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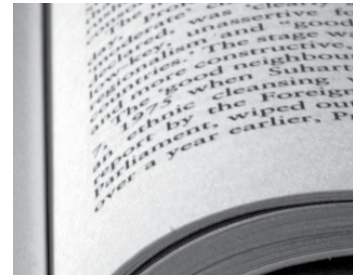
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BEFORE I FORGET...



Fr. Bill Murtaugh
Pastor

The ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus said that of all the things that contribute to happiness, "the greatest by far is the possession of friendship." Although Epicurus lived hundreds of years before the time of Jesus, he clearly understood that life satisfaction depends on nurturing significant relationships.

Jesus, in spite of his God-given mission, made relationships with others a major priority. For example, Jesus enjoyed a close

friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha. He needed their love and support in the good times and especially in the hard times when people turned against him. He invested significant time and energy into his friendship with them.

Jesus also nurtured group relationships. He knew he could not work alone, so he gathered a small group of twelve apostles to join him. They worked together, prayed together, laughed and cried together, and yes, sometimes fought together. These twelve became Jesus' close friends. When he realized that his days were numbered, he turned to this group of twelve for support. Like us, Jesus needed friends for support, especially as he walked to his arrest, crucifixion, and death. So he immersed himself in a small group of twelve friends.

Margaret Mead, the late anthropologist, was once asked by one of her students when did the ancient human race become civilized. She answered by telling her class about a group of paleontologists who had found the fossil remains of an ancient human being. When they examined the fossilized bones, they discovered that the man's leg had been badly broken but then healed. They came to the conclusion that this person must have had a

community to care for him. Had he been left to himself, he would have died quickly. The elements and wild animals would have killed him within days. But this man was part of a community who cared for him until his leg healed and he could take care of himself again.

The truth is that every person is broken in some way. If we are not broken physically, then we're broken emotionally, spiritually, or relationally. And the only way broken people can survive is by having others help us with our wounds. That kind of supportive friendship is one of the primary tasks of the Church. Christianity is not an individual religion but a community religion. Christ has called us as his followers to love and support and encourage one another. That is how we live out the commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

There is a homeless center in Galway, Ireland, and one year they exhibited works of art from the homeless on the theme of Christmas. One piece was painted on canvas in four little cartoon sections.

The first showed a small man down a hole. This hole represented being homeless, downtrodden or stuck in life. In the first section, a doctor passes by and the man shouts: "Help me, doctor!" The doctor thinks

LORD IN THE NEW YEAR WE HAVE BEGUN

MAY WE HAVE ENOUGH HAPPINESS TO BE AGREEABLE

ENOUGH TRIALS TO KEEP US STRONG

ENOUGH SORROWS TO KEEP US HUMAN

ENOUGH FREEDOM TO KEEP US HAPPY

ENOUGH FAILURE TO KEEP US HUMBLE

ENOUGH SUCCESS TO KEEP US EAGER

ENOUGH WEALTH TO MEET OUR NEEDS

ENOUGH FAITH TO BANISH OUR DEPRESSION

ENOUGH HOPE TO LOOK FORWARD

ENOUGH LOVE TO GIVE US COMFORT

AND ENOUGH DETERMINATION TO KEEP US GOING.



for a long time and writes a prescription and drops it down the hole and moves on.

The second section is a similar scene, but this time it is a priest who comes by. "Father, help me, I'm stuck in a hole." The priest thinks, takes out his rosary beads, drops them down to him, blesses him, and moves on.

The third passerby is a social worker, who drops some money and moves on.

The last section shows another homeless man, Murphy, and the man says, "Hi, Murphy, I'm

stuck in a hole," and Murphy jumps into the hole beside him. The man says: "Now you have ruined everything; the two of us are stuck in a hole." But Murphy says, "Don't worry, I've been down this hole before, and I know the way out."

Perhaps it's the strongest Christmas message you are ever going to hear. God joins us in our misery, walks with us, and leads to a better place.

According to Jesus, the greatest priority of life is to love God and the dear neighbor — everyone.

We call this the "the Great Commandment." Relationships — with God and others — is Jesus' bottom line. Jesus taught, lived, and died this priority, and challenges us to do the same.

When you and I die, the only question God will ask us is, "Did you love me with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and did you love your neighbor as yourself?"

The life and work of Jesus clearly teaches us that God primarily works through people. When the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, the sick are

cared for, and the illiterate are educated, God is at work. When we seek peace instead of war, when people fight to protect the environment, when scientists find new drugs to fight disease, God is at work. When people work for justice on behalf of the oppressed and serve as advocates for the poor, God is at work.

Comfort and Care



Pastoral Ministry recognizes that we live in a society and a time when fundamental changes are taking place both in our inner and outer world. In an effort to honor where we have been and where we are going we consistently review our ministries as we strive to deepen our relationship with self, others in our midst, and the larger community. The ways we are called to serve in pastoral ministry are vast so we've chosen to highlight just a few that provide opportunities for introspection or action. Pastoral Care supports Burgundy Bags, several Spiritual Support Groups, and will be hosting a workshop on forgiveness and a book study on the topic of our mortality in the coming months. Come to our ministry tables on February 11/12 to learn about these ministries and more!

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

After serving 27 years in prison for his anti-apartheid activities, Nelson Mandela was given his freedom in 1990. He realized at that time that he would not experience true freedom if he held on to bitterness and thoughts of revenge. Without forgiveness, his enemies would still hold his "heart and mind" in captivity. He decided to offer forgiveness by establishing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to try to bring the racially fractured nation together. He even invited his jailer to join him on the podium during his presidential inauguration. Through forgiveness and reconciliation, Nelson Mandela prevented his nation from being destroyed in a bloodbath of racial violence.

Most of us do not suffer the kind of atrocities experienced by Mandela and his people in South Africa, but all of us are wounded by the perceived injustices of our personal lives. We can be imprisoned by lingering wounds that seem to grow more destructive as we dwell on them. Modern Positive Psychology has determined that forgiveness is one of the keys to our happiness. Controlled studies have shown that forgiveness leads to many physical and emotional health benefits. It also enhances our ability to have satisfying interpersonal relationships.

We all know it is possible to get stuck in our anger. We can become deeply resentful and desire revenge against the one who has hurt us. Our culture tells us "don't get mad, get even." We all delight in movies that depict the grand payback against the evil doers, and yet our religion in multiple ways tells us we need to forgive and even

pray for our enemies. We seem to ignore the directive of scripture to forgive and instead hold onto our resentments in hopes of punishing those who have hurt us. However, it turns out that we are really punishing ourselves. A Chinese proverb says that the person intent on revenge should "dig two graves." Our bitterness and hatred cause more harm to ourselves. We continue to be a victim, and our anger and hatred negatively affect our daily relationships.

In the last 35 years, I have been helping clients to forgive those who have hurt them in their personal, family and work lives. These clients have regained their "power" and have found freedom through forgiveness. It is not easy, but once they experience this freedom, it enhances their ability to give and receive love, and many have experienced significant relief from symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Jesus knew what he was doing when he told us to forgive 70 X 7 times and modeled this forgiveness on the cross. He wants us to be happy, and He gives us the grace to forgive even our greatest hurts.

At Pax Christi on Thursdays 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, and 4/27 from 7:00–8:30pm, Roger Reddan, parishioner and Licensed Psychologist, will lead a 4-week series on Forgiveness. A charge of \$15.00 will cover the cost of a book, *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* by Allen Hunt. *Written by Roger Reddan, parishioner and Licensed Psychologist.*

CELEBRATING BURGUNDY BAGS



In January of 2009 a new tradition began. Burgundy-colored tote bags were distributed to parishioners, and Pax Christi proceeded to collect 4,987 pounds of food for PROP that month, more than five times the 965 pounds collected in January 2008! The bags, with their catchy phrase: "A solution to hunger? Pax Christi Catholic Community has it in the bag!" were a hit. The bags are reusable and are meant to be taken to the grocery store, filled with food items, and dropped off at the church for transport to PROP's food shelf. Every weekend the ritual of carrying in bags full of food and leaving with an empty tote bag has become a common scene. Dedicated parishioners then drive the food donations to PROP to be weighed and placed on the shelves for those in need. The Pax Christi food drive runs continuously.

The Burgundy Bag ministry came as a response to the need for food support in our community. We often associate hunger with third world countries, yet the following statistics remind us that this issue is much closer to home. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that about 795 million people of the 7.3 billion people in the world, or one in nine, were suffering from chronic undernourishment in 2014-2016. Almost all the hungry people, 780 million, live in developing countries, representing 12.9 percent, or one in eight, of the population of developing countries. There are 11 million people undernourished in developed countries. The suburbs have become the new frontier of poverty. Minneapolis and St. Paul, encompassing just under 120 square miles, are home to an almost equal number of the poor as the suburbs, which are spread out across more than 2,600 square miles. Thankfully we have a neighbor nearby with a mission to meet this local need and generous parishioners who fill our bins with bags week after week.

PROP AND THE BURGUNDY BAGS

More than 40 years ago, People Reaching Out to People (or PROP) was founded on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors by donating time, food, and money to those in need. More recently, PROP has expanded their services to not only meet the basic needs of the 1,100 families but also provide skills to set clients on a path toward greater self-sufficiency. PROP is a recipient of the Burgundy Bag food collection. Pax Christi parishioners generously donated 14,588 pounds of food to PROP in 2014; 13,984 pounds in 2015; and 12,875 pounds in 2016. Mary Brown, Director of Development for PROP, was guest speaker at the December staff meeting. Mary shared her thoughts about the Burgundy Bag Program.

"Eden Prairie is blessed to be home to some of the largest churches in the state of Minnesota. When other local congregations learned about the success of Pax Christi's burgundy bags in increasing food donations for PROP Food Shelf, they followed the example of their Catholic brothers and sisters and created their own. Currently, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie Methodist Church, and St. Hubert's Catholic Church offer the bags in their congregations. Wooddale Church also has created them for special food drives.

Recently, statewide leaders from Thrivent Financial toured PROP and noticed the great number of cloth bags filled with food donations, many of them burgundy! They were so impressed that they took a bag with them to encourage congregations around the country to use the idea created by Pax Christi and make their own bags for gifts of food.

PROP has consistently seen that when these cloth bags are made available on a weekly basis in a community of faith, food donations increase significantly.

We are very grateful to Pax Christi for their innovative thinking in creating this new way to lift up the importance of regular gifts of food for our neighbors in need."

Love you all!

Pastor Mary Brown

HOW TO USE THE BAG:

- 1) Pick** up an empty bag at Pax Christi, and take it to the store on your next visit.
- 2) Fill** it with items from the current food shelf needs listed below.
- 3) Drop** it off at Pax Christi in the collection bin any day during regular parish office hours or Mass times. Take a new bag, located by collection bin, for next time. (Office Hours: Mon–Thur: 8:00am– 7:00pm, Fri: 8:00am – Noon, Sat: 8:30am – 12:30pm).
- 4) Repeat** by doing the Pick/Fill/Drop as often as you like.

Burgundy bags can be found at kiosks near each entrance, and watch for coming details on the special Burgundy Bag food collection during Palm Sunday weekend.



The mission of Pax Christi Pastoral Care is to serve as a model and resource to individuals and families and to respond to their spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs.

The purpose of pastoral care is with knowledge of our baptismal call, we create a safe, nurturing community based on prayer, service, and action. As a faith community we strive to connect people with resources that meet their needs and challenges.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

One of the many ways Pastoral Care meets our mission and purpose is through spiritual support groups. Several groups meet at Pax Christi on a regular schedule. They use the traditional compassionate, sensitive and non-judgmental approaches as used by most support groups. The spiritual support groups differ in that they specialize in using a spiritual approach to help meet needs of individuals, families, and friends who are faced with challenges.

The facilitators help the group to use prayer, readings, passages from books as well as responses from the group to provide support. The participants hear and share how faith, reliance on God, and spiritual life help to meet challenges. Sharing and learning these spiritual approaches, stories, and experiences provide support to meet life's struggles, enhance inner strength, and are easily utilized when dealing with other issues. The spiritual support groups confirm that individuals are not alone with their journey and struggles which occur.

Members of support groups describe the value in participating:

- "I like hearing from others in the group"
- "Focus on personal and spiritual wellness"
- "It is normal to have struggles and important to have others who will support you"
- "I look forward to attending monthly support meetings"
- "Information in meetings is positive"

PAX CHRISTI SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

All groups are free. Additional information can be found at paxchristi.com under the "Ministries" tab.

BEREAVEMENT: Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. Sharing our experiences helps us cope and leads to personal growth and healing. Pax Christi is a supporter of the Southwest Grief Coalition. Three times each year a different area church hosts a light dinner with a speaker and small group supportive sessions for a variety of loss and grief issues. Family of Christ Lutheran Church is host to the Winter 2017 series on Thursday evenings.

CAREGIVERS: Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00–2:30pm in room 221. This is a time for discussion, prayer, and support for those who are primary caregivers for a loved one. Topics such as spiritual pain, forgiveness, and hope are explored through video presentations and small group sharing.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED: Pax Christi joins with nine area Catholic parishes to offer a variety of speakers and/or a small support group model for individuals seeking healing and hope in the midst of divorce or separation.

MENTAL HEALTH: The Spirituality and Mental Wellness Group meets the first Thursday of each month from 3:00–4:30pm in room 221. This group provides spiritual, supportive, and educational growth opportunities as one strives to find strength in the face of mental illness. "In every faith community, 1 of every 4 people are affected by a brain disorder. This means 25% of our parish is affected directly, in addition to their family members or loved ones who may need help coping with their loved one's illness." (Based on research by National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH))

In addition to onsite opportunities for support, Catholic Charities has affordable options for individual and family counseling.

CATHOLIC CHARITY COUNSELING: Appointments are readily available for individuals, couples, and families who are dealing with emotional turmoil, worry, stress, interpersonal conflict, anger, or life changes. Most health insurance providers are accepted and sliding fee plans available. 651-647-3186 www.cctwincities.org

Written by Laurie Ritz, member of Pastoral Care Council.

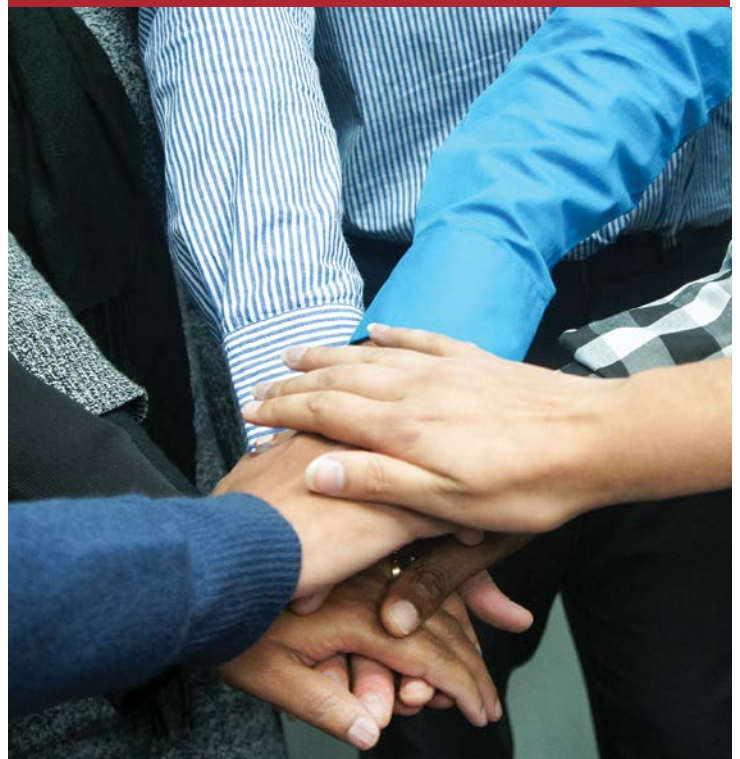
ON-SITE 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), for those who desire to stop drinking alcohol, meets every Thursday from 7:00–8:00pm. Questions? Contact Ken, 952-941-1418.

AA - Saturday Sisters/Women, for women who desire to stop drinking alcohol, meets every Saturday from 9:00–10:00am. Come at 8:30am for fellowship if you would like. Questions? Contact Pastoral Care, 952-405-7227, with questions.

Al-Anon/Prairie Peace, for individuals, families, and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thursday from 7:00–8:00pm. Questions? Contact Sandie, 952-941-7339.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA), for those who want to stop eating compulsively, meets every Saturday from 9:00–10:30am. Contact Nancy, 612-250-0075, nkaley@yahoo.com, or Helen, 952-703-0984.



Here are some simple ideas to celebrate a special Valentine's Day with your family:

Decorate your home with valentines from past years.

Wear something red, pink, or purple.

Wake everyone up with a "Happy Valentine's Day. Will you be my Valentine?"

Hang a paper heart message on the bathroom mirror.

Draw red hearts on paper napkins putting one at each place at the breakfast or dinner table.

Make heart-shaped pancakes or cut French toast into heart shapes for breakfast.

Add candy hearts or chocolate kisses to the empty cereal bowls.

Give a small gift such as a heart-shaped rock or a bookmark with a message.

Put a Valentine in your child's or partner's lunchbox.

Give extra-long Valentine hugs as everyone goes off to school or work.

At dinner include red/pink: apples, strawberries, cupcakes (pink frosting), strawberry ice cream.

Have a short family dance party after dinner.

Play happy love songs.

Spend a few minutes by yourself giving thanks for those you love.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATES THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

Valentine's Day is a favorite holiday because it celebrates the purpose of life. Does your mind go directly to chocolate? That's a close second, but we're talking about LOVE! Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

Valentine's Day is a reminder to tell the people we love just how precious they are to us. If you have ever attended a child's school Valentine party, you have seen the joy children have when they open their valentines. Making valentines with your children is a small part of celebrating Valentine's Day. It is also a great opportunity to be warm and loving to your grownup Valentine and to show love for your young Valentines. One year my husband stayed up while the family slept and on our family bathroom mirror created a giant heart shape out of individual candy hearts for us to find in the morning. We were in awe, and our grown kids still talk about the year that Dad did this.

SAINT VALENTINE'S STORY

Valentine of Terni, for whom this holiday is named, was a Roman physician and a Christian priest during the third century early church. St. Valentine was born in 176 and died February 14, 273. This was a time when Christians were being persecuted, and many practiced in secret.

There are actually a few versions of the Valentine's Day story. One version tells us that Valentine was so loved by the children of the town that they would write him notes expressing their affection — hence the custom of exchanging valentines.

In another version, Valentine was trying to heal a blind boy and was arrested by Roman soldiers for his work as a clandestine priest. Valentine

was sentenced to death. Before his execution, he wrote a note to the blind boy explaining Jesus' love and enclosed a small treat. When the boy ate the treat, his eyesight was restored, and he was able to read Valentine's note — which is, of course, at the exact same moment that Valentine was beheaded.

Emperor Claudius II banned marriages of young people so that young men would be more effective in battle. Valentine was caught and imprisoned for performing marriage ceremonies of young people and sentenced to death. In our final story, one of the judges, Asterius, had a blind daughter. It is said that Valentine prayed with and healed the

young girl and that Asterius became Christian as a result. The story goes that the last words Valentine wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He inspired today's romantic missives by signing it, "from your Valentine."

My presumption is that truth can be found in all versions of St. Valentine's story — as a Christian priest he shared Jesus' love and healing, he celebrated love of young couples, and he was well loved by all. It is a perfect Christian example of the purpose of life — LOVE (with chocolate on the side)!

However you choose to celebrate, I hope February 14 brings more love into your life.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.





DO YOU FEEL THE LOVE?

LOVE THE LIFE YOU LIVE;
LIVE THE LIFE YOU LOVE.

—BOB MARLEY

Last year my husband and I were invited to a wedding, and as the pastor started his sermon, he called over to the wedding photographer and asked him to grab the conveniently located ladder from around the corner and instructed him to set it up just behind the altar, looking out towards the congregation. Next, he proceeded to gather the wedding party to the front of the church and arranged the bride and groom, surrounded by the wedding party, in front of the altar with their backs to the congregation. Then, telling us all to smile, he had the photographer take a photo of the couple with the altar in front of them and all of the assembled in the background. He told the couple that they should enlarge this photo of their wedding and place the picture in a place of honor to serve as a reminder that their marriage was not just the two of them — it was God in front of them and all of us supporting them. It was the role of the entire congregation to help this couple succeed with their marriage. We all played a vital part. The sermon resonated with everyone there. It was the talk of the reception. I shared the story with my friends. I found a need to pray for this couple and then prayed for all the couples in my life as well. I found myself thinking back to my wedding day and remembering how, when I turned around after walking down the aisle, I had stopped breathing as I realized that for once in my life, I knew every single person in the church — a heady feeling indeed! I had felt the love and support from family and friends that day, but the expectation of attendees serving as advocates for our marriage was not communicated at my own wedding as it was on the day this couple was married.

Expectations AND their communication can be troublesome. What you want me to do and what I THINK you need me to do can be two very different concepts. What you think you need can be miles apart from what I want to do for you. Yes, expectations can be troublesome, but with a lack of expectations, well, then we just drift along without accomplishing anything, and that's not good, either. It all comes down to communication. The proverbial "THEY" says "They say you need to communicate seven times in seven different ways to reach people." Reasons include: we lead busy lives, we are easily distracted with all the modes of communication out there, and/or perhaps we aren't ready to listen to the message you are sending. How many times have loved ones in your lives misheard or just plain missed your message? If your communication isn't reaching those who know you best, how well are you communicating to those you don't know at all?

The expectation placed upon us as we live as stewards is clear. Jesus Christ asks us to do four things: Accept our gifts gratefully. Grow our gifts responsibly. Share our gifts generously. Return our gifts with an increase. To live our life as a steward is to communicate the love of our faith every day with everyone in every way. It is simple and hard at the same time. It's a lifelong process, and some days we will do better at meeting the expectations and communicating our faith than others. Thankfully, we can feel God's loving embrace with each step.

Oh, there is one more thing about that wedding couple. A few weeks after that wedding, a thank you note arrived from the newly married couple. The cover of the card was our group photo. The expectations were clearly communicated. I said a quick prayer for this new couple.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.

Pax Christi's Principles of Christian Hospitality

"Hospitality is a spiritual and spirituality is about relationship." Thus, by practicing hospitality, we grow spirituall. By practicing hospitality, we grow a stronger community. A stronger community is an engaged community.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The purpose of the Member Engagement Steering Committee is to collaborate with all of the parish councils in their planning and

implementation of strategies to engage all parish members in parish life. Soon after its first meeting late last summer, committee members worked together to craft a definition of what member engagement means at Pax Christi: "Member Engagement is an individual's spiritual connection to God and others in this community."

the committee's discussion of Radical Hospitality that certain common key concepts became apparent, including frequent use of the words "inviting," "welcoming," and "accepting," just to name a few. Over the next few months, the member engagement committee will use this magazine column to provide both a broad definition of one of these concepts as well as possible applications of that concept within our faith community.

In addition to reading Albert L. Winseman's *Growing an Engaged Church: How to Stop "Doing Church" and Start Being the Church Again*, the committee spent its monthly autumn meetings examining the Benedictine vision of radical hospitality, guided by the book *Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love* (2nd edition), written by Lonni Collins Pratt and Fr. Daniel Homan, OSB. It is through

If you have an interest in furthering the member engagement committee's mission, the committee is always interested in welcoming new members! Contact committee chair Dave Putrich, dputrich@comcast.net, or Mary Kennedy, mkenedy@paxchristi.com, to indicate your interest.

Written by Andy Leet, Member Engagement Steering Committee.



CATECHISTS: CALLED AND EQUIPPED FOR THE JOURNEY

Pax Christi is blessed with an abundance of shared ministers who offer their gifts as catechists in our faith formation department. Some of them have been in their ministry positions for many years, while some are brand new to the whole endeavor. Regardless of their experience, our catechists are committed to continued growth, both personally and in the classroom. The dedication of our catechists is truly what makes our Faith Formation initiatives possible...and successful!

On the discipleship journey and in the faith formation world, there is a common saying: "God doesn't call the equipped; God equips the called." Catechists aren't expected to have a theology degree or extensive youth ministry/pedagogical training in order to be instruments of God's love to the young people they serve. Instead, we are all invited to grow and learn more along the way! (Fun fact: Did you know that the word "disciple" comes from the Greek word mathētēs, which means "learner"?)

Twice per year — once just before the Faith Formation kick-off in the fall and once in February — the catechists of Pax Christi are invited to attend an enrichment evening together. These gatherings, which include dinner and a program, are a celebration of the important ministry offered by our catechists, as well as an opportunity to equip them with insights and tools to assist them in their efforts.

At September's gathering, Peter Bierer offered a presentation on contemplative prayer. This presentation gave the catechists an overview of what contemplative prayer is, why it is important to have a prayer practice in one's personal life, and some concrete ways to bring contemplative prayer into the classroom.

On February 8, Pax Christi's catechists will continue our exploration of contemplative prayer with a presentation by Carrie Chevalier Mosher. Carrie is a Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator, and she will help us to learn more about the labyrinth, which she calls "a powerful prayer and meditation tool."

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MEET THE SCHMIDT FAMILY

"Have you ever asked yourself, when are things going to slow down? We have...." With each passing year, we have found that our most treasured resource, time, becomes scarcer. We have two boys (3 and 6 years old) who become increasingly more involved in extra-curricular activities, and each has his own social calendar already! We also each have full-time jobs in the financial services industry and share a desire to give back to the church and the community for the wonderful gifts with which we've been blessed (not only financially but also with our most scarce resource, our time).

Charles Brixton said, "You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time you must make it."

We unfortunately have not found the recipe or instructions for making time, and we are not here to boast about how we perfectly manage it, because we don't, but we are here to offer what we try to do our best at: we consistently try to focus on being intentional about what makes us most happy individually and as a family.

Craig needs to play softball, compete in triathlons, and do a Tough Mudder each year. He also serves as a mentor at the University of Minnesota. Jessica is mostly consumed with what her boys love to do and has even become a Star Wars fan. She also enjoys serving on the Pax Christi Finance Council and being a mentor at the company where she works. CJ and Alex enjoy sports, dancing, and battling each other with their Star Wars light sabers. As a couple, we love volunteering a few times each year in CJ's and Alex's schools and



helping out with marriage preparation retreats at Pax Christi. As a family, we love spending time with extended family and friends, going on adventures to the neighborhood park, visiting the farm where Jessica grew up in South Dakota, watching movies, and having slumber parties in the basement.

What motivated us to get involved at Pax Christi? Back when we became members in 2008, it was important for us to not only use it as a place where we spent time to worship and pray (although this is important to us) but also as an opportunity to make a difference within the community.

Shortly after joining, we were thankful to get the call to take on an opportunity to assist a newly formed Financial Initiatives Team. That involvement has led to Jess's involvement with the Finance Council as well as our current involvement with Marriage Preparation. We simply are amazed at how a big community can feel small after getting involved with only a few things for a few hours a month. Not only does it feel great to give back, but these opportunities have truly been more rewarding and valuable to us than the value we provide.

Now that we are parents, CJ and Alex may represent two excuses for putting our involvement to the side, but they actually represent two very important reasons for why we stay involved. As parents, we want to set good examples for them and hope that they can see the value and will make time to give back to the community in the future.

We strive to be intentional as it relates to faith, family, work, and the community. It is a work in progress, and we hope to continuously learn from our mistakes. It's important for us to be happy, especially since things are not slowing down anytime soon, and we find that when we "make" time for these things, we are happiest.

Written by Craig and Jessica Schmidt, Pax Christi parishioners.

CATECHISTS: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12.

The labyrinth is an ancient tool for contemplation and prayer. Walking a labyrinth helps us to connect with our innermost self and with God through meditative movement. The path is not a maze; rather, one path leads to the center and also serves as the path out of the labyrinth. Catechists can look forward to learning more about this beautiful meditative practice at our gathering and celebration on February 8.

With gratitude for the essential ministry that our catechists provide, Pax Christi hopes to equip those called to sharing their gifts in the Faith Formation department with useful tools for their personal growth and ministry. We are all disciples—learners who are committed to deepening our relationship with God and others. What a blessing to be walking this journey together!

Written by Jessie Johnson, Sr. High Formation Minister.



HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Pax Christi's first-ever celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a rousing success the weekend of December 10/11 — just before Our Lady's feast day, December 12. The Worship Council and Pax Christi's Hospitality Ministry together planned this special commemoration for the Blessed Mother who in 1531 appeared on Mexico City's Tepeyac Hill to St. Juan Diego. The Virgin Mary has also appeared in other countries such as France (Lourdes) and Portugal (Fatima). In Mexico, she gave hope and love to the indigenous people who 12 years before had been conquered by the Spaniards. By providing a miraculous sign of her appearance on St. Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), she convinced México's bishop of her true identity as the Mother of God, and today, her Basilica in Mexico City is a destination for millions of pilgrims. We are fortunate to also have a Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI.

Pax Christi's celebration also included many new member families that assisted in decorating, preparing food, bringing from home images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and during Masses offering flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Dorothy Day Hall was transformed for a real fiesta! We had Mexican music, colorful paper cut-out flags, table decorations, piñatas, and special treats! A unique table of honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe included many of her special images.

Following the 5:00pm Mass, 200 Pax Christi members enjoyed "antojitos", Mexican-themed appetizers, and children broke a piñata! The celebrations continued on Sunday with Mexican sweet breads and chocolate. Sunday's piñata after the 11:00am Mass proved to be a challenge for the many children who tried to break it. Finally, after the piñata stick broke, we had to open-up the piñata and let all the goodies shower down on the children! After Sunday's

5:00pm Mass, dinner included tortilla soup and nachos. Over 75 children from Faith Formation returned to Dorothy Day Hall, and Cecilia Cervantes recounted the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to St. Juan Diego. The children were especially interested in St. Juan Diego's tilma on which Our Lady miraculously left her image. After 485 years, it is perfectly preserved, framed, and hangs in Our Lady of Guadalupe's Mexico City basilica.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to make Our Lady's celebration successful and enjoyed by so many Pax members. The Worship Council embraces our entire community and recognizes and respects the diversity of customs/religious celebrations that our members from different backgrounds practice in order to bring them closer to their faith. The Worship Council will reach out to new families from additional cultures to plan more multicultural commemorations *Written by Cecilia Cervantes, Worship Council member.*



“LIVING THE EUCHARIST”

LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING

Is not the eucharistic cup through which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16).

This Lent, Pax Christi is offering *Living the Eucharist*, a powerful six-week course to reignite faith, build community, and live out the Gospel! People who have already experienced *Living the Eucharist* say that they have become more committed to following Jesus, that their understanding of the Eucharist has deepened, and that they come to Sunday worship prepared and excited to pray.

Living the Eucharist uses a small group format. Most of the meetings are spent praying with the upcoming Sunday readings by the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. During the season of Lent, groups meet six times – either at Pax Christi or a place of their choosing. The meeting format and the materials are easy to use and will be provided for you. In the weeks leading up to Lent, I will meet and train small group leaders and answer questions.

Over 1,000 parishes and 93 dioceses have already chosen *Living the Eucharist* as a way to deepen their faith and allow the Holy Spirit to lead them to become missionary disciples all the more. Lent has always been an important time to draw close to God and allow Him to transform us by the power of His grace. Will you prayerfully consider being part of *Living the Eucharist* at Pax Christi?

Please take a look below at how to get started. Pax Christi’s staff and I are looking forward to hosting this series and assisting you to be part of it!



IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP FOR "LIVING THE EUCHARIST" THIS LENT

Go to www.paxchristi.com home page and scroll down to the Event Registration link.

IF YOU WANT TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP

Email Fr. Marc at mpaveglio@paxchristi.com.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LEADING A SMALL GROUP OR IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS

Email Fr. Marc at mpaveglio@paxchristi.com.

INFORMATION MEETING OPTION

If you want to learn more or sign-up to lead a small group during Lent, come to a short introductory meeting on Monday, January 23, from 7:00–8:00pm. Contact Andrea Ward, award@paxchristi.com, if you would like to attend this informational session.

O GOD, WHOSE WILL IT IS THAT ALL SHOULD BE SAVED
AND COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH,
LOOK UPON YOUR ABUNDANT HARVEST
AND BE PLEASED TO SEND WORKERS TO GATHER IT,
THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE PREACHED TO ALL CREATION
AND THAT YOUR PEOPLE,
GATHERED BY THE WORD OF LIFE
AND SUSTAINED BY THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS,
MAY ADVANCE IN THE PATH OF SALVATION AND LOVE.
AMEN.



JUSTICE GRANTS: TANGIBLE SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Your gifts to Pax Christi are helping individuals and families in our greater community. These two organizations were inadvertently left out of the "Justice Grants" article in the January magazine. Questions? Contact the parish office.

YOUTHLINK

YouthLink has over 40 years of experience connecting young people with a community of resources and support. Whether it's basic needs, like a hot shower, warm meal, assistance with employment, educational goals, accessing mental and physical health resources, or finding supportive housing, YouthLink can help young people at all stages of their journey.

On any given night in Minnesota, 4,000 young people will experience homelessness. But homelessness is not their final destination. YouthLink opens new pathways for young people facing barriers and helps them build more stable futures.

Pax Christi's grants help fund training, comprehensive case management, volunteer meal service, and other supportive services to young people who have experienced homelessness.

Written by Justice Grants Board Liaison Jim Pare'

ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's Human Services, based in Minneapolis, has a goal to end homelessness as we know it. To support this goal, St. Stephen's works with other community groups in a street outreach program to contact individuals experiencing homelessness, provides an emergency shelter with 45 beds for men, provides transitional housing for approximately 100 women and children, and helps thousands of individuals and families secure permanent housing each year. The funds that Pax Christi has provided to St. Stephen's over the last several years help offset the costs of meals, laundry, and beds for its homelessness programs.

Written by Justice Grants Board Liaison Amy Abercrombie.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

THIS POPULAR EVENT SELLS OUT QUICKLY!

Please join us for a special evening to celebrate love and "All That Jazz." Committed couples of all ages are welcome at the annual CANA Dinner on Saturday, February 25. Start with Mass at 5:00pm, and then continue the couples evening with a 6:00pm hosted wine reception, followed by a Fabulously Catered candlelight dinner. The dinner menu includes a field green salad with roasted beets, chevre, and pecans, dinner rolls, followed by the entree options of wine braised beef pot roast or stuffed portabella mushrooms.

After dinner, everyone will enjoy time to mingle over coffee, wine, and decidedly decadent chocolate cake for dessert while listening and dancing to live jazz selections from the J&S Quartet. A couples photo op will be offered during the evening, so be sure to dress up!

Tickets are available for \$75.00 per couple through February 20. The ticket price includes a hosted wine reception, dinner, dessert, live jazz, and the couple's photo. Loving childcare may be arranged by contacting the nursery for reservations, www.paxchristi.com/childcare.

So as the song goes, "Slick your hair and wear your buckle shoes, and all that Jazz" and say "We do!" to the 2017 Cana Dinner and commit soon; this popular event sells out.

Registration is available at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration. For additional information contact Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship, 952-405-7220, or mken尼迪@paxchristi.com.

PARISHIONER NEWS

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Lauren Annabelle Besser	12/4/2016
Theodore Mark Janson	12/11/2016
Madeline Marsha Malone	12/11/2016
Jax Thomas Becker	12/18/2016
Magdalena Claire Machemehl	12/18/2016
Madeline Morem Rausch	12/18/2016

DECEMBER WEDDING

Laura Behlke & Kristopher Kapita	12/2/2016
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DECEMBER FUNERALS

Conrad George Botz	12/15/2016
Verna J. Focht	12/16/2017
Jody-Kay Patterson	12/20/2017
Margaret Warfield	12/27/2016
John F. 'Jack' Murphy	12/29/2016

DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS

- Frank and Marcia Ahmann
- Charles and Mary Dolan
- Timothy Hart
- Laura Hauff
- Paul and Gretchen Hill
- Kristine Kelly
- Nick Litfin
- Matthew and Kerri Ringwelski
- Jessica Schacht
- Amul Selvaraj and Jacintha Xavier
- Srinivas and Chandra Kala Urugonda



READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2017

- Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2017

- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017

- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
- Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2017

- Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
- Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/
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 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

FEBRUARY

SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: FEBRUARY 2, 3:00–4:30pm

Meets the first Thursday of each month in room 221. This group provides spiritual, supportive, and educational growth opportunities as one strives to find strength in the face of mental illness.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am

Come and join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and pastries in the Chief Joseph room.

FEBRUARY MINISTRY SHOWCASE: PASTORAL CARE

Weekend of February 11/12 in the DOROTHY Day Social Hall

Additional details on back cover.

BOOMERS AND BEYOND MOVIE AND POPCORN EVENT

Tuesday, February 14, 1:00pm

Come join the Boomers and Beyond for the movie "OH GOD" starring George Burns and John Denver. It will be in the Dietrich Bonhoeffer room at Pax Christi. There will be lots of popcorn and lemonade for a fun afternoon.

CAREGIVER SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY 16, 1:00–2:30pm

Meets on the third Thursday of each month in room 221. This group offers a time for discussion, prayer, and support for anyone who is a primary caregiver for a loved one.

PRESIDENT'S DAY MASS

Monday, February 20, 9:00am

Please join us for Mass on President's Day at 9:00am in the chapel. The parish offices will be closed for the holiday and the building will be closed following Mass.

ANNUAL CANA DINNER

Saturday, February 25, 6:00pm, \$75 per couple

Please join us for a special evening to celebrate love and "All That Jazz." We're honoring all couples, of all ages, at the annual CANA Dinner, on Saturday, February 25. The evening begins at 6:00pm with a hosted wine reception, followed by a Fabulously Catered candle-light dinner. Complete details are on page 16. Register online today!

TWELVE BASKETS BLANKET DRIVE FOR BRIDGING

Weekend of February 25/26

Imagine....sleeping without a blanket. Thousands of local families and individuals face this situation every day. Each year, Bridging serves over 13,000 individuals (4,000 households) in the Twin Cities. Bridging needs blankets for 240 people each week. Twelve Baskets is sponsoring a Blanket Drive the weekend of February 25/26. Donate a new or handmade blanket, quilt, or comforter. All sizes needed—throw, twin, full, queen, or king. Drop off in the designated red bins at doors 1 and 3. Thank you for responding with a generous heart!

MAKE PLANS NOW

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Masses WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:

6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

Join us following the noon Ash Wednesday Mass for a light lunch of soup and bread in Dorothy Day Hall served by the staff of Pax Christi. Join us for an Ash Wednesday Soup supper in Nazareth Hall (lower level Gym). A light supper of soup and bread will be served from 5:30–6:45pm. Come following the 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass or come early and enjoy the meal before the 7:00pm Mass.

PAX CHRISTI BOOK DISCUSSION

***Being Mortal* by Dr. Atul Gawande**

Sunday, March 5, 12:30pm OR Thursday, March 9, 1:00pm RSVP

Pax Christi Pastoral Care is hosting a discussion of the 2014 book *Being Mortal: What Matters at the End* by Atul Gawande. This book has received wide attention locally and nationally. It has stimulated important discussion on this issue as well as months on best seller lists. Dr. Gawande has appeared on multiple news and information shows. Gawande writes that members of the medical profession, himself included, have been wrong about what their job is. Rather than ensuring health and survival, it is "to enable well-being." Gawande introduces us to people who show us by their lives how to have the hard conversations necessary to live out our lives while learning to ensure that what people really care about is not sacrificed. This riveting book is both honest and humane, and very personal. It shows that our ultimate goal can be, not just a good death but a good life – all the way to the end. The book is available at local libraries, in paper back, and on e-readers. Additional information about registration and details of the day can be found online and in eNEWS. For more information Contact Jean Thoresen, Director Pastoral Care, jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

Six Wednesdays beginning March 8, 6:30–8:00pm **RSVP**

What are your God-given gifts? This Lenten Season, why not work on finding out more about your own strengths? Gallup (the poll people) has developed an online assessment tool that can tell you what your top five strengths are out of 34 strengths they have identified. Join other parishioners in a small group environment to learn how to recognize, develop, and harness your strengths to be the person God calls you to be in your career/school life, relationships, and faith life. Participants will receive a copy of the *Living Your Strengths* book with an online assessment code, a journal, and work with a certified faith strengths performance coach within a small group setting.

The fee remains at the reasonable price of \$17.00, which is a great deal! Classes start Wednesday, March 8, 6:30–8:00pm and continue March 15, 22, 29, April 5, and 19 (no class over Holy Week). For additional questions, contact Mary Kennedy, mkennedy@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7220.

MOMS ROCK: SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Parenting: Change Your Mind...Change Your World

WITH SPEAKER KATHY MATTHEWS **RSVP**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 6:00pm, \$10 PREREGISTERED, \$15 AT DOOR

Our fast-paced world today demands a personal resilience and flexibility like no other time. Growth Mindset is the belief that your brains and talent are just a starting point, and that through dedication and hard work, great accomplishments will be realized. Join the discussion to learn ways to recognize and develop a Growth Mindset in yourself and in your children. Learn how the praise you offer your children will make a difference in the mindset they develop and carry through their life. Kathy Matthews holds an MBA, Masters of Education, as well as a Coaching certification.

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 5:30pm

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 and cheese, cole slaw, pickles, and chocolate pudding pie.

WALKING THE WAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 6:30pm

A contemporary reflection on our ancient Stations of the Cross through the lens of our Pax Christi photographers and other artists. You are invited to experience this prayerful walk as modern day pilgrims.

JUST5DAYS: JR HIGH MISSION TRIP

June 19–23; APPLETON, WI; \$400 (REGISTER WITH \$50 DEPOSIT) **RSVP**

Join your Pax Christi friends for a hands-on Catholic youth mission trip! JUST5DAYS is a week-long mission experience of hands-on service, faith learning, prayer, community building, and summer fun. We will head to Appleton, Wisconsin June 19-23 for a fantastic week full of FAITH. This year's theme — *Saints Among Us! Young World Changers* — focuses on the example of the saints and their service to others. This summer, youth will discover how Pope Francis challenges everyone to the vocation of becoming like the saints. During JUST5DAYS, youth engage in direct, hands-on work that meets real needs of people in the local community. The cost is \$400.00 for the week. Lodging, meals, transportation, and a t-shirt are included. Questions? Contact Andrea Ward at award@paxchristi.com for more information. Registration is now open at paxchristi.com!

2017 SUMMER SERVICE AND JUSTICE TRIP

June 25–July 1, DETROIT, MI; \$500 (REGISTER WITH \$50 DEPOSIT) **RSVP**

Teens in grades 9–12, you are invited to join the 2017 Summer Service and Justice Trip (AKA Mission Trip) to Detroit, MI. Work in Detroit's inner city service with agencies and organizations that are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in need, meet other Catholic teens from across the country, and be inspired to live a life of justice and service! Each summer Pax Christi sends a group of teens and adults to Young Neighbors in Action, and each summer they return energized and changed for the better! Do something BIG this summer and join the group to serve in Detroit! Questions? Contact Jessie Johnson, Pax Christi's Sr. High Youth Formation Minister, jjohnson@paxchristi.com. Registration is now open at paxchristi.com!

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 for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at www.paxchristi.com/event registration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

FEBRUARY

See pages 18-19 for details
or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			FAITH FORMATION	SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP	FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		BAPTISM PREP CLASS				NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE
NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE FAITH FORMATION	13	14	15	16	17	18
		BOOMERS MOVIE EVENT	FAITH FORMATION	CAREGIVER SUPPORT GRP.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	PRESIDENT'S DAY MASS	LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	FAITH FORMATION			BRIDGING BLANKET DRIVE CANA DINNER
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

**February 11/12
following all Masses**

How are You Called to Serve? Your gifts can be put to great use at Pax Christi Catholic Community when you participate in our Monthly Ministry Showcase. This program year of 2016–2017 we are changing it a bit, and in lieu of one large Ministry Fair showing all the 110 ministries available for participation by members of Pax Christi, we will be focusing on a different program area each month. By highlighting a single program area, we can focus on telling the story of Pax Christi and what we do from the perspective of the individual ministry areas.

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE FEBRUARY'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE IS PASTORAL CARE.

Pastoral Care is called to serve in a myriad of ways, each with the hope that we are deepening relationships with self, others in our midst, and the larger community. Come to our ministry tables on February 11/12 to learn more about the role of Pastoral Care and specifically the ministries we're highlighting: Spiritual Support Groups, Burgundy Bags, as well as some upcoming events. These ministries acknowledge the times we need self-care and support for our personal journey as well as the healing and transformation that comes from serving others in the larger community.

