demonstrated every day at Pax Christi through pastoral care and ministry to those who are nearing the

end of their lives. Mary Ann, who would bring Kris communion, said, “The people in this community are so fortunate to have the support of not just Pax Christi, but also many other complementary services.” For Kris, spiritual support came from visits with Fr. Bill. Mary Ann said that people are generally unaware as to the amount of time that priests like Fr. Bill devote to accompany those in our community who are dying. The entire Koeppl family was present when Fr. Bill came for the Anointing of the Sick as Kris began hospice care. His words to them that Sunday afternoon in November were meant to prepare everyone, including the grandchildren, for what lie ahead, and also to give them comfort. Kris and Fr. Bill had many heart-to-hearts, right up to the night before she died.

Mary Ann said, “Death is the one transition that we will all make, and each of us will make it alone.” Beyond spiritual support for those who are dying, being a church of accompaniment at Pax Christi involves the sacrament of the sick, bereavement support for the family, reading of the person’s name at the annual Memorial Mass, and in the Prayers of the Faithful at weekend Masses following the death.

Mary Ann was there to help Kris plan her funeral. Except for one song which the family chose, Kris selected everything else, and made it known that everyone should hold hands as the Our Father was spoken. The day of Kris’ funeral there was a snow storm, but that didn’t deter 300 people from attending.

Like her mom, Missy has a strong sense of gratitude, and is thankful to have been with her mom as she was dying. Now, whenever she feels like she doesn’t have the strength to do something she feels is beyond her, like getting up in front of those 300 people during her mother’s eulogy, she suddenly feels a sense of calmness and is able to do things she thought she never could. She knows that it is Kris’ strength that is seeing her through.

Kris and Missy’s strong mother-daughter connection will of course always be there; it just now presents itself in different ways. For days prior to Kris’ death, a cardinal sat in a tree right outside Kris’ window, never seeming to leave. On February 18, 2018, the last time Missy walked into Kris’ room, the cardinal flew away, and it was not too long after that Kris passed. Not long ago, Missy was driving in her car and contemplating a big life decision. When Missy asked for a sign, a cardinal—strangely out of place near the stoplight of a busy intersection—was right there in front of her. It was the only sign she needed.

*Written by Karin Poellinger,  
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## HEALING OF MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT

*There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been confined to bed for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." He got up at once. —Acts 9:33-34*

**MANY** scripture passages are threaded with surprising stories of healing. In chapter nine of the Acts of the Apostles, we learn of Peter's ability to heal in the name of Jesus Christ. As a faith community today, we continue to hear stories and to witness healing all around us. Healing grace is lived out on a daily basis as we bring comfort and healing to others through words of love, a gentle touch, and faithful presence. Often we discover that we are simultaneously the one who brings healing and the one healed.

Parishioner Anne Kieser shares her personal story of healing and the grace she felt as she opened herself up to the Sacrament of Anointing. Anne says, "A year ago I was facing my 11<sup>th</sup> surgery (second hip) and at the same time, for some reason, I was more apprehensive than any time in the past. Having attended daily Mass, I had witnessed others being anointed. With Mary Ann

Callahan's help, I arranged with Father Marc to be anointed. After Mass he invited those in attendance to surround me and to lay their hands on me. I could feel their hands on my back and shoulders as Father prayed over me, forgave my sins, and at the same time I felt the Lord's peace envelope me. Tears ran down my cheeks and I could feel the Lord's loving presence. A day later I walked into the operating room knowing that all would be well for the Lord was walking in with me."

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, August 22, for The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 6:00pm evening Mass. See page 18 for more information.

*Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support*

## TOM SAMPSON IS ENJOYING THE FREEDOM OF RETIREMENT



**MOST** people count down the years until they can retire—working one day, and suddenly done the next. Pax Christi parishioner Tom Sampson is not like most people. When Tom turned 65 he started working four days a week, and then eventually scaled back to three days. He didn't make the final leap until this January when he officially retired at age 75.

The question of course is, "Why wait until age 75?" The answer goes to Tom's belief in blooming where you're planted. In 2002, Tom

embarked on a Master's degree in theology with an emphasis in pastoral care. He attended the College of St. Catherine and had an internship at Pax Christi. After completing the degree, Tom knew that God would use him somewhere. Tom figured out that "somewhere" was with his existing employer in the job he already had, where he could share his faith with co-workers. Because Tom was fulfilled in his role and always felt appreciated by his employer, there was never any pressure to leave.

Eventually Tom did retire, and to him, retirement means one thing: freedom. It's something he hasn't had since the age of 12. That freedom can mean something as simple as allowing himself a minute to observe nature as he helps his wife take care of the yard. Tom says using his time is all about balance, and has such an appreciation of his new-found freedom, he really doesn't want to waste the time he has. He joined the Pax Christi choir since retiring, which he didn't have time to do before, and remains active on Justice Council issues and its subcommittees which work on homelessness, affordable housing, food insecurity, and immigration. Now that he's no longer tied to an office, he has the freedom to now pursue justice efforts which require a time commitment during the day.

Tom has followed the advice of his wife Cris who told him to take the first six months of retirement just to figure it out—take things day-by-day and see where the Spirit leads. Tom and Cris have also given each other space during this transition, allowing one another to pursue their own interests. One interest they do share is volunteering at Bridging. Tom has been friends with Bridging founder Fran Heitzman for years and jokes that he volunteers at Bridging to spend more time with his friend in the hopes that some of Fran's holiness will rub off on him. Tom hates the idea of becoming a couch potato, so volunteering at Bridging keeps him active and lets him help a wonderful charity. He remembers a story Fr. Tim Power once told about a strategy companies used when shipping live fish. To make sure the fish arrived healthy, a shark was shipped within view to keep the fish active. Tom subscribes to the idea of staying active and doesn't believe in eliminating challenges from his life just because he's retired.

Despite his new activities, Tom's retirement hasn't shifted his priorities which have always remained the same—being a spouse, father, grandfather, and brother. His daughter and granddaughters live in Chicago and he really enjoys the role of grandfather which he says he has been "learning on the job." Tom says that most importantly, retirement has given him more time for prayer. Before being interviewed for this article, he wrote these thoughts in his prayer journal:

It's about the opportunities that come with retirement. ...It's as if I've been given a second life. I'm asking God to help me to discern His will for me each day. It's truly exciting if I look at it that way—another day free to do God's will. (Doesn't everyone have that choice?)

Tom's advice for anyone retiring is simple: don't be in a rush to fill your time; you need to allow room for the right things to come to you. It's good advice from someone who has always tried to bloom where he was planted.

*Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor*



Left to right: Dave Wagner, Joe Stich, Kate Lohrenz, Joan Paré, Carolyn Zucker, Bruce Koehn, Lisa Cox, Jane Schmitz – Parish Director. Not Pictured: Michael Ramirez

## PAX CHRISTI'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

### RECOGNIZING OUR CHALLENGES—BUILDING ON OUR STRENGTHS

**IN 2011**, Pax Christi leadership developed a strategic plan that focused on five key initiatives that would support the life and growth of members, and would guide effective ministry over those next five years. On October 19, 2016, the Community Council of Pax Christi discussed and approved the need for a new strategic plan. Topics for particular consideration for this process included outreach to those who are struggling to find religious relevance in their lives, preparation for a time of pastor and parish transition, and the goal of seeing church that has influence and ministry beyond the campus.

The Strategic Planning Team, guided by prayer and the presence of the Spirit, met over the course of 17 months following a process that received the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges of each of the ministry areas, as well as deep reflection and consideration of national and local data and trends in the church. The Strategic Planning Team used consensus decision-making in creating all of its final documents for the mission, purpose, and value statements, identifying the key challenges that face the parish, and generating the overarching goals. The

Strategic Planning Team utilized a variety of ways to collect feedback from key stakeholders on each of the components of the plan. This new strategic plan contains:

- A revised Mission Statement
- a new Purpose Statement
- revised Values
- Thirteen Key Challenges and
- Two Overarching Goals.

The final document was received and approved by the Community Council at its June 19, 2018 meeting.

Following is an abbreviated version of the Strategic Plan, while the full document and its components can be reviewed online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:** *Welcome All to Joyfully Experience the Peace of God's Love and Mercy*

Our Purpose is intended to answer the question of why Pax Christi exists, and how Pax Christi intends to be a distinct, relevant, and essential part of people's lives. It is inspired by the vision of our founders, by the Sermon on the Mount that inspired them, and by the example of Jesus. Our Purpose both informs and reflects our mission and core values. It is used internally as a guide for Staff, Community Council, and Lay Leadership to help ensure that what we do and how we do it are consistent with our distinct reason to exist.

**OUR 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.*

***As a community of faith nourished by the Eucharist,***

The Second Vatican Council called forth the People of God to be nourished by the Eucharist and sent forth to be Christ for others (*Lumen Gentium*). We gather together as believers and seekers on our journey of faith.

***we are committed in our discipleship with Christ***

We are who we are because of our common commitment to walk in the ways of Christ and to believe in and live the gospel message.

***to act for justice,***

As a cornerstone of the parish since its inception in 1981, justice calls us to hear the cry of the poor (Psalm 34), to care for the earth (*Laudato Si*), and be moved to work toward equity and systemic change in society.

***be of generous service,***

In our outreach to the people of Pax Christi and the broader community, we have a unified calling to pray, serve, and share our resources with others.

***and authentically welcome all to Pax Christi Catholic Community.***

As the faithful, we are compelled to impart a spirit of hospitality in which a diverse community can share, love, and grow in this spiritual home of Pax Christi.

These six **VALUES** were defined as being central to how we are called to live as a faith community.

**GOD-CENTERED:** We hold God as the center of our daily lives and provide a place for spiritual rest and rejuvenation.

**JUSTICE:** We advocate for the marginalized and act as catalysts for systemic change.

**INCLUSION:** We build relationships and create an inclusive culture through our attitudes, actions, and activities.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** We engage in a lifelong process of spiritual growth and continually learn how to live out our faith.

**STEWARDSHIP:** We acknowledge our God-given gifts and put them into action as we pray, serve, and share.

**LAY LEADERSHIP:** We co-lead and share in the responsibility of upholding the mission of the church.

There are two **OVERARCHING GOALS** that will guide the work of the leadership councils during the next three years.

**BELONGING**, with its vision, convinced that it is *through invitation, welcoming and relationship-building, all who are touched by this community feel a deep sense of inclusion.*

and

**BELIEVING**, with its vision that *from a deep sense of belonging we are able to invigorate our beliefs through lifelong formation that attends to the spiritual growth of all members.*

Through research and conversation with key stakeholders, these thirteen key challenges were identified so that our energies may be focused:

*Addressing Declining Member Participation  
Creating and Maintaining a Vital Youth Ministry Program  
Engaging in Effective Communication  
Growing Vitality Through Outreach  
Increasing Relevance in People's Lives  
Inspiring Service and Ministry  
Maximizing the Potential of Building and Grounds  
Prioritizing Pax Christi as a Place of Sabbath  
Responding to Changing Demographics  
Staffing to Meet New Challenges and Opportunities  
Strengthening the Identity of Pax Christi Catholic Community  
Supporting and Encouraging Lifelong Discipleship  
Sustaining Financial Health*

The nine members of the Strategic Planning Team are grateful for the opportunity to assist in this vision so that the work of the gospel may continue to flourish through the lives of the members of this faith community. *Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director*





## MINISTRIES OF PRAYER:

**CENTERING PRAYER** – Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00am. Guidance provided for those new to this prayer form.

**LABYRINTH WALKING** – A labyrinth is a walking meditation that integrates mind, body, and spirit in prayer. Pax Christi has an outdoor labyrinth which is self-directed and available year round. Indoor labyrinth walks are available monthly. A topic is explored in a group setting prior to the monthly indoor walks.

**PRAYER BASKET** – Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

**PRAYER BOARD** – Pax Christi's website hosts the Prayer Board. You are invited to pray as you are able for the intentions listed. Intentions may be submitted via the link on our homepage.

**PRAYER CORNER** – The Prayer Corner is included in the weekly bulletin. You are invited to pray as you are able for those listed.

**PRAYER LINE** – The Prayer Line team of dedicated parishioners prays in response to intentions brought forward by others in our community. Call the parish office if you have a prayer request you would like included.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Give one or make one. Prayer and love of knitting or crocheting have been combined into a special ministry that reaches out to anyone going through a transition, providing them with a beautiful shawl. You are invited to join this special ministry. Prayer shawls are available in the parish office.

**ROSARY GROUP** – Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

For additional information visit  
[www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry](http://www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry).



# SAY CHEESE!

We are excited to announce that we will be producing an Online Pictorial Church Directory this fall to celebrate our parish and introduce our new Pastor to our church family. Because Pax Christi is blessed with a beautiful campus, we have made arrangements for your family photo to be taken outdoors\* OR indoors using the grand stone wall as the backdrop. In November, ALL photo sessions will move indoors. Also, being the pet-loving parish we are, we've reserved two dates this fall for families who would like to bring their furry family member. We are now scheduling for sitting dates in August, so hurry to make your reservation now! The start of the school year is coming up fast—schedule your session before your kids head back to the campus or classroom.

Go to [www.paxchristi.com/saycheese](http://www.paxchristi.com/saycheese) for complete details and link to register online. Questions? Contact Melissa Nault in the parish office, 952-405-7221.

*\* In the event of bad weather, photo session will not be rescheduled but will be moved indoors.*

[www.paxchristi.com/saycheese](http://www.paxchristi.com/saycheese)

## PARISHIONER NEWS

### JUNE BAPTISMS

Bennett William Martodam	6/3/2018
Benjamin Pate Nelson	6/3/2018
John Robert Nelson	6/3/2018
Korbynn Sheryle Ohme	6/3/2018
Sylvia Mae Lohrenz	6/10/2018
Kennedy Rose Pickle	6/10/2018
Hazel Marie Poppler	6/10/2018
Morgan Nichole Wenkus	6/10/2018
Mason Robert McCrae	6/17/2018
Silouan Victor Mork	6/17/2018
Lyla Keegan Aubree Kenyon	6/24/2018
Thomas Daniel Onan	6/24/2018
Rae Corinne Wagner	6/24/2018
Sloan Ryan Wooner	6/24/2018

### JUNE FUNERALS

Mary L. Ladwig	6/2/2018
Jerome 'Jerry' (Anthony) Bohumolski	6/13/2018
Anne Elizabeth (Heikkila) Cherrier	6/14/2018
Alice (Scully) Rice	6/15/2018
Mary Jane (Ryan) Root	6/16/2018
F.W. 'Larry' Lawrence	6/18/2018
Helen Marie (Johnson) Patterson	6/21/2018
William 'Bill' Brousseau	6/28/2018
Joseph John Ruzic	6/29/2018

### JUNE NEW MEMBERS

Kristin Fleischhacker and Todd Shneider  
 Ryan and Sabrina Jansen

### JUNE WEDDINGS

Nicole Zillhart & Austin Reischl	6/9/2018
Katherine White & Brian Traxler	6/23/2018

## READINGS FOR AUGUST

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5

Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday:	Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12

Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19

Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## AUGUST

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST. QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, 952-941-3150.**

### PAX DAY AT PROP

**Collection weekend August 4/5**

Between 550–650 kids visit the PROP food shelves each month. Food shelves often get depleted in the summer months with children eating more meals at home instead of at school. Grab a burgundy bag or any bag and join in our parish effort to help those in our community facing hunger. Drop off donations in the designated bins at entrances 1 and 3. #Shop4PROP

### TWELVE BASKETS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

**Weekend of August 11/12**

This annual parish event, sponsored by the Twelve Baskets ministry, helps to make sure children in need are well equipped to start the new school year and focused on learning. Shop early and drop off items when you come to Mass. Flyers with detailed lists of needed items are available at the entrances starting July 28/29. Red bins at doors 1 and 3 will be ready to receive your contributions. Items will benefit students at Risen Christ Catholic School in South Minneapolis, Blessed Trinity Catholic School in Richfield, Community of Saints Catholic School in St. Paul, and Gichitwaa Kateri Catholic Church in Minneapolis, as well as PROP, serving students in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen.

### QUARTERLY MINISTRY SHOWCASE

**Weekend of August 11/12**

This quarter's Ministry Showcase highlights the following ministries. Short blurb about the ministries that are being highlighted follows. Visit our display after Mass and learn more about how you can support the ministries of of Pax Christi. You can also check out the "Immediate Needs" section on the SERVE tab of the website.

### 100 MILE POTLUCK DINNER

**Tuesday, August 14, 6:00pm RSVP**

Join us as we gather in the Butterfly Garden to enjoy our 100 Mile potluck dinner. The 100 Mile Dinner is a pot luck where all our food comes from within a hundred mile radius of Pax Christi. All are welcome! There is no fee but please RSVP online.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: VENDORS NEEDED

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 14**

The 13th annual boutique is December 1. This juried show features a variety of handcrafted items—over 50 artists' booths, a bake sale fundraiser to benefit our youth, and a luncheon. Interested artists are encouraged to submit an application. Information and registration forms are available online, [www.paxchristi.com/holidayboutique](http://www.paxchristi.com/holidayboutique).

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Wednesday, August 22, 6:00pm Mass with Dinner Following RSVP**

Anointing of the sick will be available for any member of our community who is in need of an emotional or physical healing. While the physical effects of a healing are not always noticed, the primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany illness of the mind, body, or spirit. Anointing often begins for us with the oil of chrism at Baptism, is used to reaffirm our journey of faith during Confirmation and, when we are sick, anointing with oil can bring us hope and healing. Blessings with these oils offer us both grace and a physical reminder that Jesus is with us through all passages of life. All are welcome to join us for this Mass as we gather together to be anointed, or to be in prayerful support of those who are sick and in need of healing. Following Mass, a light dinner will be served in the Dorothy Day Social Hall for those who have been anointed, along with their family members and guests. If you or someone you know could benefit from this sacrament and would like to attend this Mass, we ask that you please contact Mary Ann Callahan, Care Ministry Specialist, 952-405-7227, by August 15.

## MAKE PLANS NOW

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**Friday, September 7, beginning with Mass at 8:30am**

Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and pastries in the Dorothy Day Social Hall. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. All are welcome! After fellowship, please stay for a bit and join us as we plan upcoming Boomers and Beyond events. New ideas are welcome!!

### MOMS ROCK: RAISING OUR CHRISTIAN KIDS

**RSVP**

**Beginning Wednesday, September 12, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212**

Moms ROCK welcomes all parents, parents-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining us. These 16 gatherings include brunch and relaxing social time followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker. Whether you can come to one or all of the gatherings, you are certain to leave with a feeling that you are part of something wonderful! The cost to attend each speaker is \$10 per meeting, which includes childcare for those that have preregistered. Complete details at [www.paxchristi.com/momsrock](http://www.paxchristi.com/momsrock).

### EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY

**RSVP**

**Eight sessions beginning Monday, September 17, 6:30–8:30pm**

JustFaith Ministries' new eight-week program, *Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey*, invites participants to formulate a personal response, inspired by their Christian beliefs, to the 21st century reality of migration. The module is designed for small groups of 8–12 and explores some of the central questions related to the reality of migration on a global level and in the U.S. context. The sessions provide historical, biblical, and theological perspectives and suggest ways participants can take faithful action for God's people. The fee is \$20 to cover materials and books, scholarships are available. Register online now!

### MOM & KIDS OPEN GYM

**Twelve Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30am, September 2018–May 2019**

Mom & Kids Open Gym is a great opportunity for parents and children to play alongside others. This is a great activity for those long winter months or when you are looking for some interaction and companionship. Wednesday mornings from September - May opposite of Moms ROCK gatherings as schedule permits. Parents MUST stay with children. [www.paxchristi.com/opengym](http://www.paxchristi.com/opengym)

### WELLNESS EVENT: FINDING JOY THROUGH LIVING WELL

**Saturday, September 22, 9:00am–12:30pm RSVP**

Boomers and Beyond and members of Care and Support Ministry are excited to invite you to a fall wellness day. The theme of this event is "Finding Joy Through Living Well." Nourishing the mind, body, and spirit will be the focus of the day. We will start the morning with keynote speaker Julie Neraas, educator, writer, retreat leader and longtime friend of Pax Christi. Guided breakout sessions will then be available on a number of topics. You choose which topic interests you. All adults are welcome from 20 years of age and beyond. Watch for registration and information on guided breakout sessions. Save the date. Hope to see you there!



### CAST INTO THE DEEP

**RSVP**

**First Monday of each month beginning October 7, 6:00pm**

The second season of the adult faith formation series *Cast Into the Deep* will focus on Bishop Robert Barron's video series *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*. Participants will learn about six people—saints, artists, mystics, and scholars—who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. Through Bishop Barron's beautifully produced videos, visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. Explore where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Blessed John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

#### SESSION DATES WITH TOPICS:

**October 8:** St. Francis of Assisi. The Reformer, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

**November 12:** St. Thomas Aquinas. The Theologian, demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

**December 10:** St. Catherine of Siena. The Mystic, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

**January 7:** Blessed John Henry Newman. The Convert, left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

**February 11:** G. K. Chesterton. The Evangelist, publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

**March 11:** Michelangelo. The Artist, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

The series will take place in the Hall of Martyrs. There will be an optional meal served at 6:00pm. An introduction followed by DVD viewing at 6:30pm. There will be table and large group discussion from 7:45–8:15pm. Prayer/Eucharist Adoration will be 8:15–8:30pm in the Thomas Merton Chapel. The nursery will be available with minimum 10-day notice. RSVP online at [www.paxchristi.com/childcare](http://www.paxchristi.com/childcare). Register for the series at [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration).

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AUGUST						
See pages 18–19 for details or visit us online at <a href="http://www.paxchristi.com">www.paxchristi.com</a> .						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
		BAPTISM CLASS				BURGUNDY BAG FOOD COLLECTION
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BURGUNDY BAG FOOD COLLECTION			NEW LEADER ORIENTATION	CENTERING PRAYER		TWELVE BASKETS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TWELVE BASKETS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE		100 MILE POTLUCK		COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	LEADERSHIP MEETINGS		ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS	CENTERING PRAYER		
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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# 2018–2019 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM AND SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation Program year is now open! Join us for a year of community, faith, and fun! This year we have new program time offerings: Sundays from 3:30–4:45pm, Sundays from 6:30–7:45pm, or Wednesdays from 6:30–7:45pm. The fee is \$125 per student with a family cap of \$375. Registration fees are waived for families of catechists! This year we also have new ways to get involved; join us as a hall monitor or kitchen aid! These roles are available as a whole-year commitment or on a rotating basis.

[www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration)

