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# BEFORE I FORGET...



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KEEP YOUR GAZE FIXED  
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ALL THE ANGUISH AND  
ALL THE LONGING OF  
THE HUMAN HEART  
FINDS FULFILMENT.  
—POPE FRANCIS

**NINE YEARS AGO** on a cold January morning in 2007, a young man entered a metro station in Washington, DC and stood near the wall inside the station. He was wearing jeans, a long-sleeved t-shirt, and a baseball cap. From a small case, he carefully removed a violin. Placing the open case at his feet, he threw some change into it and began to play.

It's not unusual to find a musician performing at a metro station, but this performance was different. The musician played six famous pieces of classical music in a performance that lasted 45 minutes. During the performance, over one thousand people entered the station, most of them on their way to work. Only seven people stopped and listened briefly. One person recognized the musician, and she threw \$20 into the violin case. Twenty-six others gave money, bringing the grand total in the open case to \$32. The musician finished playing, and there was silence. No one noticed, and no one applauded. The violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the finest classical musicians in the world, playing some of the best classical music ever written, on one of the most valuable violins ever made. Two days earlier, he played the same music at a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets cost \$100 in 2007. The

*Washington Post* had arranged Joshua Bell's performance at the station. He was playing a violin that was handcrafted by Antonio Stradivari in 1713. Bell bought the violin at a cost that reported to be in the range of \$3.5 million.

What happened in Washington that January morning reminds me how much we miss as we rush through life. In the busy hectic lives we live, we can miss the deeper aspects of life that are revealed in music, art, friendship, creation, and in religious faith. Any or all of these can awaken our souls and help us engage with the mystery of God. But it calls for time and attention on our part.

The great mystics of all the world religions tell us that God is always with us. Old myths and legends express it this way: before we were born, God kissed and caressed our souls.

That left a permanent mark, an imprint of love so deep and pure that we go through life wanting to return to the original experience of such tender love. The memory of God's kiss and caress has created a sacred space deep inside our souls/hearts that is personal and precious. It is the place where our inner instincts, our restlessness, our desire for God are all deeply rooted.

Many spiritual writers stress the importance of 'finding God in the ordinary' — in the lives we live. For Teresa of Avila, God was present in the kitchen as well as in the chapel. In fact, helping with washing the dishes had a special place for her; she often recommended it for people who claimed to have visions and revelations. Thérèse of Lisieux developed the theory of 'the little way' which involved giving full attention to whatever task is at hand, however humble it may





YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF, O LORD,  
AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS,  
UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU. —ST. AUGUSTINE



be. Ruth Barrows, a Carmelite nun and one of the great contemporary spiritual writers, stresses that “holiness has to do with the ordinary things.”

We are all called to holiness; we have a life to live with God. Each person finds his or her way to God when the heart is awakened to God’s constant presence. It can happen for anyone, in any walk of life, at home or anywhere else. What is holiness? An awakened and loving heart.

Like travelers in the desert, we have to stop at an oasis occasionally — a spiritual one. We need an oasis where we can be restored and strengthened on our spiritual journey. At times, we need to slow down and rest awhile so that we will be refreshed on our life’s pilgrimage with some silence, space, and stillness in our day. We are talking about the need for a time and place to rest

and pray and share with one another so that we can nurture our faith and trust in God who is calling you and me into God’s life and love.

Every year during Lent, which begins this year on February 10, we are invited to slow down, reflect, and recommit ourselves to Christ and the Christian Community. Lent is about something more radical and important than giving up something for a few weeks and then getting back to what is considered normal. It is an invitation to reflect deeply about self and the values and priorities that control our lives. There is a vast difference between possessing something and being possessed by it. Jesus was not opposed to the notion of wealth and enjoyment of it; in fact, it is clear from the gospels that he had rich friends and supporters and enjoyed their company. However, he

does warn about the dangers of neglecting our spiritual needs and of allowing selfishness to take control of our lives to the exclusion of other important and more valuable treasures. The Christian concept of self-denial, which is emphasized in Lent, is not a call to morbid living but a process of self-discovery in which we come to know our real selves and the things that contribute to our well-being. Lent is only a starter course; self-denial is a lifelong journey. Albert Einstein wrote: “The true value of a human being is determined primarily by the measure and sense in which s/he has attained liberation from the self.”

During Lent we consider the human side of Jesus’ life as He makes His final journey to Jerusalem, facing many temptations along the way. We follow the human steps of Jesus as he wrestles with

his own humanity. We go with Him into the wilderness (First Sunday of Lent) where both He and we must try to find the right path if we are to respond to God’s will for us. Near the end of Lent, we are reminded of the persistence and intensity of His struggle as prior to his arrest and crucifixion, He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane: “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me.” His words resonate to this day with those facing painful and difficult times in their own lives.

Christian living does not mean living without failure, nor does it mean being free from temptation. We are all personalities in the making, in the process of becoming truly human, trying to cope with things that are often beyond us. One of the unnecessary burdens we carry is the notion

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## LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### Daily Masses:

Mondays	8:30am
Tuesdays	8:30am
Wednesdays	6:00pm
Thursdays	8:30am
Fridays	8:30am

### Lenten Cross Exhibit, Ash Wednesday through Holy Week

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Masses with the distribution of ashes:  
6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm Fridays, February 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - (PRIVATE)

3:30–4:30pm Saturdays, February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19

### AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, March 1, 7:00pm

### 24-HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, March 4, 6:00–7:00pm

### LENTEN COMMUNITY NIGHT – FISH BAKE

Friday, March 11, Meal begins at 5:30pm

### PALM SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

March 19/20 at Mass

### TRIDUUM/EASTER

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Followed by Adoration in chapel through 10:00pm)

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

3:00pm Living Stations  
5:00pm Living Stations  
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26 – NO PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

12:00noon Blessing of Easter Food  
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
(All are invited to a reception immediately following Mass)

#### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00am Easter Mass  
9:00am Easter Mass  
9:00am Easter Mass in Nazareth Hall  
11:00am Easter Mass  
11:00am Easter Mass in Nazareth Hall

### ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP LUNCH AND SOUP DINNER

A light meal of soup and bread will be offered at both lunch time and dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Following the noon Mass, we will gather in Dorothy Day Hall for the light and late lunch. Soup will be served in Nazareth Hall (lower level gym) from 5:30–6:45pm. Come after the 5:00pm Mass or come early and enjoy the meal before you attend the 7:00pm Mass.

### AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION **Tuesday, March 1, 7:00pm**

Pax Christi will celebrate a community reconciliation service that will include music, scripture, prayer, breaking open the Word, and a time to reflect on our relationships with God, others, and self. Opportunity for individual confessions following the service.

### 24-HOURS FOR THE LORD **FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 6:00–7:00pm**

Pope Francis: *The initiative of 24-Hours for the Lord, helps us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands.* Pax Christi will participate by offering Reconciliation from 6:00–7:00pm during the 24-Hours for the Lord. More info online.

### FISH BAKE/STATIONS OF THE CROSS **FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

Join us as we continue the tradition of the Lenten Fish Bake beginning at 5:30pm. Enjoy tasty baked tilapia, beer-battered baked cod, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, pickles, and chocolate pudding pie. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00pm in the Thomas Merton Chapel. In praying this wonderful and ancient prayer rooted in scripture, we come to grips with the reality of God's love and mercy. Opportunity for individual confessions will also be available 5:00–6:00pm.

### PALM SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION **March 19/20**

On Palm Sunday weekend, you are invited to bring your BURGUNDY BAG of groceries to the altar prior to Mass. This will serve as a Lenten reminder to care for those who are in need.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

**FASTING:** Fasting is restricting eating to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a single day and prohibits eating between meals for Catholics beginning at age 18 until their 59th birthday. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obligated to fast. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics older than 14 years of age may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or on any Friday of Lent.



# LENT

## PLAIN, SIMPLE, PROFOUND



Anyone reading this has walked the journey of Lent before, possibly with the exception of those adults preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Sometimes, when the obvious is before us, it is an opportunity to take a humble stand back and look at the very basics of what the church has formed and taught as a “developing story” of the Lenten practices and preparations for Easter that have formed the Christian community over the last seventeen centuries.

## LENT

The word “Lent” means springtime and is derived from the same root as “lengthen” from Old English. Even though Lent begins earlier this year than in years past, we still experience the joy of lengthening daylight in the northern hemisphere as the beginning of the astronomical season changes. In Hebrew, the word for repentance is the same as the word that means to turn, like the turning of the earth to the sun or the turning of the soil before planting. These are springtime and “heart time” images. We hear the words of the prophet Joel; “Even now, says the Lord, turn to me” (2:12). The focus of Lent is not only to turn away from sin, our separateness from God, others, and our true selves. It is a time to look toward the opportunities of coming together as a community of believers, separately and together, to the knowledge that we are beloveds of God, and it is in that understanding that we come to a wholeness as a human being. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, the calendar parameters of our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life, hope, and joy.

## PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING

These threefold disciplines of Lent are landmarks for integration during this holy season. Matthew’s gospel simply and profoundly gives us the direction on Ash Wednesday: When you pray: “Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private.” When you fast: “No one must see you are fasting but your Father.” When you give alms: “Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, enliven our senses, and seriously look at establishing right relationships with God and others in caring for our soul’s needs.

## FORTY DAYS

Why are there forty days in Lent? Biblically speaking, it took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth in the story of the Great Flood. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the Promised Land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life’s work. Forty, biblically speaking, means a long time. Our conversion story also is a long one, one that takes a lifetime but has its renewal each Lent.

## CATECHUMENS

On the First Sunday of Lent, the three catechumens of Pax Christi, those who are seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, are named as the “elect,” as chosen by God to journey to the waters of baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church. At the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, they join with other elect and those preparing for full reception into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in the ceremony of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. They join with other catechumens and candidates from around the Archdiocese to celebrate and acknowledge this very personal call of God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together as a people who seek the mercy, the love, and the grace of God, striving to live as people who walk in the Light of Christ. We support the catechumens and candidates, and they support us in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of this holy season. *Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director.*





# REFLECTING ON THE GOSPELS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF LENT

## LECTIONARY CYCLE C READINGS

### FEBRUARY 14, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: LUKE 4:1–13

**AFTER JESUS** is baptized by John the Baptist, He goes out into the desert to pray for 40 days. At the end of this time, the devil tempts Him three times. Jesus is at the beginning of His public ministry. He is tempted to use His power in extraordinary ways to reveal who He is. First, He is told to satisfy His physical needs by turning stones into bread. Second, He is told that if He will worship the devil, the devil will give Him political power. Last, He is told to prove that He is God by expecting God to save Him from harm after He jumps from a great height.

Temptations of hunger, idolatry, and testing God were also experienced by the Israelites in their 40 year desert journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. While the Israelites gave in to their temptations, Jesus overcomes the trials in the desert through faith in the word of God.

1. What temptations are mine that lead me away from God?
2. What do I need to overcome them?

### FEBRUARY 21, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: LUKE 9:28B–36

**JESUS** takes Peter, John, and James to the top of Mount Tabor where He is changed (transfigured) before their eyes. They see Jesus in His divine state. Moses and Elijah appear and

talk with Him. Moses and Elijah both fasted for 40 days and then went up a mountain to meet God. Moses represents the law. Elijah represents the prophets of the Old Testament. Together they symbolize all of the covenant relationship and tradition of the people of Israel. Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant. The disciples are told to “listen to Him” because Jesus is the chosen Son of God. They do not tell anyone about this vision of Jesus.

1. What does it mean to me that Jesus was both human and divine?
2. What is my personal encounter and relationship with God based upon?

### FEBRUARY 28, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: LUKE 13:1–9

**THE PASSAGE** begins with a story in which Jesus says that calamity is not a punishment for sin. Yet, He says, we still need to repent of our sins. Then Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree as a symbol of God’s patience in waiting for people to follow Him. The fig tree should be cut down because it has not borne fruit. Jesus tells them to give it one more chance to bear fruit. In the end, the tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down. God gives us every chance, but we do need to repent and bear good fruit in our lives.

1. How have I experienced the mercy and kindness of God? How do I show mercy and kindness to others?
2. What kind of “fruit” am I producing in my life?

### MARCH 6, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: LUKE 15:1–3, 11–32

**TODAY** we hear the often told story of the Prodigal Son. “Prodigal” means wasteful. The son asks his father for his inheritance, and the father gives it to him. The son wastes the money on self-indulgence and is left a pauper. He decides to return to his father, ask for forgiveness, and gratefully accept whatever his father might be willing to give him, even a place with his father’s servants. Instead, the father is elated that his son who has been lost is now found and hosts a joyful celebration. Meanwhile, his other son who has been faithfully doing his work expresses jealousy and anger at how his brother is being treated. The father says that he must rejoice because the son he thought was dead has returned home. Jesus is saying that there is great rejoicing when a sinner returns to God, which is all of us.

1. Who do I relate to in the story: the father, the older son, or the younger son? Why?
2. How have I experienced the forgiveness of God? Who have I forgiven, and who haven’t I forgiven?

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### MARCH 13, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: JOHN 8:1-11

**THE SCRIBES** and Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who has been caught in adultery. The Israelite law says she should be stoned to death for her offense though Roman law did not allow them to put anyone to death. They were trying to trick Jesus into either not following the Jewish law or going against Roman law. But Jesus says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." They all leave. Jesus tells the woman to go away and sin no more. Jesus points out the hypocrisy of those who are condemning her. He then offers her forgiveness, not punishment.

1. In what ways am I judgmental about the sins or faults of others?
2. How does this example of God's forgiveness fit into my Lenten journey now that I am two weeks away from renewing my baptismal promises?

## BEFORE I FORGET...

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that we must be perfect, for even in our best moments, we can make bad choices and get things wrong. Oscar Wilde observed that he could resist everything but temptation, but perhaps another of his sayings is more helpful to us: "Every saint has a past and every sinner a future."

Several years ago, in the late '80s, there was a movie entitled *The Last Temptation of Christ* that caused an uproar. Based on the novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, it depicts the life of Jesus and His struggle with various forms of temptation, including fear, doubt, depression, reluctance, and lust. There was a disclaimer stating that the movie was not based on the gospels. In reaction, Christian protesters insisted that the "real" Jesus could not possibly be like that because he was the Son of God and must, therefore, be a cut above everyone else. But to claim that Jesus was some kind of superhuman being is to miss the whole point of the Incarnation, a point made very clear in the letter to the Hebrews (4:15): "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." Jesus, like us, lived in the real world.

Prayer asks for the grace to withstand the temptations "of the world, the flesh, and the Evil One." It reminds us not only of personal weaknesses but that we live in a world where evil is ever-present, and there is real pressure to give in. That is what happened to the followers of Jesus in those final days of His life. Some of them were ambitious; others were suspicious and questioning; ultimately, all of them were terrified of the people in power. They abandoned Jesus one by one — but he did not abandon them. What got through was not their faithfulness but the refusal of Jesus to give up on them.

Christianity, when it is true to its genius, is able to believe in humanity recklessly, despite all that saddens and discourages, because it has seen the vision of God, the source of all worth and wonder — lifting us up to be daughters and sons of God. In the long run, those who have been most effective in changing this world for the better are those who have realized that goodness is not something we produce but something that claims us and is given to us by the eternal and unchanging goodness.

Perhaps the most important thing for all of us is to be honest with ourselves and about ourselves, recognizing our limitations and the distractions all around us that can so easily destroy our hopes for the future. Jesus always accepted people as they were, a point made by the American theologian William Countryman: "The person you are now, the person you have been, the person who will be — this person God has chosen as beloved."

**The doors of Pax Christi are OPEN WIDE.** Let it be your oasis of rest and renewal during this season of Lent and through the years.



# GRACING LIFE WITH A LENTEN PERSPECTIVE



Be still and know  
that I am God.  
—Psalm 46:10

**THIS WINTER** has been a relatively mild one, with less snow than what one would expect this time of year. There have been pockets of extreme cold, reminding us we do live in Minnesota. But the landscape is definitely wintery, and for those who stay behind and “weather-out” the season, we know what winter is like, and we choose to remain in the winter, reluctantly or expectantly, because we know it does depart. It is winters such as the one we have been experiencing that help us to appreciate even more the variety and depth of beauty in the springs, summers, and autumns before us. There will be an uncovering of the land

and the waters after winter that will give way to the newness of spring. We do need this season to teach us about creation and about ourselves.

The Lenten season is a perfect parallel for us with this season of uncovering. We know that something is hidden below the winter ice and snow, much as we know that this journey of Lent is a slow uncovering and melting away, a ridding ourselves of the things that make us less than the person God has created us to be. The Lenten journey is a time of rediscovering what selfishness abides in us. Approach this reality head on so that changes can be made

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DEEP WITHIN ONE'S  
SELF. TO REACH THAT  
PLACE IS TO BE AT HOME;  
TO FAIL TO REACH IT  
IS TO BE FOREVER  
RESTLESS.  
—N.GORDON COSBY

to deepen our relationship with God by bringing our true selves forward with a humble heart.

This task of transformation calls for a journey inward. Ronald Rohlheiser, in *Against an Infinite Horizon*, speaks of the necessary challenges of this approach to life:

*The world suggests that the solution to your restlessness lies outside yourself, in building a bigger and more exciting life. If you are lonely, find a friend; if you are restless, do something; if you have a desire, fulfill it!... The invitation to move inward, in silence, to gently calm our raging restlessness with an inner stillness that comes from union with God is...nonnegotiable. To ignore it is to take a bad risk.*

Lent has just begun. May stillness be a choice we make so that we can glimpse more clearly what is really beneath our surface. *Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director.*

# A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY

## CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

**EVERY YEAR**, over 200,000 people undertake the pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James. During the Middle Ages, this was one of the most popular and important Christian pilgrimages. While there are many places to begin the pilgrimage, all of the pilgrimages end in Santiago, where St. James' bones are said to be buried. Many use this journey as a spiritual retreat. Pax Christi members Peg and Paul Musegades participated in this pilgrimage this last fall. Their experience can serve as a reminder for the journey we will all take in preparation for the Lenten season.

## THE CALL

Peg first learned of the Camino de Santiago from former Pax Christi pastor Father Tim Power. Shortly after, Peg also found out that a neighbor had biked the length of the pilgrimage. "All of a sudden," Peg said, "I just kept hearing about more and more people that were doing this pilgrimage, so I just started doing a little research on it, and Paul was really excited about doing it." Shortly thereafter, the critically acclaimed 2010 movie *"The Way"* came out. "After we watched the movie and started researching it," Peg said, "we found out there is a group in the Twin Cities made up of people who are planning on doing the trip or who have done the trips, so you can meet with them and learn about the trails, the trips, and what to expect."

## THE JOURNEY

The Musegades started their journey in Pamplona, Spain. The pilgrimage traditionally starts in the Pyrenees mountains in France, but bad weather in that area caused them to relocate their starting point. Although the bulk of pilgrims travel in the summer, Peg and Paul began their journey in late September. They appreciated the advantages of fall, such as cooler walking periods and the fruit and nuts that were planted along the path that they could freely partake in. Over the next five weeks, they would walk over 530 miles to Santiago in northern Spain.

The path the Musegades used varied in form; sometimes it was small trails, sometimes it transformed into old country roads. Some of the roads dated back to Roman times. Walking the trail seemed to transport them back in time and connected them to every pilgrim that had walked before them. "You could easily put your mind into the mindset of pilgrims in the past," Peg said.

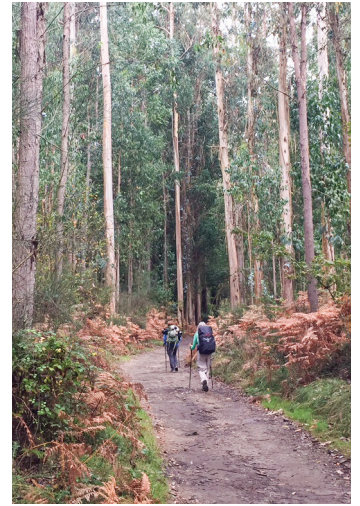
Pilgrims followed the scalloped shell symbols and yellow arrows that marked their path. Scalloped shells are a symbol of St. James and of his pilgrimage. Often, pilgrims will attach a charm of the the scalloped shell to their backpacks. All of the ridges on the shell lead to a single point, which represents the idea that all paths of the pilgrimage lead to Santiago.

Throughout their journey, the Musegades stayed in alberghi, which were essentially pilgrim's hostels. In the past, monks would host pilgrims in these places and give them a place to eat and sleep. Many of the places that the Musegades stayed had been operating for hundreds of years. Most of the Musegades' days started around 6:30am, when they would set out from the albergo with headlamps. They would walk for about two hours before stopping for breakfast. They would then travel further before arriving at their destination by 3:00 PM. "The only thing you ever had to worry about was getting up in the morning, walking, and then when you got into your new place you would wash your clothes," Peg said.

When they finished their journey, they attended Mass in the beautiful cathedral in which a nearly 200-pound censer was filled with incense and swung the length of the church. Upon review of their pilgrim's passport, on which the Musegades had collected stamps at each of their albergo, they received the compostela, a certificate of accomplishment for completing the Way.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Meeting the people that Peg met along the way was one of the most rewarding parts of the journey. They made friends from around the world that they hope to visit again someday. They met pilgrims of all ages taking the trip, from newly graduated



high school students to an 80-year old woman. "There were all ages, all nationalities. You could always find someone on the trail to visit with if you wanted to. You never felt alone; you felt very safe," Peg explained. Many men and women traveled the journey alone.

Finally, Peg shared a few things she learned along the journey. "What I have learned from this is how important it is to slow down and take in everything around you, to be appreciative of what I have, and to always be listening—because you never know who is going to be speaking to you." *Written by Beth Corpuz, Pax Christi parishioner.*





# ON OUR JOURNEY OF STEWARDSHIP

Live a Lent the Way God Calls You: **EGGS-actly Right For You**

**I WAS** in a training class one time, and the instructor gave a pop quiz. We were to write down all the steps entailed in making the perfect hard-boiled egg in such a manner that an untrained person could follow the steps we had articulated and successfully prepare the perfect boiled egg. The task had a time limit, as the instructor felt that a sense of urgency might impact our response. At the word "Go," the class fell into a writing frenzy, and when time was called, there were exactly as many recipes for boiling an egg as there were members in the class. Some started with the eggs in the pan, others waited for the water to boil before adding eggs, some used a covered pan, a few shared that the key was in the management of the heat source — on high till a rolling boil was achieved, and then off, and don't touch for a specific number of minutes. Eggs at room temperature, salt in the water, fresh vs. non fresh eggs, hot water or cold — the variety exhibited in the responses made us all laugh. The instructor recorded the steps as we called them out. Some had listed 50 or more points while others added entries to their own lists of things they had missed. We all realized the intent of the lesson — that there is not just one way to boil an egg.

We all approach the tasks we are given differently. Whether it's boiling an egg, getting a school or work project completed, or even how we will observe Lent, there is no one absolutely correct method to getting a specific task accomplished. To be sure, there are rules and traditions that need to be followed as well as some sort of tangible way to determine if a task has been accomplished, and to what

degree, but the way in which we approach a task is impacted by the individual. Our experience, knowledge, schedule, our commitments, our gifts, external pressures, and competition all contribute to how we approach any given assignment or job. What works for me may be an absolutely unacceptable course for you and vice versa. Even if we put two members of the same family to the task, they may not see the same result. Each of us, individually, will respond in our own unique, manner. Watching someone else perform a task can be a real eye-opener. You may think how that method is not remotely workable, only to be amazed at how a different person's slant on things may bring about an easier or better way of accomplishing the same task — that's the very essence of "building the better mouse trap." Our knowledge and environment coupled with the talents we bring to the table make us all unique.

What is important is to recognize the tasks we do have ahead of us and know what we have in our time and talent arsenal so we can handle them with the least frustration and the best results. So, Lent is coming this month; we have 40 days to find ways to pray, fast, and give to prepare ourselves for Easter. This is also a Jubilee Year, an Extraordinary Year of Mercy. How will you respond to Pope Francis' call and **Open Wide the Doors?** What if you were to find some way each of these 40 days to be merciful? Show mercy to those you love, including yourself, to the stranger, and to those you find it hard to even like. You may not be able to change the world, but what about impacting your corner of the world? **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13.**



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### PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED:

- On your bathroom mirror tape photos of family and friends who are far away, reminding yourself each of these 40 days to offer prayers of gratitude for these people in your life.
- Turn off the internet, TV, social media, and devices for a, and spend it by being "present" with your family and friends.
- Write a note to a relative and tell him/her how important he/she is to you.
- Hold the designer coffee or fast food lunch, and use the money you would have spent to put some coffee and food in one of Pax Christi's burgundy bags for those in need.
- Take one section of your closet or one drawer in a dresser and go through and donate gently used items to provide comfort for those who do not have what you have.
- Fast from complaining, arguing, gossiping. Instead, find ways to show mercy and kindness to the irritating co-worker, the crabby spouse, the "buttinski" neighbor.

Whatever you choose to do, make sure you do it. Give of yourself, use your talents and your time to help someone else without expecting anything in return. Live your Catholic faith by example, using your God given talents to respond to the needs you see. Your Lenten experience may be radically different from others, but it may be EGGS-actly the Lent you need to have. Now about the perfect hard-boiled egg: I start with the eggs in a pan and cover them with water... *Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.*

# ENGAGEMENT SURVEY COMING IN FEBRUARY

**THOUGH** it may be difficult to remember back three years, Pax Christi undertook an all-parish survey known as the ME25™ (short for member engagement consisting of 25 questions). Developed by the Gallup organization, this survey was designed to measure what many feel is "unmeasurable," the spiritual engagement of our faith community.

Naturally, we may all ask what "engagement" really means either as an individual or as a parish. This is the exact meaning we believe this survey will help us define for Pax Christi as a parish community. However, we need to have the participation of all members of the community.

"Engagement is the degree of belonging that an individual has in his or her faith community." At Pax Christi through the ME25 survey, we measure the levels of engagement, to assess and develop plans that maximize opportunities for parishioners. After the 2013 survey results were known, the parish formed an engagement sub-committee, and each of the ministry councils developed further plans and opportunities for spiritual growth, parish involvement, and means to share an individual's special gifts.

It's now time to measure how we've done and whether or not we need a change in course. This can only be done with your input and participation through the upcoming follow-up survey. In this, the Year of Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, the engagement survey is yet another way to "Open Wide the Doors," As our Pope stated in his Mass with U.S. bishops in late August, "It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome because they come, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people." The Pax Christi engagement survey is one way to seek and meet the people.

The survey is fairly quick to take and will offer several types of opportunities to fill out the questionnaire electronically. The goal is that all adult parishioners will participate. The questionnaire is framed around four relevant outcomes that indicate the level of engagement in a parish community. The four areas explored by the questionnaire are:

**What do I get • What do I give  
Do I belong • How can we grow**

Survey results will be fully shared with the entire parish. But remember the most important part is your willingness to take the survey. The window to take the survey will be February 22 through March 18, 2016. We want every adult member to take the survey. All responses are confidential. Gallup will not reveal any individual responses to anyone. The link to participate in the survey will be available on our website at [www.paxchristi.com/gallup](http://www.paxchristi.com/gallup). Paper surveys will also be available at the parish office for those who do not have computer access. *Written by Mary Beth Buckman, Lay Leadership Development Council and parishioner.*



# PAX CHRISTI REFLECTS

**IT'S COMMON** practice to make a list of resolutions at the start of each year, and it has now become equally common to read articles in February explaining how we inevitably fail at our lofty goals.

However, if you're like me, somewhere on your list you included prayer. Each year I vow to pray more, and while I falter along the way, I never think of it as failure. Prayer ebbs and flows in my life. Sometimes it is full of passion and powerful, other times rote and empty. Thankfully there are many forms of prayer as well as liturgical reminders to keep me on track. The Lenten liturgical season is upon us and has become my gentle reminder to renew my commitment to pray more often.

Richard Rohr explains that "Prayer is not primarily saying words or thinking thoughts. It is, rather, a stance. It's a way of living in the Presence, living in awareness of the Presence, and even of enjoying, the Presence. The contemplative is not just aware of God's Loving Presence, but trusts, allows, and delights in it."

Today our world of technology offers us many new opportunities for prayerful experiences, so I'd like to suggest a few favorite websites and apps. During your Lenten journey, you may wish to try these prayer forms if you haven't already discovered them. It's a wonderful way to enrich your prayer life.



[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) is available as a website or can be downloaded as an app. The site is managed by Irish Jesuits and Loyola Press. You are guided through a session of prayer in six stages, including preparing your body and mind and culminating in reflection on a scripture passage chosen specially for the day. Each stage is a kind of exercise or

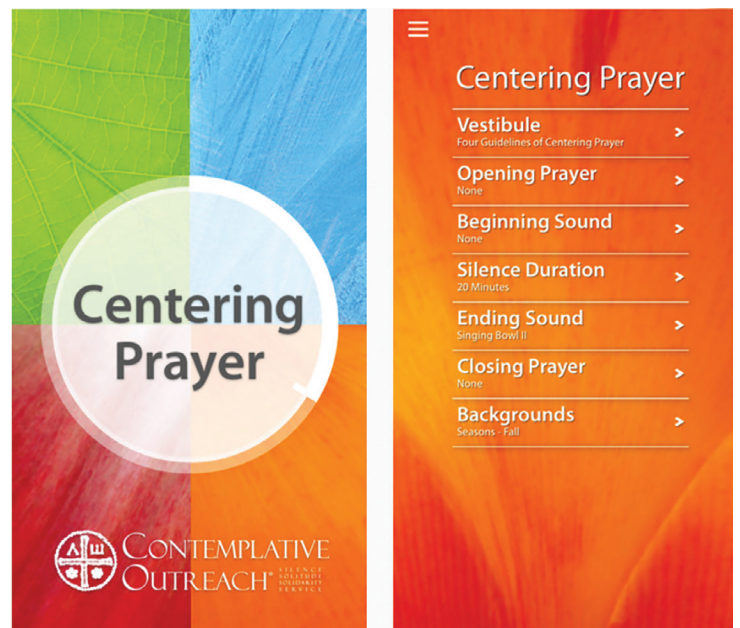
meditation aimed at helping you get in touch with God, and God's presence in your life.

Loyola Press also offers a 3-minute retreat that can be sent as a prayer reminder to you each day. [www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm](http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm). It's my reminder to take a peaceful, prayerful "time-out" in my day.



Another common prayer form is contemplation. Contemplation is the prayer of silence. It awakens us to thoughts deep in our soul, and if we listen closely, this still, small voice will lead us where we need to go. The joy we find buried deep within us will naturally want to overflow outward in our actions and our prayerful stance in the world. Thomas Keating explains the steps for contemplative prayer called Centering Prayer:

1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly, and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When engaged with your thoughts, return ever so gently to the sacred word.
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.



An app appropriately titled *Centering Prayer* is offered free of charge to guide you through these steps. You pick an opening prayer, a timer to track the duration of your silence, and a closing prayer. The app also includes historical information on this prayer form as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

During these Lenten weeks may we support each other in our goal to be prayerful, faith filled people open to the voice of God in our life. And let us be patient with ourselves as our prayer life unfolds.

# Share the Soup Warm the Hearts



**WE LEARN** from so many scripture stories that we are called to “Love one another contribute to the needs of others, live peaceably with all” (Romans 12:9) How can you help show mercy and kindness to others? Got SOUP?? According to the Campbell Soup Company, on an average American consumers stock six cans of soup in their kitchens at all times. Can you name the top three choices of soup sold annually throughout the world? If your guess is Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Cream of Mushroom you are correct. What are your personal and family favorite soup choices? What’s

your favorite memory of a soup meal? Growing up it was always creamy tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. There was nothing like dunking the crusty bread into a hot mug of soup on a cold winters evening. My kids would say a favorite is my home-made chicken noodle soup recipe as it was my gift of love whenever they were feeling ill or needed a special mom ‘hug.’ The gift of a soup can will make the difference in providing a hot meal for someone!

It has been a tradition for several years for our community to donate food in our burgundy bags and much of that food is

given to PROP. Did you know that PROP is located right here in Eden Prairie and they serve over 11,000 hungry individuals monthly? We are launching a community-wide opportunity to collect over 1,000 cans of soup during the season of Lent. Soup may be donated in the bins located outside the main entrance. The children in the Finding God program will make the soup donation drive their special outreach opportunity during Lent. It is part of our kindness challenge and we invite YOU to join our efforts. Please consider donating soup with lower sodium contents and ‘healthy’ options.

If a little boy can take fish and bread and faith and feed over 5,000 people — we can help bring a warm meal through our soup collection.

#### **GOT SOUP??**

*Written by Reneé Dignan,  
Faith Formation Minister.*

## THE LONG ROAD TO PAX CHRISTI

**PEOPLE LOVE** stories, and we each have our own unique story to tell. Who we are and who we encounter in our lives is God’s gift to us. We are connected to Christ who has a plan for each one of us.

Jonathan and Ana Luebbers have an interesting story, and many people helped to create it. Jonathan met Ana at a wedding in Lima, Peru. When the time came to toss the bouquet and garter, Jonathan caught the garter, and Ana caught the bouquet.

They dated long distance for about a year, and Jonathan’s uncle suggested Ana come to

study in the United States. Ana moved in with Jonathan’s uncle, who was on the faculty at a university in Ohio, and went to school. Jonathan visited twice a month from Connecticut until he proposed. They had a civil ceremony in the United States and a religious ceremony in Lima. Jonathan’s father became ill and they decided to move to Minnesota to be closer to family.

A friend of Jonathan’s discussed his work on the council at Pax Christi and suggested Jonathan also join the parish council. To be more involved with the parish, Ana and Jonathan wanted their first child baptized at Pax Christi. Their second child

was close to receiving baptism, and all signs seem to point to Pax Christi. At Fr. Pat Kennedy’s suggestion, they baptized their second child, and Jonathan received the sacrament of Confirmation at the same Mass.

Jonathan has been involved with the Justice Council and continues to be involved with the choir. He also teaches Faith Formation in the high school program. Ana is also working towards becoming certified to teach in the Good Shepard Program.

Ana has a full time job, and Jonathan is a stay-at-home dad taking care of their three

children. Jonathan spends his time shuttling Ana to and from work, getting their two oldest to and from schools in two different cities, and the baby napping when possible. Between making sure everyone is picked up and dinner is started, life is a non-stop circle.

I love this story. When we are all together in the Pax Christi Community, remember how Christ involves us all and how far he goes to show He loves us with an everlasting love.

*Written by Mary Lanners, Worship  
Council and Pax Christi parishioner.*



**PEOPLE** roughly between the ages of 19 and 35 (born between 1980 and 1996) are referred to as the millennial generation. Over 2000 millennials are part of Pax Christi according to 2015 enrollment statistics. The skills and ideas of the millennial generation are valuable as they will soon assume leadership of the Pax Christi Community.

Twice a year for six years, members of the Worship and Community Councils have placed phone calls to parishioners asking for feedback about their experiences at Pax Christi. This past November, over 400 millennials received such calls, asking about their expectations, needs, and preferences. The calls were fun! We heard many creative and lively voice-mail messages before leaving an invitation to upcoming events. When people were available to answer the phone, the feedback was wonderful! Many expressed "thanks for asking" to the questions about their experiences at Pax Christi. Worship Council also conducted two listening sessions and an online survey to find out as much as possible about this group's interests, favorite means of communication, etc.

Replies showed they experience a general feeling of being accepted, and many expressed appreciation for the beautiful liturgy and music. "Love the music" was heard often. There were mentions of wanting to learn more about Catholic tradition and scripture, requests for activities for those out of college and for those with families. When asked how they wish to be contacted, millennials asked for a personal invitation.



## WHAT DOES THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION FIND IMPORTANT IN THE CHURCH TODAY?

Contact through social media or a text were preferred.

In reading about the millennial generation, the Worship Council gained perspective about the realities of our changing society. Instead of a stable, prominently Christian society in the USA, today's millennials have experienced an ever-changing world, a swiftly changing environment. Communication is instant and world-wide. When every kind of information is instantly at our fingertips, education quickly becomes obsolete. Ever-newer technology makes even recent methods of sharing information and thinking out-of-date.

### **TIMES HAVE CHANGED.**

People have more choices today than ever before. Today, membership in any organized religion may no longer be considered essential. Millennials may express that they consider themselves 'spiritual' but not 'religious.' The standard has shifted toward individual morality, personal growth, and replenishment of

each person's spirit within that individual's direction and goals. Millennials are likely to ask each other: Which is a better goal? Participation and regular attendance at scheduled church services or individual goodness and person growth?

In American culture, millennials grew up in an atmosphere where many political systems, sports/entertainment, financial systems, and educational systems are prominently based on competition. Children are taught to compare and compete for scholarships, recognition, trophies. The millennial generation has learned teamwork, emphasizing cooperation to reach shared goals. Their classrooms were not forums for individual recitation of facts or a review of historical events. They learned to function in teams, with emphasis on evaluating and communicating what was learned. This is an accomplished, educated group who wish to be part of a welcoming community. There is love, understanding, and

compassion in their DNA.

There is need for organizational change where a new structure is in part a reflection of significant shifts in values, lifestyles, and attitudes. Millennials are not so much sold on the traditional rules, customs, and power structure of the church as were the prior generations.

Millennials seek to be part of a fair, inclusive, just society, a community based on equality and caring. How can Pax Community continue to be their place? Pope Francis asks that we "open wide the doors" without any ideas of exclusivity or exclusion but with a welcome of caring, kindness, and hospitality.

We greatly appreciate the input we have received. We realize this will be a long process, one in which we welcome millennial participation so we make sure to get it right. The future of Pax is counting on it.

*Written by Marlene Fischer, Parishioner & Worship Council Member*

# PARISHIONER NEWS

## DECEMBER BAPTISMS

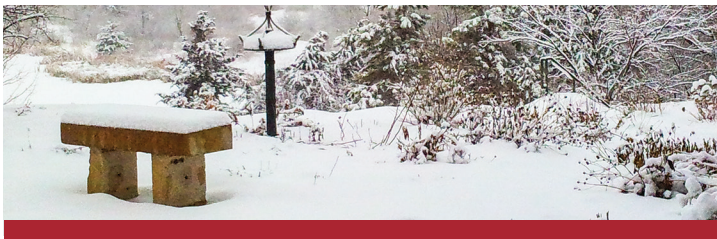
Decker Douglas Gleason	12/5/2015
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Lucas Joseph Downey	12/6/2015
Lucille Elizabeth Lindmark	12/6/2015
Greta Lucille Sundberg	12/6/2015
Ethan Mathew Ingle	12/13/2015
Charles Thomas Zajicek II	12/13/2015
Xander James Colford	12/20/2015
Leisel Marie Huttner	12/20/2015
Emilee Margaret Perrill	12/20/2015
Elowyn Hudlow Schletty	12/20/2015
Tristan Elliott Lungay Sendrijas	12/20/2015
Ray William Sanford Anderson	12/27/2015
Griffin Allan Hammell	12/27/2015
Cameron David Hascall	12/27/2015
Emma Paige Thurk	12/27/2015

## DECEMBER FUNERALS

Mary Janet Nyberg	12/18/2015
Robert W. Roepke	12/31/2015

## DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS

- Jerry and Betty Belanger
- Joyce Borealino
- Samuel Colford and Olivia Elftmann
- Branden and Kristin Duncan
- Simon Fortune and Gretchen Enninga
- Caitlin Gadel and Wyatt Anderson
- Ann Harvey
- Kristin Kane and Ben Brown
- Ivan and Colleen Kluzak
- Matthew and Anna Kukla
- Terrie LeVasseur
- David and Kari Marsch
- Mary Jo O'Hara and Timothy Hemken
- James Steit and Nadine Johnson
- Mary Delaney Zweber



## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14



## FEBRUARY

### SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 3:00–4:30pm**

A Spirituality and Mental Wellness Group meets monthly at Pax Christi and provides an opportunity for anyone with mental health concerns to both give and receive support. If you would like to make a deeper connection with God and oneself, and to be exposed to tools which might help make one's life more manageable, you are welcome to join this group. The group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 3:00-4:30pm. Questions? Contact Jean Thoresen, Dir. Of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7211.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, BEGINNING WITH Mass at 8:30am**

Come and join other parishioners for 8:30am Mass in the chapel, followed by coffee, rolls, and conversation in the Chief Joseph room on the first Friday of each month. The event is sponsored by Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome.

### ANNUAL CANA DINNER

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:00pm** **RSVP**

Please join us for a special evening to celebrate love through the ages. We're opening wide the doors to honor all couples, of all ages, at the annual Cana Dinner. Hurry! Registration closes February 1. Tickets are \$75.00 per couple. The ticket price includes a hosted wine reception, dinner, dessert bar, live jazz, and the couple's photo. Loving childcare may be arranged by contacting the Nursery for reservations. Say "I do!" to the 2016 Cana Dinner.

## A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

**Due to the large volume of events we offer at Pax Christi, we have to keep our announcements brief. Please visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com) for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration). Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.**

### SCOUT SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 7, 9:00am Mass**

Calling all Scouts! Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venture Crews, past or present, all are welcome! Come celebrate Scout Sunday at Pax Christi Catholic Community. You can help with the liturgy or just wear your uniform to church. Anyone interested in helping as a greeter, gift bearer, or with hospitality after Mass, please contact Patty Hobbs, [pprairie@hotmail.com](mailto:pprairie@hotmail.com). See you on Sunday, February 7!

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, February 10**

Details on page 9.

### LENTEN CROSS EXHIBIT

**FEBRUARY 10–MARCH 27, Pacem in Terris Gallery, MLK Room**

Come pray in a new way. Place yourself in the presence of the collection of the crosses of Pax Christi – all in one location. Also on view this year is a magnificent work "Christ and the Cross II" by Malcom Myers, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota. This work comes to us as a gift from his estate. Come spend Lenten prayer time in the gallery.

### BOOMERS AND BEYOND: COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1:00–3:00pm, Room #211** **RSVP**

This presentation will cover things you need to know to prepare to become a caregiver, including how your role can change. A second speaker will also share information on hospice services. Join us for this Boomers' sponsored event to hear two speakers share their knowledge and supply information for when these situations enter your life. There is no fee for this event. Please RSVP by February 8 by calling 952-405-7251 or online at [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration).

### FAMILY FEST WINTER WEEKEND

**FEBRUARY 12-15, Held at Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, MN** **RSVP**

If you are looking for an experience that will draw your family closer together as you grow closer to God, then check out Family Fest Ministries' Winter Weekend family retreat. This meaningful family weekend includes energetic family worship, dynamic teaching, wonderful kids programs (infant to grade 9), great music, hilarious skits, deluxe accommodations, delicious food and great family time. Enjoy boot-hockey, skiing, dog-sledding, horse-drawn wagon rides, an indoor waterpark, ice-fishing, and more. You and your family will experience a weekend that is uplifting, faith-filled, and just plain fun! To find out more, go to [familyfestministries.org](http://familyfestministries.org) or call Family Fest at 952-881-0939.

## NAME TAG WEEKEND

**FEBRUARY 13/14 – Second FULL weekend of each month**

As you arrive for Mass, greeters will be available to assist in the process of creating a nametag. This is one of the Worship Council's efforts towards our goal of engaging members. It is our hope that all who come to Pax Christi to worship will be a part of our outreach to one another in this very large community of faith.

## SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION

**THURSDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 5:30–7:30pm**  
**HOSTED BY ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, EDEN PRAIRIE**

The Southwest Grief Coalition is a partnership of five local churches working together to provide support and education for those who are grieving. The *Living and Growing Through Loss* series is hosted by St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. The evening includes a light meal, followed by a speaker, and then small group supportive sessions specific to your type of loss. If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one, you are invited to participate. There is no cost to attend. For more information visit [www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry](http://www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry) or contact Jean Thoresen, 952-405-7211, or Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

## MAKE PLANS NOW

### AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday, March 1**

Details on page 9.

### STATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

**Friday, March 4**

Details on page 9.

### THE "FORCE" WITHIN OUR MINISTRY

**A retreat for Pax Christi's Liturgical Ministers**  
**March 5, 8:00am–12:00noon** **RSVP**

Come, enjoy breakfast, morning prayer, and explore how we touch one another as cantors, eucharistic ministers, greeters, instrumentalists, lectors, preacher, presiders and singers. Leave, renewed and refreshed. Facilitated by Patricia and Fred Baumer.

### COMMUNITY FISH BAKE AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 11**

Details on page 9.

### EARTH DAY RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, April 23, 8:30am–2:30pm**



## VOLUNTEER

### SR. HIGH SERVICE: LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Be a part of this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! Sr. High youth are needed to act out the scenes from the passion of Jesus. No memorization of lines needed! Your ability to hold a pose is all that is required. You must be available for rehearsals. Presentations of the Living Stations will take place at 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Good Friday, March 25. Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150, for additional information or to sign up.

### ALTAR SERVER HELP IS NEEDED

This ministry is open to adults, teens, and youth (4th grade and older). Prayerfulness while serving, knowledge of the parts of the liturgy, and reliability is needed. Training is provided. Altar server help is needed for all Masses, especially the 5:00pm Masses. This is a great community participation ministry for teens in Confirmation! Please contact Lonne Murphy, Liturgical Assistant, [lmurphy@paxchristi.com](mailto:lmurphy@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7229, if you are interested.

### CROSS BEARERS NEEDED

Cross bearers are needed to lead the procession at weekend liturgies. This is an opportunity for an adult or older youth to serve in a reverent and prayerful liturgical role. Cross bearers are needed for all Masses, especially at the Sunday, 5:00pm Mass. Please contact Lonne Murphy, Liturgical Assistant, [lmurphy@paxchristi.com](mailto:lmurphy@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7229, if you are interested.

### GREETERS NEEDED

Are you a friendly person? Do you like greeting people? Please consider joining the Pax Christi Greeter Ministry. Greeters are needed for all Masses, especially at the Sunday, 5:00pm Mass. Please contact Lonne Murphy, Liturgical Assistant, [lmurphy@paxchristi.com](mailto:lmurphy@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7229, if you are interested.



# FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CHAIR YOGA	2	3 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	4 LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SOUTHWEST GRIEF YEAR OF ENCOUNTER	5 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE	6 CANA DINNER
7 SCOUT SUNDAY	8 CHAIR YOGA	9	10 ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP LUNCH SOUP DINNER CROSS EXHIBIT OPENS	11 SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP BOOMERS EVENT SOUTHWEST GRIEF YEAR OF ENCOUNTER	12 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	13 NAME TAG WEEKEND NEW MEMBER WKND
14 RCIA RITE OF SENDING NAME TAG WEEKEND NEW MEMBER WKND FAITH FORMATION	15 PRESIDENT'S DAY BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING 9AM MASS	16 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	17	18 SOUTHWEST GRIEF YEAR OF ENCOUNTER	19 STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONFIRMATION RETREAT WEEKEND	20
21 FAITH FORMATION	22 CHAIR YOGA	23	24 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	25 SOUTHWEST GRIEF YEAR OF ENCOUNTER	26 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	27
28 FAITH FORMATION	29	1	2 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	3 SPIRITUALITY MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP	4 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE STATIONS OF THE CROSS	5





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To help in your Lenten Journey, Pax Christi is again offering video Lenten Reflections. These video reflections are 2-5 minutes in length and are of faces you are familiar with here at Pax Christi! There will be a video reflection beginning with Ash Wednesday, continuing each weekend during Lent, a daily reflection during Triduum, ending with an Easter message from Fr. Bill Murtaugh.

**To receive your daily Lenten Reflection, do one or more of the following:**

- 1) Subscribe to our daily email at [www.paxchristi.com/paxlent](http://www.paxchristi.com/paxlent)
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