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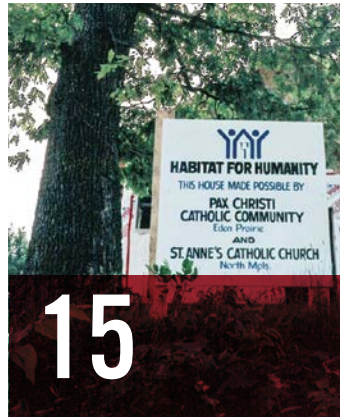
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Fr. Herb Hayek, O.P.
Sr. Associate Pastor

THIS PAST APRIL found a flurry of celebrations surrounding the sacraments here at Pax Christi. There were over 90 students confirmed by Archbishop Hebda at the Basilica. It was a wonderful celebration with the students looking both happy and a little overwhelmed by the immensity of the church, the grandeur of the liturgy and music, and the focus on them as the “stars” of the event! Then, for the last two weekends, we found little angels in white hovering around the altar as 74 children received their First Holy Communions. Parents and grandparents and other relatives were in their Sunday best with lots of pictures being snapped after the Masses. These are memories for years to come when we will look back and say: “Remember when...” And now we are onto weddings. After months of planning the big day, couples are tying up loose ends, asking family and friends to help with last minute details, and trying to stay calm and even enjoy themselves. Confession (Reconciliation) has lost the frenzy and fervor of Lent but will pick up again next year. There are still the sick being anointed, asking God for healing, and the dying being offered peace and comfort as they prepare to go to their final home with God. Then there is the steady stream of baptisms. Some were dramatic, having

been plunged into the baptismal pool at the Easter Vigil. But most of the time it is the gentle running of water washing over the soft (and often hairless!) heads of babies. May also finds young men answering the call to serve the people of God as ministers of the gospel as they become priests. In August, Fr. Bill will celebrate 45 years of ordination. In December I will be celebrating 45 years. May 28, Fr. Tim Power celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. It seems like the dim recesses of ancient history looking back and yet still wondering where the time went, especially when you are having such a wonderful time.

All of these events in our lives as Catholics seem so ordinary, even routine, in that it's part of the circle of life — beginnings, journeys, transitions, and endings. But we also call them sacraments. Remember the definition that many of us learned years ago. What is a sacrament? It is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace. Short and sweet. Neat and complete. But we need to dig deeper if it is to speak to us today, especially to others who did not have our experience from the past. There is also an ongoing debate among Christians as to how many sacraments there are,

two or seven or some number in between. Everybody agrees on baptism and Eucharist. Certainly the Last Supper makes the Eucharist obvious. But baptism is a bit more obscure. There is an aside comment in the gospels saying that Jesus was preaching and baptizing near the Jordan River early on in his ministry. But was it the baptism of John the Baptist or what? However, he did tell his disciples to go out and baptize the nations. (Don't do as I have kinda done, but as I said!) Some churches see confirmation as being important; others aren't so sure. Did Jesus confirm the apostles with the Holy Spirit on Easter evening as John wrote in his gospel? Or was it Luke in his account of Jesus sending down the Spirit on Pentecost? Did Jesus institute reconciliation when He also gave the apostles the Holy Spirit on Easter evening? Whose sins you forgive, will be forgiven them. Or was it in Matthew when Jesus told Peter that he would build the church on him as Rock, and then he was to forgive or retain sins. Did Jesus make marriage a sacrament at the wedding feast at Cana or just provide more wine so that everyone would have a good time? Or maybe both, since a wedding should be the celebration of a new life together for the couple within the Body of Christ, His

church. We don't know if Jesus laid hands on his apostles at the Last Supper, but he did tell them on several occasions to preach, baptize, and share the Eucharist with others. And the apostles were quick to pass this on to the deacons and Paul and Barnabas. James, in his epistle, tells the early church to call in the priests for the sick so that he/she can be anointed and prayers offered for his/her recovery. Certainly Jesus laid hands on the sick and even anointed the man born blind with mud on his eyes when he cured him.

A lot of the theological debate that has gone on over the centuries came out of the bitterness of the Reformation. To distinguish themselves from the Catholic Church, reformers tried to make the differences greater. And even then there was disagreement among themselves. What it really comes down to is when and where we have a significant encounter with Jesus Christ that strengthens the individual believer and ultimately the greater church, which is the Body of Christ. How can we become that presence of Jesus for others? I remember the faith journey of a friend who today is a Dominican priest. I met him over 40 years ago when we were both young men. He was a senior in college,



and I was newly ordained. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church because his mother was a practicing Lutheran, and his father was vaguely Catholic. But during high school, after his Lutheran confirmation, he decided to investigate the Episcopal Church. Something was drawing him there. He eventually was confirmed as an Episcopalian. This was his choice in his faith journey. But when I met him, he was majoring in theology at a Catholic college. After graduation he taught theology at a Catholic high school here in the Cities. Some people take the long road to where they finally should be. One day he called

me and said he wanted to enter the Catholic Church. However, after having been confirmed twice, he didn't want to do it again. He made his profession of faith, and we celebrated this step in his journey. A little more than a year later, he came to me and said that he felt he was being called to be a priest and a Dominican. But after he was accepted by the Order, I was told to get him confirmed as a Catholic. This is a sacrament not just about Jesus and the Holy Spirit but where you want to live out your faith life. Who would be his family of faith? It had taken him over ten years to finally come home! But it seems to have been the way that the Holy Spirit was leading him.

The sacraments play various roles in our lives. Some are done once, others many times. Baptism, confirmation, marriage, ordination are examples of the former. However there are some exceptions as my story showed. Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick are experienced many times in the life of most Catholics. Some have become photo-ops; others are profound moments in the life of individuals and their families. Basically a sacrament is meant to be a sacred moment or encounter with the Lord. We can dispute the number. But what is more important is how they deepen our faith.



CONGRATULATIONS 2016 CONFIRMANDS!

On April 17, ninety 10th, 11th, and 12th graders were confirmed at the Basilica of St. Mary by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. It was a joyous and beautiful celebration that filled the senses. It was wonderful to see these young members of our community make the final step in their initiation to the Faith. We continue to bless them and we look forward to the many ways they will make in impact on our community!

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COME TO THE TABLE!

In April our community experienced the joy of First Communions for 74 children. We welcomed the boys and girls to the Table for the first time and offered our thoughts and prayers to their families. May the joy of the Eucharist fill their hearts with wonder. May we gather together often to share this special meal with one another. God is calling all to "Come to the Table."

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GOD IS CALLING ME

Faith Formation registration is now open online at www.paxchristi.com. It takes a village to share our faith stories and traditions. Come join our team of catechists for 2016–2017. We are looking for leaders for all ages. Materials and support (and chocolate) are provided. Fees are waived for your entire family. Childcare is provided by our wonderful nursery staff. Additional information is online under “Faith Formation” or contact any of our team with questions.

REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST:

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
5. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old tradition that changes lives.

WE ASKED SOME OF THE PAX CHRISTI LEADERS TO SHARE THEIR WISDOM:

WHY DO I TEACH?

Even at the risk of sounding a little off, I need to share my real reason for teaching Faith Formation. I want to be arrested. Let me explain. Several years ago I heard a speaker who voiced the question that ‘If Christianity were illegal, would you be convicted?’ At that point I was flying under the radar and sitting comfortably in my uncomplicated own world. I seriously needed to start living out loud the Gospel message and start ‘complicating’ my life with more of Christ and less of me. One way was to share my faith with the young.
–Liz Georgioff

It was a three-generational decision. My granddaughter's class needed a teacher, and my daughter, her mother, signed up to co-lead the class! I jumped right in to offer my help. And that started a wonderful year of experiencing the joy of second-graders, especially when the joy comes from spending this special time with your own granddaughter. And I think the rest of the kids got a kick out of someone's “nonny” helping to teach the class. The wisdom of the elders is needed in faith formation. Come and help!
–Maret Ryan

I remember my mom serving as catechist while I was a young girl, and now I get to carry on that tradition with my daughters. Serving as a catechist is a wonderful opportunity to set aside quality time during the week to participate in faith-based activities with your children, to make new connections, and to further reflect on the teachings of the church. I highly recommend serving in this capacity and participating in our church's community. Pax Christi has a fabulous, supportive program making it very easy to serve as a catechist. It's awesome to team-teach with your daughter!
–Melissa Coburn

My faith is strengthened. I've learned more vocabulary and background about my faith. The teaching materials are plentiful and easy to use in lesson planning. We've had better conversations about our faith. I've read somewhere that volunteers have lower stress levels, and I think it's true! There's such a sense of satisfaction serving our faith community, and it's a bonus that I can spend time with my daughter who is in the faith formation class to which I'm assigned. –Kari Beutz

This was my first year as a catechist. It's been a truly awesome experience. To be honest, I think the kids have taught us as much as we've taught them. To see moral compasses already ingrained in each of the 4th graders has been a wonderful surprise. Every Sunday, I look forward to explore and discover Jesus with them... and each week it never fails that they help me “Find God.” Being a catechist has been a bright spot in my life over the past year, and I definitely would like to sign up for next year. –Tom Pearce

I teach because I really like Pax Christi and the faith formation program. The benefits I have received are many, from a sweet birthday card (made with crayon) to the faces filled with understanding when something makes sense. The thing I learned about my own faith is how interesting it is to go back to the basic understanding and that it does not have to be about controversy — talking about Jesus' life on earth was fun! Talking about baptism was fun — the majority of our students did not know where their name came from or who their godparents were, super fun to ask them to go home and talk to their parents about their baptism story. We even had one parent send us a note and say how much they enjoyed their child asking about it !!! One of our young men in class mentioned this week that he likes religion a lot more than school, and “I do not even go out to recess here” — I think that made my day! –Eileen Bradley

THE GROUND IS TOO HARD TO BURY THE ALLELUIAS

WE CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM AT PAX CHRISTI

THIS YEAR we celebrate the 35th anniversary of Pax Christi. We also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program at Pax Christi. We owe our gratitude to our founding CGS catechists and parishioners. I had the pleasure of meeting with three of our founding catechists, Martha Klaas-Baker, Beryl Schewe, and Vicky Shields, to capture the beginnings of CGS at Pax Christi.

It started with a question from parishioner Vicky Shields. She and her family transferred from a Minneapolis parish. Vicky told the Director of Religious Education at that time about this wonderful program that her daughter was in at their previous parish and inquired about the possibility of it being available at Pax Christi. The DRE said, "Let's do it," and put Vicky on the project. Starting with the Halloween Blizzard of 1990, Vicky and parishioner Janet Griffing spent a year training and preparing materials and space for CGS. They had the help of many at material making parties. Parish woodworkers made wood materials and shelves (Barb and Pat Brenny, Keith Wyman, Tim McDaniels, and a troop of scouts earning their Eagle Scout Awards).

DID OUR KIDS GET IT? Because CGS is based on the premise that children have everything they need inside them, versus a view of them as empty vessels that need to be filled, the CGS catechists guide the children to awe and wonder of God and God's gifts. This awe and wonder leads to a deep faith understanding and a deep sense of gratitude. The self-teaching principles of Maria Montessori appeal to the religious intuition of children. They come to 'Aha!' moments, and catechists are in awe. Some favorite memories they share with us:



Good Shepherd founding catechists

The Shepherd. When Martha reminded her daughter Amanda to stay near the chaperone for the upcoming kindergarten field trip, Amanda responded, "The chaperone is like the Good Shepherd. Will they know me by name? Will they stay close by me and keep me safe? I'll be with my chaperone, the shepherd."

The Promise of Abraham. One Advent the catechists brought the CGS group on a field trip to the worship space, which was decorated with a lot of stars. When asked "Why is the church decorated like this?" one boy quickly offered, "Well, it's the promise of Abraham, all these stars."

FR. TIM SAID, 'YOU CAN'T BURY THE ALLELUIAS, THE GROUND IS TOO HARD. USE A BOX OF SHREDDED NEWSPAPER OR SAND.' AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT OUR MINNESOTA GROUND IS TOO HARD TO BURY OUR ALLELUIA CARDS DIRECTLY IN THE GROUND. WE IMPROVISE AND THEN LOOK FORWARD TO EASTER WHEN WE CAN UNBURY THEM AND SING THEM AGAIN.



Mary. One girl wrote on her artwork, "I think that means Mary is holy and espeshily Jesus the Baby. Full of grace. I think that means Mary is full of happyness."

Bridesmaid. Another girl's artwork, "I am the Bridesmaid. I keep my light burning brightly by saying my prayers."

The True Vine. Various children: "The vine and branches are a family tree."

"God doesn't plant and let us go; He takes care of us all the time." "Branches and vines are closer than Shepherd and sheep."

Gesture of Epiclesis in the Mass. The CGS children are taught the gestures and their meaning in the Mass. They excitedly look for these gestures at Mass after they learn each one. One year when a CGS group was celebrating their First Eucharist together, a boy yelled out, "I knew he was going to do that!" when Father held his hands in the gesture of epiclesis. The epiclesis is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer where the priest invokes the Holy Spirit upon the Eucharistic bread and wine.

Maxims skits. Maxims are short verses from the Bible that the children learn as guides for living. One favorite activity was when the children created a skit for a Maxim, and the others had to guess which Maxim it was.

Bible teaching. In third grade the CGS youth received a Bible reverently wrapped and presented. Throughout the year they reverently worked with the two major parts of the Bible and worked with each other to learn the layout of the books in context and to look up individual passages.

Became prayer leaders. When the Confirmation leader got called away on an emergency just before the retreat, the CGS group who had stayed together through all of their faith formation stepped up and said they would lead the prayers, readings, and meditations and led their own retreat.

By their fruits you shall know them. Their children are adults now and all have grown to be very active in service — exactly what our Pope Francis tells us discipleship of Jesus is all about. They serve locally and internationally. Some examples are: YTM, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Big Sister program, homeless shelters, and more.

TRUE COMMUNITY. The catechists greatly appreciated the impact of CGS on their personal lives. CGS families became close and shared life's events with each other and still do to this day. For Halloween, they poured out their piles of candy and split it in half without any picking or choosing. One half would come to Pax Christi for the Thanksgiving baskets. At Epiphany they celebrated the wise men's visit by putting on a La Bafana play. For Lent they celebrated Mardi Gras complete with masks, and ended in silent



prayer around a cross surrounded with lit candles. On a piece of paper each wrote something he/she wanted to improve or get rid of and went outside and burnt it. At Pentecost they shared a cake with flames made of icing and would choose a gift of the Holy Spirit to work on for the summer.

CGS is one of the most spiritually transforming processes for both children and adults alike. So powerful, in fact, that Mother Teresa has made it the spiritual formation process for her order, the Sisters of Charity. One of our Minnesota trainers is often in India, Africa, or elsewhere working with the Sisters in this order.

Celebrating the "new child" is a term used by Maria Montessori to refer to the child who exhibits "a sense of gratitude, joy and a new dignity" in having his or her needs deeply met, "whose souls revealed themselves with such radiance as to spread a light through the whole world." In our work in CGS, we become "new adults" through our willing embrace of our servant role in the child's unique relationship with God and, consequently, through our coming to share in the child's wonder and joy.

In 1991 the Good Shepherd program started at Pax Christi as a pilot program for 17 children. It represented the willingness on the part of this parish to explore programs that amplify the presence and power of God in and through our children. This program continues to grow throughout this diocese, this nation, and the world. This can only be done by catechists who receive training through the CGS organization. We thank our early, current, and future catechists. Many options for training are offered in our area this summer and upcoming year. Please contact Lynn Schelitzche for more information, 952-405-7230, or lschelitzche@paxchristi.com.



Pentecost - Gifts of the spirit.

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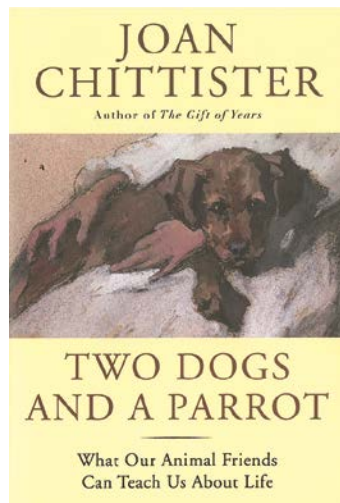
SOMETIMES people ask, "Why do we send teenagers on service trips to other cities? Don't we have enough to do in our own community?" This is an excellent question, and it deserves an excellent response! Mission Trips, or Service-Learning Trips, offer youth and adults an opportunity to discover a new perspective on issues of injustice in the world. It's sort of like going over to a neighbor's house and noticing that the windows need washing, the furniture needs dusting, and the floors need mopping, only to realize upon returning home that your own house is just as dirty! You were so used to seeing the dirt and grime in your own home that you became blind to it. In the same way, we are somehow more aware of the issues and situations of people living in need when we travel away from home. Perspective is gained; vision is widened. Youth and adults who go on mission trips with Pax Christi return home changed, and they are better able to actually see what is happening here in our own community.

At the end of this month, 11 high school teenagers and four adults from Pax Christi will travel to St. Louis, MO for the 2016 Summer Service & Justice Immersion Trip (AKA Mission Trip). These young

people and their adult leaders will be joining other teens from across the country through an organization called Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA). The program is specially designed to help youth and adults learn about Catholic Social Teaching while engaging in hands-on service to those who are most in need.

At all Masses on the weekends of June 4/5 and June 11/12, our youth and mission trip chaperons will be asking for your prayers and support for this summer's trip. Each young person is responsible for \$500 of his/her portion of the trip, and, as a group, they need to raise an additional \$3000 to cover the transportation and supplies for the trip. Any money above and beyond the \$3000 will be used to support the services and agencies we will be helping in St. Louis. Donations to the mission trip can also be made online at www.paxchristi.com/donations.

If you have questions about the trip or about the group from Pax Christi, please contact Peter Bierer, pbierer@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7210.



THE LESSONS WE LEARN FROM OUR PETS

IN JOAN CHITTISTER'S book *Two Dogs and a Parrot*, she gently reminds us that "animals do not belong to us. They belong to God. They have lives of their own and their lives affect ours." Chapter after chapter, Joan gives us examples of how pets come into our lives with their own unique personalities. Each one is a treasure to learn from, all we have to do is watch them being themselves.

We at Pax Pets currently have seven teams of owners/pets who have gone through many hours of training and testing to ultimately get their pets to become certified "good citizen pets." They can then go out into the community to bring joy and happiness to others. We also would like to acknowledge and honor six new teams who are currently in training to do the same. We are so grateful for their hard work and commitment. Pax Christi is all about sharing our time and talent, and these teams are a shining example of that.

If you would like to read a very sweet book about pets and our relationship with them, how they make us better humans, and how they are a very precious gift from God, then Joan Chittister's book *Two Dogs and a Parrot* is for you. I loved it!

Are you interested in Pax Christi's pets ministry or becoming one of our teams? We would love to have you. Contact Isabel Trovato or Sara Byerley through Pax Christi Pastoral Care. *Written by Isabel Trovato, parishioner and Pax Pet's team member.*



STEWARDS IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD

IT WAS EARLY in 1981, and my husband and I were struggling financially. Newly married, and newly graduated from college – he the previous July and myself in December, we had hit the job scene in one of the toughest economic times for the US since the 1930s. I still cringe at the 19% car loan and the fact that we had to pay a firm to help us each find a job, even with the great grades and the diplomas from a great school. To say we minded our pennies was an understatement. We kept it to ourselves and hoped that by putting our heads together, we would figure a way out of the financial hole, but we just kept getting farther and farther behind. We were surprised when my uncle visited the Twin Cities and called to have us come over and pick up something from my mom and dad, and when we opened the card, we found a check for \$200 inside. We were overcome with emotion. How did my parents know? That helping hand was a gift worth so much more than \$200. It gave us that needed breathing space to let us pause and figure out how we could make it. It was a sign that they believed in us, it spurred us onward, and indeed was a turning point for us.

I listened to a news report on the radio the other day, and the host and experts assembled were discussing a recent report released by the Federal Reserve from a study they conducted on the Economic Well-Being of US Households in 2014. One of the more surprising responses was that 47% of respondents would not be able to cover a hypothetical emergency expense of \$400 “fairly easily, using cash on hand, money in a checking/savings account, or on a credit card that they would pay in full at their next statement.” I thought back to that emergency situation of mine some 35 years ago and felt a common bond with those 47%, as I had been there and fervently hope I never have to journey through that vise of financial uncertainty again.

There are so many people in our world living paycheck to paycheck. True, some are living in squalid conditions in third world countries, far out of our sight, which makes them easier to forget as we go about our daily lives. But many who are walking a fine line financially live right here in Minnesota. They could be our family members, neighbors, or co-workers. Many a story can be shared of someone who was doing great until an unexpected health crisis occurred or a job disappeared due to corporate down-sizing.

What is the stewardship response we are asked to make? We are called to do what we can to care for all we encounter, to be “the hands and feet of God.” Supporting Pax Christi is a definite help. Your continued gifts, especially remembering to consistently give over the summer vacation months, help us **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** in response to the needs that come to us every day. It’s also important to be open to the needs around you. Is there someone in your life who looks like they could use a hand? Look for opportunities in which you can lend support, prayers, and the gift of you. Consider the greater community, and help with our Giving Garden, one of our many justice initiatives, Loaves and Fishes, Meals on Wheels, PROP, Bridging. The opportunities to give of your own gifts to **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** to another are endless. The needs are great, but then, so are the gifts you have been given.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.



ARCHDIOCESAN SPRING FORMATION DAY AT PAX CHRISTI A FOCUS ON THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

PAX CHRISTI recently hosted an Archdiocesan Leadership Development Day. The target audience included 700 staff and lay leadership of the parishes throughout the Archdiocese, all ready for action early this Thursday morning.

Fr. Bill began by introducing Archbishop Hebda, who led us in a morning prayer after a lengthy standing ovation which he unsuccessfully tried to quiet. What followed was a vast array of speakers focused on how the church has and will continue to change and how we can be an active part of it. The collective message was that there is a great deal of work to do, but if we are focused, anything is achievable.

Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bridgeport CT, spoke on evangelization. He referred to "Evangelium Vitae," *The Gospel of Life*, an encyclical by Pope John Paul II, as the heart of Jesus' message, as the "good news" to the people of all ages and cultures.

He was very charismatic and inspiring. He spoke about growing up in his traditional Italian family, his life, and what he sees for the future of the Catholic Church. He left us with some questions regarding valuing our programs over people, engaging the laity, supporting one another, being more welcoming, and utilizing today's technology.

Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Hispanic Theology professor at Boston College, spoke about the ethnic transformation that is occurring. Sixty years ago, the US Catholic Church was +90% white European descendants, 3% Hispanic. Today, the mix includes 43% Hispanic, 5% Asian, 1% Native American; 60% under 18 are Hispanic, and 10% Asian. The US Catholic church membership mix is quickly changing. What are we doing to embrace this?

Lunch break – A gorgeous spring day resulted in the vast majority of the attendees heading outside to enjoy our lovely grounds over lunch. Just as the sessions were resuming, Archbishop Hebda was seen scouting out the kitchen team to find some lunch leftovers. Did he want to make sure the masses were fed first? No, he had paid a

visit to Fr. Tim Power, who is currently at home receiving hospice care. No fanfare, just attending to one of his flock.

Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, co-authors of *Rebuilt: The Story of a Catholic Parish and Priorities for a Parish of Missionary Disciples* – "Weekend worship is the centerpiece of the church. Without it, the vitality of the parish will certainly suffer." The duo provided many humor-filled examples of the multitude of issues facing their New Jersey parish when Fr. White first arrived. Music was atrocious, greeters were less than welcoming, making parishioners leave angry instead of reenergized.

They said the key elements of a successful service are Music, Word/Sermon, and Lay Ministry. "Music can make or break the service; discipleship is not a spectator sport." Parishioners should feel called to help serve the parish and local community with their time, talent, and treasure to help make the parish thrive.

Fr. White emphasized that we can't focus on the overall task at hand, or we will feel overwhelmed and accomplish nothing. Instead we need to focus, like Pope Francis has demonstrated, on each individual – one at a time, making the task much less daunting.

Evening Session – The evening event focused on the Spanish-speaking members of our Archdiocesan community. Bishop Caggiano returned as the evening's keynote speaker. The music was in Spanish, and the 100+ attendees were up singing and praying, making it joyful and inclusive. Not knowing any Spanish, you get an appreciation for how an ethnic person feels when he/she do not hear his/her own native language spoken.

While it was reassuring to feel that Pax is delivering on many of the points raised, we also felt inspired to see where we could do even better to open wide the doors so that all feel welcome.

*Written by Mary Lanners and Mike Kennedy,
Parishioners and Worship Council Members.*

PAX CHRISTI IS HELPING TO BUILD A DREAM!



Pax Christi's ten year anniversary Habitat for Humanity project.

STRONG FAMILIES, strong neighborhoods, and lifelong learning begin at home, and Pax Christi will be contributing to helping build a dream for some hardworking local families by participating in the Habitat For Humanity Program. In honor of Pax Christi's 35th year anniversary, the Justice Council has been given a one-time gift of money to help fulfill Pax's mission of seeing the needs of society and to help solve the social injustices of the marginalized. In this Year of Mercy, we will be trying to help rectify the issue of

affordable housing by helping to build a sense of community and providing opportunities for social action and activities. Building an affordable house seems to be an appropriate activity to help provide a home for one low income family.

There was an informational table at the 35th Anniversary celebration on May 15. For those who are interested in more information and perhaps in participating in the project, there will be a more detailed organizational meeting on Monday, June 13, 7:00pm, at Pax

Christi. We will be volunteering our services for two weeks at the end of October and beginning of November. No construction experience is necessary, and all materials, tools, and supplies are provided. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. **ALL WE NEED IS THE GIFT OF TIME** to help build a dream. Please plan on attending the meeting on June 13 or, if you have another commitment and are interested in the initiative, please contact Joan Pare', 612-618-0287, or jpare1@hotmail.com, or Marcia Kladek, mk-2006@mchsi.com.

As Pope Francis has said: "True Mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice; it demands that the poor find the way to poor no longer". **CHARITY GIVES, BUT JUSTICE CHANGES**

JUSTFAITH

JustFaith was being offered at Pax Christi a few years ago, at the same time that I was looking for a way to become more involved at Pax Christi. The program included reading, discussion, and an opportunity to deepen my faith — all aspects I was interested in.

JustFaith changed the way I view and live in the world. The injustices that occur in our world no longer leave me feeling helpless and hopeless. I've come to see how one person or a small group of people can effect change in the world. The sense that all is connected has deeper meaning for me. This connection means that I have a responsibility to DO, not simply BE in the world. I approach the world and my fellow humans with more compassion, with an expectation that we CAN do something, that charity is important, but so are advocacy and solidarity — concepts I've come to understand through JustFaith.

Another positive aspect of JustFaith has been the other participants — hearing other perspectives and life experiences that encourage and challenge me, providing a new lens on engaging my faith.



The words and actions of Jesus and Pope Francis inspire me more holistically — in faith, heart, and action — similar to the way JustFaith engaged me holistically — through my faith, by expanding my sense of compassion and ultimately in the way I engage in the world. My JustFaith cohorts continue to be inspiring role models and partners in our continued JustFaith journey.

I invite you to be moved and inspired through your own experience of JustFaith, beginning next September. Group discussions will be held on Monday evenings, running from 6:30–8:30pm. Group size is kept small to facilitate a deeper connection between participants, so it is important to register early. Registrations will begin in June and further details will be available through the Pax Christi eNEWS.

For additional information, contact Marcia Kladek, mk-2006@mchsi.com, or 952-240-4775, or Andrea Ward, award@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-2207.

MAY 14/15 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, chips, cookies, cake, ice cream, popcorn . . . and beautiful weather!



Photos and newspaper clippings from early years were on display.



Dale O'Brien entertained us with songs, old and new.

Visit www.paxchristi.com/35years to view historical documents and images from Pax Christi's early years.

PARISHIONER NEWS

APRIL BAPTISMS

Warren Kevin Marsch	4/3/2016
Briar Marie Bernard	4/3/2016
Braeden Joseph Futrell	4/3/2016
Henry James Letson	4/3/2016
Hudson Matthew Ohme	4/3/2016
Christian Cole Schussler	4/3/2016
Chloe Ann Altman	4/10/2016
Logan Charlie Denman	4/10/2016
Charlie James Roberts	4/10/2016
Whitney Lorraine Welch	4/10/2016
Boden William Bultinck	4/17/2016
Becca Mae Vannelli	4/17/2016
Grady William Wiberg	4/17/2016
Breckyn Richard Zigan	4/17/2016

APRIL WEDDINGS

Jennifer Sherman & Christopher Schroeder	4/2/2016
Caitlin Gadel & Wyatt Andersen	4/30/2016

APRIL FUNERALS

Joseph Weierke	4/7/2016
Douglas Daniel MacDonald	4/12/2016
Megan L. Phillippi	4/29/2016

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

- Michael Bellmont
- Brent and Michelle Benusa
- Dan and Adrienne Besser
- Katrina Buetow
- Sandra Goblirsch
- Mary Greenwood
- Kathy Knutson
- Peter and Lynn Larson
- Ben and Maria Machemehl
- Steve and Catie Sabin
- Guilber and Jean Sanchez
- Clyde and Sally Stockey
- Julia Rose Walsh



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2016

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17
Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-5, 7-8/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1-5, 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:33-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2016

Sunday:	2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/Gal 2:16, 19-21/ Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/Mt 6:24-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2016

Sunday:	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2016

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/ Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16-23/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4-8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
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 85:9-14/Mt 9:14-17

JUNE

SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP

THURSDAY, June 2, 3:00–4:30pm

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, June 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. First Friday coffee will take a break for July and August but will resume again on September 2. The event is sponsored by the Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome!

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Weekends of June 4/5 and 11/12 Following all Masses

You are invited to become a Companion on the Journey to Young Neighbors in Action in St. Louis, MO, this summer! Please keep us in your prayers, and, if you are able, consider supporting us with a financial donation. We will be at all the weekend liturgies June 4/5 and 11/12. You can also make a donation online. Upon our return, you will receive an invitation to the Companions on the Journey Report, an event where we will share with all our supporters the stories and impact of our journey. More information on page 12.

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

ITALY: THE LAND OF THE SAINTS WITH FR HERB HAYEK

OCTOBER 25–NOVEMBER 4, 2016 RSVP

Join Fr. Herb Hayek as he travels to Italy, the Land of the Saints: Francis and Dominic, Clare, and Catherine. To learn more about this special pilgrimage, visit magitravelinc.com, click Italy, and then click the Learn More button below the trip dates. You may view the daily itinerary, hotel accommodations, pricing, and more. You may also register online. Please contact Magi Travel, 952-949-0065, with any questions.



SUMMER EXCITEMENT AT PAX CHRISTI

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: AGE 3-6TH GRADE
JULY 25-29, 9:00am-12:00pm, JULY 30 Celebration, 5:00pm **RSVP**

Summer Bible Camp week at Pax Christi offers a special world of programs and activities for children ages 3 through youth entering 6th grade. Each year during one week in July, Pax Christi comes alive with the excitement of Bible Camp engaging children and youth in worship, crafts, music, games, activities, and our drama team's biblical storytelling bringing bible stories to life! Complete details in right panel. Register online at www.paxchristi.com/biblecamp.



PAXCONNEX: FOR THOSE ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE
JULY 25-29, 9:00am-4:00pm, JULY 30 Celebration, 5:00pm **RSVP**

Join your friends for a fun and faith filled week! In the mornings we will put our faith into action by participating in on- and off-site service activities, followed by a community lunch (included) and exciting new afternoon activities! Our afternoons will consist of activities and games that allow you to grow your leadership skills, peer ministry skills, and build our community – all while having a blast! There is no fee for 10th-12th graders when they participate as a Peer Minister. Register online now. Additional details online at www.paxchristi.com/paxconnexsummer.

THERE IS FUN FOR ADULTS TOO!

We need your help in a variety of ways listed below:

- Fun, Christian music is at the heart of our camp, and each family receives a CD. Our wonderful music team leads us in prayer and praise as we lift our voices to God in song. We're always looking for song leaders to join our team. Rehearsals take place throughout the summer.
- Our dedicated snack team brings our stories to life through food, which is sure to be a hit with the kids. Help as many days as you are able to help prepare and deliver the snacks.
- Our awesome craft team helps prepare and lead the campers in five different crafts. If you like to paint and create, this one's for you. Some of the preparation takes place before the week of camp and can be done at home or sitting by the lake. We will also need help with decorations.
- Games are a hit every year and offer a variety of movement and time to release some energy. Senior high youth and adults are welcome to help lead these activities.
- Photographers are needed to photograph these summer events. Interested? Contact Reneé Dignan, Camp Director, 952-405-7212, or rdignan@paxchristi.com.

YOUTH IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY SUMMER CAMP
June 12-25 at St. John's University, Fee is \$450 **RSVP**

YTM is more than a two-week long summer camp — it's an opportunity to build community with Catholic youth from all over the upper Midwest, develop leadership skills, grow in faith, and discover God's plan for your life! YTM incorporates service projects, engaging classes with college theologians, and all the best camp experiences like canoeing, hiking, volleyball, and even a No Talent Show! For more information about YTM and to sign up, go to www.ytm-sju.org. Pax Christi offers a scholarship to any parish youth who wish to attend the camp. Contact Peter Bierer for more information.



JUNE

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	31	1 TAI CHI LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS	2 SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP	3 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE	4 COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY
TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE – AT ENTRANCE DISPLAYS THROUGH JUNE 5						
5 COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY	6 TAI CHI	7 BAPTISM PREP CLASS	8 TAI CHI LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS	9	10	11 COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY
12 COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY	13 TAI CHI	14 ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE MTG.	15 TAI CHI VIRTUS TRAINING	16	17	18 VIRTUS TRAINING
19	20 TAI CHI	21 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	22 TAI CHI	23	24	25
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Join us in July as Pax Christi comes alive with the excitement of Bible Camp engaging children and youth in worship, crafts, music, games, activities, and our drama team's biblical storytelling bringing Bible stories to life!

Our theme this year is
**Open Hands,
 Open Hearts!**

**open hands!
 open hearts!**



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Register online NOW - www.paxchristi.com