PAXCHRISTINEWS

Monthly Magazine of Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie July 2018



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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Nursery available at all weekend Masses. Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am.

Weekday Masses

Mondays 8:30am

Tuesdays 8:30am with Rosary to follow

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (private)

Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Mission Statement: Pax Christi Catholic Community, in company with God, and guided by the Spirit of Vatican II, welcomes all as leaders in faith for service to the world.

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I Texted God the Other Day...





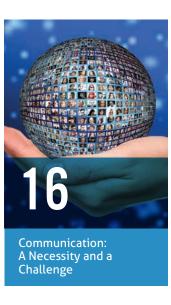


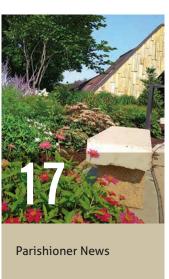


















DEAR FRIENDS...



Fr. J. Michael Byron Pastor

WHENEVER there is transition in leadership at a parish, there is anxiety, curiosity, hope, and grief. That's true at both ends of the line. I'm experiencing it myself these days, as are the parishioners of St. Pascal Baylon on St. Paul's East Side, from which I am coming to Eden Prairie as your new pastor. I have loved serving that community for the past six years, and I will miss that, even as I am anticipating new joys, challenges, and opportunities at Pax Christi. And I know that many of you must be feeling the same kinds of emotions accompany changes like this. We will be entering together a time of becoming acquainted that will include one part letting go of the great things that have been, and one part imagining the great things that have yet to be. Most of you don't know me yet, so I will understand your "checking me out" in the weeks to come in this new relationship. perhaps here I can simply say a few words of introduction that will create a better sense of whom you are dealing with in me.

First, I want to say that I have long known about Pax Christi and the wonderful ministries spirit that emanate from this place. When I was first ordained in 1989 I was sent to serve at Assumption Church in Richfield, which is part of the same deanery at this parish. Tim Power was in full stride as pastor of this then-new community and was very active in bringing ministers of all kinds together to collaborate in the mission of Kingdom-building. I know that both he and Pax Christi had a preference for imagining the future rather than fixating on the past. I believe and hope that that instinct remains. And my mentor in seminary field education back in the late '80s (the "teaching parish" experience) was a guy named Fr. Bill Murtaugh. He and I have been friends and colleagues for more than 30 years now, and I am very grateful that he will remain an active part of the life of Pax Christi. He is very much like me, except that he's not sarcastic in his humor. The vision of this community for mission and ministry is very

much consistent with mine, so I think we'll be a good fit. I look forward to befriending you and for you to know me.

few Just to provide autobiographical details... raised in Edina, I was graduated from St. John's University with an economics degree, and spent a few years in the banking industry before entering seminary. My priestly career has been rich and varied, including parish pastoral work, full-time high school chaplaincy (Holy Angels), doctoral theological studies, and graduate school/ seminary teaching at both St. Paul Seminary and St. John's School of Theology/Seminary. I spent eight years as pastor of St. Cecilia's parish in St. Paul before being sent to St. Pascal Baylon. I am 58 years old and I really hope this might be my last major move in ministry! My parents are deceased, and I have five wonderful siblings (one of whom worships here), as well as six nephews and nieces ranging in age from about 27 to about eight. I am blessed.



This introduction is short, but will have to do for now. I very much look forward to our time together in this moment of doing God's will and carrying out the church's mission.

INSTALLATION CELEBRATION OF FR J. MICHAEL BYRON



Jane SchmitzParish Director

WHILE the installation of a pastor is not a unique rite in the Catholic Church, it is always a special occasion for the faith community that the priest will serve. We have reason to celebrate as Fr. Mike Byron is installed as the fifth pastor of Pax Christi Catholic Community at the 11:00am Mass on July 15. Archbishop Hebda will be present as the presider over this ritual.

The installation of Fr. Mike is not only an acknowledgement of his affirmation to the invitation of the Spirit to lead the parish into the future, it is also an opportunity for each of us to support this call through our participation in the ritual. After the gospel is proclaimed, Archbishop Hebda will address the community in these (or similar words): My dear friends, because I am aware of your pastoral needs and am confident of Father Mike Byron's qualifications for the office of pastor, I now commend him to you as your new pastor. The community will then show our welcome to Fr. Mike with applause, signifying our assent to the Spirit's prompting in all of our lives. After the homily, which the Archbishop will deliver, Fr. Mike will formally be introduced to various leaders in the parish: the other clergy and staff, with whom the pastoral care of the people of the parish will be a collective concern; the Community Council, the voice of the people who will assist and counsel him in his ministry to the parish; and the parish trustees, Shari Steffen and Bruce Koehn, who share with Fr. Mike the responsibility for the parish's corporate and legal affairs. After words by the Archbishop that direct Fr. Mike's ministry among us, the Apostles' Creed will be professed, signifying our unity of belief as disciples of the Risen Christ. After we profess our faith, Fr. Mike will recite the Oath of Fidelity and sign it, bringing this rite to conclusion, and officially beginning this new chapter in the history of Pax Christi.

We don't know what the future will exactly hold, what decisions will be made, the next steps that will be taken,

but we can be assured that we are standing on the shoulders of the first visionaries whose bold trust in the Spirit's promptings became the faith community of Pax Christi 37 years ago. The charisms that guided the founders are still with us today, alive in this age and time: that we are a people whose lives are centered in God, claiming our baptismal commitment and responsibility as lay leaders, having tender hearts for justice and inclusivity with the people we encounter, and acknowledging that our spiritual journey is lifelong as we strive to express and utilize all of our gifts in the service of others. We are blessed to have a spiritual leader in Fr. Mike, grounded in these same values as we grow together into the hopes of tomorrow.



invites you to the installation of our fifth pastor

Fr. Michael Byron

on Sunday, July 15, 11:00am.
All are Welcome!

I TEXTED GOD THE OTHER DAY...

I TEXTED GOD the other day and I'm a little disappointed He hasn't gotten back to me. Crickets. Oh, I'm sure He's got a lot going on, but I sent Him this simple question, "Hey God, is it okay if I connect with you online?" I've not heard back just yet. Although with the way the world is quickly moving, I take His silence as a non-vote of approval.

And why not? Our computers and smartphones do so much for us and can help us become more productive, efficient, and smarter in our day-to-day lives. There's no reason technology can't also help us be more

prayerful and connected to His word every day. Religious institutions were late adopters when it came to social media and online communication, and yet today, according to Nonprofit Marketing Guide's 2016 report, more than 70% of non-profit communicators consider social media one of their most important communication channels. Almost 85% of churches use Facebook today, with 84% of Protestant pastors reporting that their church uses Facebook as their primary online communication tool, according to Lifeway Research. Heck, even Pope Francis (@Pontifex) has 17.9 million followers!

There was a time, not so long ago, that a website was nothing more than an online brochure for an organization - and churches were no exception. In fact, true to form, most churches were late to the online party as it relates to websites. Now, as websites continue to evolve, online visitors are expecting more than just a "brochure." We, as visitors, expect a website to be mobile responsive easily navigable. We want to be able to register for events, download information, and reach out to staff while online.

Over the course of just a few years, the world has vaulted online. We "Google," looking for answers to our questions and to learn about all sorts of things, including where we should attend church services. religious organizations continue to engage members and grow their faith community, it's critical they use the internet to provide a peek inside their church windows. After all, might "New Member Welcome Weekend" be more interesting if a wouldbe parishioner had a sense for what the community looked like BEFORE committing part of their Sunday?

Of course, the reason we go to church is far more important than a Facebook page or a website. And yet, as people use search engines and social media more frequently to connect and learn, churches have an opportunity to engage their parishioners and prospective members in new and exciting ways. Lifeway Christian Resources says 62% of churches use social media to connect with people who do not attend their church. If we are to share the good news, it seems that a good place to get it done today is online.

Written by Ed Heil, Pax Christi parishioner and chair of Pax Christi's video ministry





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-POPE FRANCIS, JUNE 2014, WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS DAY

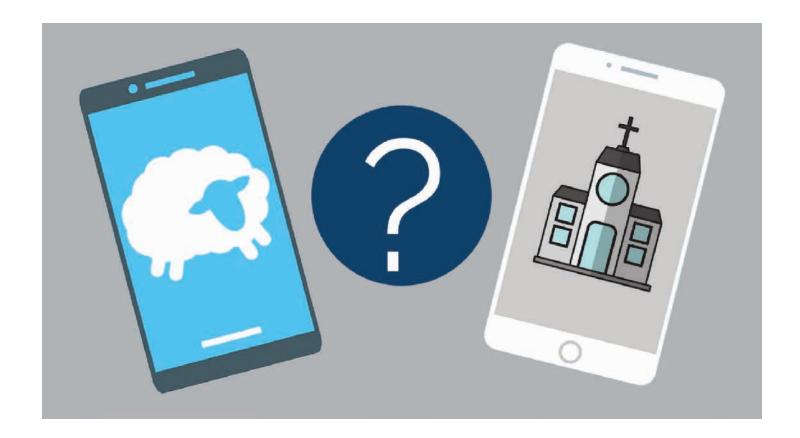
FOLLOWING FRANCIS

AS MUCH as it pains me to admit, I couldn't tell you what my life was like before I was introduced to social media. For many of us, it is something we rely on—a whirlwind of texts and photos, often amidst a lack of truth. It is a consistent stream of alternate lives, because we can all admit it's much easier to make a good first impression through a screen. It is so easy to get caught up in the falsehoods that only temporarily boost our self-esteem. It has become an addiction. But luckily, we Catholics have the antidote, and our strongest weapon today is none other than Pope Francis. His involvement online has brought to light the opportunities we have through this technology to offer prayers, spread the Gospel, and illuminate God's love. One morning I woke up, and as I was scrolling through the same old posts, I came across a beautiful sentiment tweeted by Pope Francis. It read, "We are Christians to the

extent that we allow Jesus Christ to live in us." As much as we take pride in giving ourselves the title of Christians, we seem to draw a line when it comes to social media. We could reword this statement from the Pope to reflect our social media activity: "Online, we are Christians to the extent that we allow Jesus Christ be present in our technological communications." The Pope has embraced the popular platforms Instagram and Twitter, sites that are often riddled with the day's trends, seeming to have no room for a holy figure. From the start, Pope Francis has been open to the modern world and its perpetual changes, and his openness to the use of these social media platforms further proves that. He even claims that it is "a gift from God," having such useful means of communication ready at a moment's notice. This versatile, efficient technology can be used to reinforce our

faith. Pope Francis reminds us, "It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal." If we take the time to reflect on what we post and what we read in our news feed, we can determine if our social media presence reflects God's love and Jesus living within us. If this is not the case, it is certainly a good first step to add Pope Francis into the mix. You can find him on Instagram under the username franciscus or on Twitter under the username Pontifex. We have been given a powerful tool to facilitate our mission of spreading God's word. Let us join Pope Francis in this understanding and evangelization of our faith in the modern era.

Written by Riley Boese, Pax Christi parishioner



PAX CHRISTI PARTNERS
WITH FLOCKNOTE;
A COMMUNICATION
SERVICE CREATED
BY CATHOLICS FOR
CATHOLIC PARISHES.
STAY CONNECTED
TO PAX CHRISTI BY
RECEIVING EMAILS OR
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FROM US! WE PROMISE
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SO WHAT IS THIS "FLOCKNOTE" THING?

BY NOW you may have heard about a tool our parish uses to get in touch with our members. It's called Flocknote, and it's how many of you already get your eNews, Faith Formation updates, Liturgical Ministry announcements, Justice newsletter, and more. Andrea Ward is going to share about how Flocknote works—especially for those of you who haven't jumped on the Flocknote bandwagon yet. But first, a story.

Like any good millennial, I (Jessie) have a Twitter account. I follow Flocknote and occasionally tweet about how much I love their features. Occasionally I get into little public conversations with whoever runs their account, often exchanging funny pictures and silly jokes. In fact, once I tweeted: "If Flocknote were a person, I would marry them!"

After a while, I received a private message from the Flocknote folks. A few weeks later, they sent me a shirt with their logo on it (pictured to the right)!

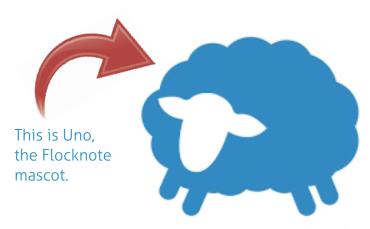
There are some pretty wonderful people working at Flocknote who understand the value of building relationships and community. At its core, that's really what Flocknote is all about. Here's how we use Flocknote to build our community...take it away, Andrea!

1 IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP – There are two ways to sign up: log on to www.flocknote.com/paxchrsitiep on any device or text the code "paxchristiep" to 84576. This will lead to a signup screen where you will enter your name, email, and if you would like, your cellphone number. Then you will see a list of the different groups that you can join. You can choose as many or as few as you like.

YOU'RE IN CONTROL – Once you have completed the simple signup process, you will be sent an email that will prompt you to create a password. By creating a password, you will have the ability to control which lists you are in. You can also update those lists as many times as you like. So for example, if you are going out of town to escape a Minnesota winter and would like to press pause on receiving notices from us until you return, you would simply log in and unsubscribe from the lists before you leave, and log in and re-subscribe when you return.

MORE THAN JUST EMAIL – Other than email, Flocknote allows us to connect in multiple ways. Users can send messages as either emails or text messages for those who opt in. Flocknote also collects responses to messages on the Flocknote website and displays them along with the original message. Replies can be marked as private if needed, but can also be left public to share with the larger community. Flocknote also provides many more great ways for the community to come together, including daily Lenten reflections, poll questions, and embedded videos.





QUICKLY ACCESS FLOCKNOTE FROM THE "UNO" ICON IN THE RED MEDIA TAB FOUND ON THE RIGHT SIDEBAR OF ALL PAGES ON WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM.

OOPS PROOF – If you are anything like me, in a desperate attempt to get rid of junk emails and text messages, every now and then I hit the delete button and immediately regret it. Flocknote helps with this by archiving all messages sent through the system in chronological order. If you ever can't find a message, it will be on the Flocknote website for you! If you are sending a message to a group, you also don't have to worry about forgetting to add an email or take an old email out as the information is maintained by the individuals themselves.

SAFE AND SECURE – All contact information that is put in Flocknote is encrypted and secure. No personal information is ever shared or sold. On top of great product security, it also allows our community to stay in touch with each other without having to share a hard copy list of names and contact information. Flocknote allows us to designate people as "note senders" so those individuals can generate their own messages and send them out to the groups that have already been created without seeing the personal information for those in the group.

HELP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER – By clicking the question mark icon in the bottom right hand corner of the screen, you can connect with the Flocknote team whenever you have a question. They also have helpful videos that walk you through processes step-by-step on the home page of their website. And if you need some help closer to home, our staff is happy to help! You can contact Andrea Ward at award@paxchristi. com or 952-405-7207 with any questions.

When it comes down to it, communication equals community. Both of these words are rooted in the Latin "communis," meaning "common" or "shared." (This is also where the word "communion" comes from!) Flocknote offers us another way to share our lives with each other—both individually and as a larger family of faith. So if you haven't already signed up, we hope you'll join the Pax Christi Flocknote community!

Written by Andrea Ward, Administrative Support, and Jessie Johnson, Youth Formation Minister

MORE ON ENEWS COMMUNICATION



COMMUNICATION FOR JUSTICE

IT SOMETIMES feels that the work of justice is so wide and so deep that it isn't possible to make any headway.

Technological communication advances have made it possible for us all to know instantly what is happening around the globe and right next door.

The sheer volume of injustices that we now can become aware of may be enough for us to pull the covers up over our heads and just stay in bed!

However, it is also true that these same advances in communication can also help us to know that whatever we are up against, we are not alone in this thing called life.

And, keeping open to learning about the connectedness of these injustices may just be the path forward to connecting to what really matters to you personally.

And, you may actually find others who are equally passionate and join them!

I hope that you will all find that the Pax Christi Justice eNEWS is a great way to learn about the vast ways our fellow people of faith are connecting and working for justice.

I hope that it is also a way for you to discern from time to time about where your heart breaks for the world so that you can connect with others as passionate as yourself.

This is an invitation to put yourself on the Pax Christi Justice eNEWS distribution list.

We also invite you to share what you are passionate about with fellow Justice eNEWS readers. The Justice eNEWS is sent out every week, and Pax Christi members are invited to share their own experiences as they work for justice, so that we can include many, many more voices in this conversation!

To sign up for the Justice eNEWS, log into Flocknote (see page 9 for directions) and choose the group "Justice eNEWS," or send your email address to Andrea Ward at award@paxchristi.com.

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Justice Ministry Coordinator

FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY ENEWS

THE FAITH FORMATION team communicates with our families through a monthly eNEWS. This is a helpful platform to keep families up-to-date on the latest Faith Formation activities. The faith formation eNEWS is sent out via Flocknote on the first Monday of the month during the program year. All families registered for Good Shepherd, Godly Play, Finding God, PaxConnex, High School Faith Interest Connectors, and sacramental preparation should receive the Faith Formation eNEWS. Each program area has its own section for announcements, curricular recaps, save-the-dates, and other relevant information. A copy of the Faith Formation policies is also included in each eNEWS for easy reference.

FAITH FORMATION WEEKLY CATECHIST UPDATES

CATECHISTS in all program areas are encouraged to send out weekly Flocknote emails to the families of their youth. Some catechists use this as a platform to let parents know what their children/youth learned during the current session and offer suggestions for engaging your youth in the curricular topic. The weekly updates may also include announcements about upcoming classroom activities. Parents can easily reply back to the Flocknote message to voice any questions or concerns.



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WITH BOOMERS AND BEYOND ENEWS YOU'RE "IN THE KNOW"

THIS "eye catching" logo above will hopefully catch YOUR eye if you are 55 or over and new to Pax Christi, or a long-term parishioner, retired, or still working, but looking for some FUN ways to get to know others in the parish.

Communication is a key word when it comes to inviting people to participate in any ministry or event, and so important in keeping involved and "in the know" with all the details. We don't want anyone to miss out on the many ways we can continue to grow through new friendships, education, and activities geared to those who may be looking for something a little different.

There are many easy ways to stay on top of what the Boomers and Beyond Ministry is doing to bring this generation together. Each month you will see the LOGO in our Pax Christi magazine and bulletin with a short synopsis of what events are taking place that month. Events are also listed on the screens at each Pax Christi entrance.

You can signup on line at www.paxchristi.com/boomers and receive the monthly Boomers and Beyond eNEWS via your email with details on upcoming events. You can also signup by logging into Flocknote (see page 9 for directions) and choosing the group "Boomers and Beyond eNEWS." No email? No problem. Just let us know on the membership card (available from the office staff) and information on upcoming events will be mailed to your home. We may not be of the generations that grew up using computers and cell phones, but our generation is resourceful, self-assured, and TEAM-ORIENTED. Come join our team and let's grow together!

Written By Mary Loew, Boomer and Beyond Communications Chair



COMMUNICATION IN SUPPORT OF COMMITTED LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

FIVE HUNDRED forty-four Pax Christi Community members serve together to make our wonderful weekend Masses happen every single week of the year. It is an amazing, blessed undertaking. Lectors, singers, instrumentalists, set-up ministers, Mass coordinators, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, altar servers, linen caretakers, bread bakers, and video techs have all made a commitment to preparing and actively participating in the vibrant liturgical practice of our community.

Keeping in communication with all of these ministers is no small task. If you serve in one of these ministries, you may already be familiar with our Liturgical Ministry Schedule and how it works. But we think it is a good idea to review how to stay in touch with your current scheduled commitments and how to ask for help when you may find yourself unable to serve at a given time.

Every six months we run a new schedule for liturgical ministers. In advance of running the new schedule, we ask that you give us your "can't serve dates" as you know them at the present time. Once the new schedule is run, you can review the entire schedule by going to Pax Christi's website at www.paxchristi.com and click on the drop down menu titled WORSHIP, and click on the link for Liturgical Ministry Schedule. If you see yourself scheduled for a date that you can't serve, or if something unexpectedly comes up, you can click

on the "request sub" button and an email will go out to everyone who is in the same ministry at your preferred Mass time. Simple!

This allows all of the shared ministers to see who needs help. It also allows the staff people who are responsible for communication about liturgical needs to see this in real time. Sending an email to staff is less effective because that communication only goes to that one staff person. By using the Liturgical Ministry Schedule to communicate a need for a sub, the request instantly is available to all liturgical staff and shared ministers at once.

Occasionally there are glitches in the system. Sometimes, due to some limitations in the way the software works, you may need to send an email to Sally (sbergum@paxchristi.com) or to Joan (jhowe-pullis@paxchristi.com) to solve an issue. But overwhelmingly, if you use the Liturgical Ministry Schedule link on the Pax Christi website, you will find that we can accommodate sub requests and schedule questions with a great deal of efficiency and clear communication.

Thank you to all of you who serve the source and summit of our faith practice!

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Liturgical Ministries Coordinator

HERE I AM. PICK ME!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD games of my childhood, be it kickball, capture the flag, flashlight tag, or hide and seek, all hold grand memories of sticky summer nights, staying out late, and an introduction to the phrase "all are welcome," meaning every kid in the neighborhood got a chance to play. However, before the game of the evening could get underway, the selection process had to come first.

For some games, we would gather together and each of us would plant one foot in a circle as someone counted out each shoe while the singsong cadence of "Eeny, meeny, miny, moe" or "Bubble Gum Bubble Gum in a dish, how many pieces do you wish?" commenced. This selection process was based purely on chance.

Other times it was a school yard pick situation. Two of the neighborhood "leaders" would take turns picking players for their team from the assembled. As the ranks of the unchosen narrowed, there were a lot of double-crossed fingers and hopes that maybe this time one would not be the last kid chosen. Choices were relational—based upon the perceived merits of the chosen, or perhaps by whom the leader wanted on the team.

Of course, there is another way we have all experienced being chosen and that is not by chance or merit, but (as my friend Cheryl Salz calls it) by being "volun-told." Volun-told is when your parent, spouse, or a significant being in your life tells you that YOU WILL do this, and more than likely there's to be no bellyaching allowed about it either. Rarely does the volun-told selection process result in repeat engagements without again being told to comply. Even rarer are instances when these experiences make you want to return and do it again all on vour own.

The one thing each of these processes do have in common is the urgency. You get selected, and the game begins at once. There is no opportunity to mull it over and consider how you plan to play—just go for it, right now. There is somewhat of a merit selection in the school yard pick, but it is the merit someone else perceives you to have, not the skills or talents that you know you have.

What if you could do this selecting or volunteering in a different manner? What if you could say, "This is something that interests me. Here's what I bring to the table that makes me a good choice. I can and will do this."

SERVE is a way to add YOU into the equation. You choose your involvement based on your interest areas, your skills, and your talents. From the comfort of your own home, you can go online to the Pax Christi website, select SERVE and scroll through shared ministry listings by program area, particular skill, or a talent that you may have. You can even search through opportunities that Pax Christi has listed under "Immediate Needs" and give of yourself based upon the available time you have to share right now or in the near future.

We have always recommended that members review and renew their involvement in this community on an annual basis. Recently, the Stewardship Council at Pax Christi considered the timing member engagement. Perhaps by showcasing the ministries that are active in the current season and/ or those that have current needs for helpers is a better way to focus than by looking at all the 110-plus ministries. We welcome the Quarterly Ministry Showcase, a slimmed down highlight of what's happening now at Pax Christi, including shared ministries that have openings right now. Pick up the quarterly ministry brochure or visit the website. www.paxchristi.com/serve and search "Immediate Needs." You know what your skills and talents are; find the needs that fit with the time you have and respond to God's call today with a YES!

Farewell article from Mary Kennedy former Director of Stewardship and Development THEN I HEARD THE VOICE
OF THE LORD SAYING,
"WHOM SHALL I SEND?
AND WHO WILL GO FOR
US?" AND I SAID,





WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM A HOME PAGE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL AT HOME

IF YOU visit the Pax Christi website, you are in good company. On average, the Pax Christi website sees more than 12,000 unique visitors each month. The website serves two important purposes: a way for potential visitors to learn more about Pax Christi, and an information resource for Pax Christi parishioners.

GETTING TO KNOW PAX CHRISTI

Data indicates that a significant amount of website traffic is generated from first-time visitors wanting to learn more about Pax Christi. PaxChristi.com is designed in large part for people who want to know more about the Pax Christi Community. The design is intended to do more than put out a welcome mat -- it invites visitors to open the door to our community, come in, and look around.

- MAIN PAGE showcases the *All are Welcome!* banner along with Mass times and the *Find Us* button for easy-to-follow directions to the Church
- **NEW HERE? BUTTON** directs visitors to information about registration, weekly video announcements, monthly calendar, and opportunities to serve—all things that help visitors get a feel for our community.

- CLERGY, STAFF, AND MINISTRY COUNCIL
- to help newcomers put names with faces, the website has a clergy/staff photo directory as well as Ministry Council photos.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

For Pax Christi parishioners, the website is a hub of information

- The Latest News video announcements, bulletins, and monthly magazines can all be viewed by using the **NEWS** button. You can also view and register to receive eNEWS via Flocknote.
- Connect through Social Media the red side bar with social media icons connects you to the latest Pax Christi posts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
- **REGISTER IN MINUTES** make your childcare reservations for Mass and register for events at Pax Christi—everything from retreats to camps, to activities, to social events. Just hit the *Event Registration* button.
- **SEARCH TOOL** when you're not sure where to look, enter one or two keywords into the search tool marked as *Search Here*, and you'll be presented with a list of suggestions.

Did you know? Pax Christi parishioners have access to detailed information about worship and stewardship.

- FINANCIAL INFORMATION look under the *Stewardship* tab if you want to complete your stewardship renewal, make or change your donation arrangements, or find out how your donation is being put to use. A complete, year-end financial report is available.
- **WORSHIP RESOURCES** use the *Worship* tab for daily readings, a listing of Roman Catholic holidays, and complete explanations of the seven sacraments.

ALWAYS IMPROVING

A few changes are underway for PaxChristi. com. With recent statistics showing that over 60 percent of people now use a phone or other mobile device for online viewing, a large number of organizations, including Pax Christi, are responding with platforms which are more compatible with mobile devices. Because some drop-down menus can be tricky or even impossible on a mobile device, the new platform will look the same but will accommodate scrolling, which is easier for mobile users.

Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor

PAX CHRISTI AND SOCIAL MEDIA 101

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT at churches used to be centered around Sunday hospitality and donuts. Today, social media gives communities like Pax Christi the opportunity to engage with others beyond weekend Mass and well beyond the church doors. Using a variety of social media platforms—each with its own purpose and audience—Pax Christi is able to reach out to others every day, engaging people both inside and outside the parish. You will find each of these social media platforms on the red sidebar of the Pax Christi website:

FACEBOOK

Facebook is by far the most widely used social media tool today with an audience of 214 million users in the United States. According to Pew Research Center, about 68% of adults use Facebook, with roughly three-quarters of these users accessing Facebook daily. Since it's the most widely used tool among parishioners, Facebook is Pax Christi's most prominent social media platform. Pax Christi has 1,044 Facebook followers and 1,055 Likes. The most popular Facebook post thus far is the 2017 Christmas Blessings video of Pax Christi staff which received almost 9,000 views.

YouTube is the preferred platform for sharing videos. YouTube is where you'll find all of Pax Christi's weekly video announcements, as well as videos created to promote and document events like Vacation Bible Camp and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

TWITTER Twitter is most widely used by younger adults, ages 18 to 29, and is the best platform for announcements and commentary.

INSTAGRAM

Rather than telling you what's going on, users of Instagram show you what's going on through photos and videos. As with other social media, Instagram allows you to tag, like, and comment. Instagram, like Twitter, is popular among young users.

PAX CHRISTI BLOG

Aside from the media platforms already mentioned, the Pax Christi blog is another way of sharing insights into our community. Blog posts—which spotlight parishioner engagement, worship, and ministry success stories—are kept on the Pax Christi website and pushed out to social media to be shared outside of the community.

POSITIVES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY

Social media is a great way to keep up to date on all the events at Pax Christi. When you Follow Pax Christi on social media, posts are more likely to be sent to your news feed.

Also, it's called social media for a reason; it really does bring people face-to-face. If you plan to attend First Friday Coffee and Conversation, the next Social Justice speaker, a Boomers and Beyond retreat, or SoulCollage®, share the Facebook post to help promote it within your network of family and friends. Sharing not only lets others know what you're interested in so that they can join you, but it also positively promotes the Pax Christi community.

HOW TO SUPPORT PAX CHRISTI'S SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

You can boost Pax Christi's reach and presence on social media by following Pax Christi, as well as by liking individual posts. And, the best way to support a post is to share it.

- Hit the **FOLLOW** icon on the Pax Christi Facebook page. By doing this, you'll see updates from Pax Christi within your news feed. The news feed is meant to keep you connected to the people and places most important to you.
- By **LIKING** a post, you are providing valuable feedback as to the type of content you want to see. Additionally, a **LIKE** will post the story on your own timeline, helping to further disseminate and share the event or information.
- To **SHARE** a post you see on your news feed, click **SHARE** below a post, then select **SHARE** in the dropdown menu. **SHARE** on your own timeline can be found at the top of the popup menu.

FOLLOW and **LIKE** features can similarly be used on Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

If you want to feel more confident using social media, start by becoming more familiar with security and settings on Facebook. You can access a YouTube video entitled "How to Adjust Your Facebook Settings: AARP TEK TALK." This video can be found by selecting the YouTube icon found on the red side bar of the Pax Christi website. Once you're on the Pax Christi YouTube profile, select Playlist, then select Boomer's Social Media Workshop.

No matter which social media platform you prefer, or how often you use it, social networking is a way for the Pax Christi Community to reach out to one another.

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COMMUNICATION: A NECESSITY AND A CHALLENGE

HUMAN BEINGS have tried to communicate effectively with others since our time on earth began. From using rudimentary objects of bone, stone, and ivory to signals with meaning ("one if by land, two if by sea"), to electronic devices that add speed and efficiency to ways of communicating, we tend to use the means available to us that assists us in relaying important messages in ways that have meaning and purpose.

Although we aren't going to chisel messages on cave walls any longer, we sometimes yearn for simpler times when the pace of information was less instantaneous. But the desire for simpler times may be momentary longings, as there seems to be a reactionary need to have information at our fingertips. As a parish, we wish our communication to be effective, strategic, and clear so all parishioners may have as much information as possible to be engaged and informed about the life of the parish. To achieve that end, we would like to gather your insight so that the means of communication at Pax Christi might be most beneficial to you.

Please take one minute to answer the following questions. When you are finished, please drop it off at the parish office, or take the online survey at www.paxchristi.com/survey:

MONTHLY MAGAZINE: The PaxChristiNews includes information about upcoming events as well as informal, educational, and human interest articles of interest to the community.

eNEWS COMMUNICATION: Each Tuesday, via Flocknote, an "All Parish eNEWS" is emailed to a list of individuals who have signed up to receive it. It has been found to be a fast and effective way to communicate.

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brief video promoting three—four events/announcements, shown at the beginning of each weekend Mass and is also posted on paxchristi.com and YouTube.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: The weekly bulletin includes short but timely information about events as well as one featured writer article.

SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS: A variety of slides loop continuously on flatscreens mounted by each building entrance.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest

Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director, and Melissa Nault, Communication Arts Director

What is your prefered way to view news from Pax Christi: Monthly magazine Weekly eNEWS Video announcements at Mass	Do you read the two-page bulletin each week? Yes No
Video announcements posted on paxchristi.com and/or social media Announcements posted on flat screens around building Bulletin picked up on weekends Social media	If you so, do you read it for the article, events calendar, to see which priest is saying Mass, or all of the above? Cover article Events calendar Which priest is saying Mass All of the above
What is your second choice: Monthly magazine Weekly eNEWS Video announcements at Mass	What type of news would you like to see more of?
Video announcements at Mass Video announcements posted on paxchristi.com and/or social media Announcements posted on flat screens around building	
Bulletin picked up on weekends Social media	You are welcome to take this survey online at www.paxchristi.com/survey.

PARISHIONER NEWS

MAY BAPTISMS

Leah Louise Benusa	5/13/2018
Margaret Marin Gagne	5/13/2018
Jake James Stodolka	5/13/2018
Greta Lillian Theisen	5/13/2018
Liam Francis Barbur	5/20/2018
Landon Joshua Koesters	5/20/2018
Joseph John Perrill	5/20/2018
Colette Christine Zehren	5/20/2018
Katherine Marie Brown	5/27/2018
Logan David Donnell	5/27/2018
Arthxander Lee Dureza	5/27/2018
Olivia Paige Hoffmann	5/27/2018
Nella Reign Willis	5/27/2018

MAY FUNERALS

Vincent D Vennedy	5/9/2018
Vincent P. Kennedy	5/9/2016
Bruce G. Koprucki	5/12/2018
Shirley Huberty Hanson	5/12/2018
Erling Hanson	5/12/2018
Diane M. Gotham	5/14/2018
Harvey L. Humes	5/16/2018

MAY NEW MEMBERS

Kara Bodmer Michele Brezinski Daniela Moreno

Bradley Nelson and Laura Marvin-Nelson

Christine Ricard

Martha and Christopher Rohde

Pablo Romero and Carolina Maspoli

Elizabeth Thompson Raymond Vecellio Kevin Wand Joanne Wendlandt

MAY WEDDINGS

Jenna Behlke & Nicholas Sebolboro	5/11/2018
Janine Karas & Daniel Houle	5/18/2018
Denae Nygren & Charles Ellson	5/19/2018
Daniel Delaney & Carol Greta	5/26/2018

READINGS FOR JULY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 1, 2018

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 8, 2018

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15, 2018

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21 Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 22, 2018

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50 Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 29, 2018

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12 Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17,

20-24; Jn 6:24-35



MINISTRIES OF SUPPORT:

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE Third Thursday of each month 3:00–4:30pm

The listening circle provides a safe place for reflection and meaningful conversation for those who find themselves at a crossroad in life, such as loss, caregiving responsibilities, mental illness, grief, chronic illness, or any life transition.

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION

Pax Christi partners with the Southwest Grief Coalition to provide support and education for those who are grieving. Three series are offered each year, hosted by local churches. Each series consists of a light meal, a speaker exploring some dimension of grief, and facilitated small groups specific to particular losses. Information on upcoming sessions can be found on our website.

ON-SITE 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Saturday Sisters AA for Women, Al-Anon/ Prairie Peace, and Overeaters Anonymous. These support groups each meet weekly to offer listening, guidance, and hope for those working to overcome a specific addiction interfering with their lives.

RESOURCES

Written resources on prayer, grief, relationships, illness, aging, education/support opportunities and are available in the racks at the rear of the worship space and at the kiosk inside the main entrance. Offerings include *Living Faith*, a booklet of Catholic devotions, and *CareNotes*, informative and inspirational pamphlets on a wide variety of topics.

For additional information visit www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry.

SUPPORTING OUR AD SPONSORS

"Disciples on a Mission." How often have we come across these words at Pax Christi? How often have we wondered and asked ourselves. am I one?

We all have our lives to live. We tell ourselves that either we just don't have the time, we have other commitments, or we don't have the best of health, etc. All are valid reasons, and yet, we push the most important commitments of all as Christians to the bottom of our list. If we really can't give as much as we like, what do we do then? The answer to that can be something as simple as supporting the businesses advertised in the Pax Christi bulletin.

These advertisers are the people who defray the cost of getting the magazines to parishioners, thereby costing Pax Christi absolutely zero. If we, as one of the thousands who call Pax Christi home, support them, what a wonderful contribution that would be! We are simply redirecting money that we already spend to a business that's making a financial sacrifice for us. We won't even realize we're contributing toward a greater good. All that is required on our part is to remember them when we need their services. What a wonderful way to give back—to be a disciple.

Sounds like a ridiculously simple way, doesn't it? That's because it indeed is.

Written by Linda Francis, Pax Christi parishioner

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.paxchrisi.com/eventregistration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

Wennesday, July 4, 9:00am

You are invited to an Independence Day Mass at 9:00am in the chapel. The parish office will be closed for business that day in observance of the holiday, and the building will close following Mass.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 23–27, 9:00am–12:00pm, Ages 3 – 5th grade youth, \$75 per child RSVP

Calling all campers! **Disciples on a Mission** is our theme for Bible Camp 2018. We will explore faith-filled Scripture stories brought to life by our fabulous Drama Team. We will sing and move to upbeat Christian music. We will make new friends by playing games and making crafts together. Outreach is a huge part of our camp experience. We will be making wonderful projects for our friends in local care centers and in the YouthLink organization. Our middle school and high school friends are invited to participate as camp crew leaders, craft leaders, nursery helpers, game leaders, or on our Drama Team. Adults—we need you! Come be a part of camp! No experience is necessary. If you love your faith, we welcome you. We do require that adult volunteers complete the essential three requirements for promoting a safe environment, as indicated on our online registration form. Don't miss the BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER! Registration is open—register today!

DRAMA CAMP

July 23–27, 9:00am–3:00pm, 6th – 8th grade youth RSVP

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

July 23-27, 8:30am-4:00pm, \$175 per youth RSVP

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

MAKE PLANS NOW

PAX DAY AT PROP

COLLECTION WEEKEND AUGUST 4/5

August 6 is Pax Day at PROP. Special Burgundy Bag Food Collection Weekend of August 4/5. Drop off donations in bins at doors 1 and 3. #Shop4PROP

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: VENDORS NEEDED

Application Deadline is August 14

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

2018-19 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation Program year is now open! Join us for a year of community, faith, and fun! This year we have new program time offerings: Sundays from 3:30-4:45pm, Sundays from 6:30-7:45pm, or Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45pm. Early Bird Registration rates are available now through July 31 at \$100 per student with a family cap of \$300, moving to regular rates of \$125 per student with a family cap of \$375 on August 1. Registration fees are waived for families of catechists! This year we also have new ways to get involved; join us as a hall monitor or kitchen aid! These roles are available as a whole-year commitment or on a rotating basis. More program information and registration is available on our website.

JULY See pages 18–19 for details or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com. **SUNDAY** MONDAY **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY THURSDAY **FRIDAY SATURDAY** 6 INDEPENDENCE DAY 11 13 8 9 10 12 14 **CENTERING PRAYER BAPTISM CLASS** 16 18 19 20 21 INSTALLATION OF FR. MIKE COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE SOULCOLLAGE® 23 25 27 22 24 26 28 MISSIONARY WEEKEND **CENTERING PRAYER** VACATION BIBLE CAMP FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE • MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP 30 31 MISSIONARY WEEKEND



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AUGUST 6 IS PAX DAY AT PROP...

so we are planning a special Burgundy Bag Food Collection the weekend of August 4/5.

During the summer months, food shelves often get depleted. Donations are generally down, and the need for food increases as children are eating more meals at home instead of at school. Grab a burgundy bag (or any bag will do) and join in our parish effort to respond to those who are facing hunger in our community.

View the food needs online at https://propfood.org/get-involved/food-other-donations.

