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BEFORE I FORGET...



Fr. Bill Murtaugh
Pastor

THE BEST WORDS ARE
BORN IN THE FECUND
SILENCE THAT MINDS
THE MYSTERY.
—JOHN DONOHUE

The Shawshank Redemption, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, is in the top 10 of my favorite movies. It is a long and complex story, but ultimately it's a story about affirming hope in a place where little hope exists. There is a particularly memorable scene worth reflecting on as all of us face the challenges and opportunities of our AMAZING lives on this earth.

Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) is in prison for allegedly killing his wife, and because of his striking personality and presence, he earns the respect of the warden who puts him in charge of the library. One day, while sorting books, Andy comes across an old 78rpm recording of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. While the guard is distracted, Andy locks the door, puts the record on the player, flicks on the prison sound system, and the beautiful music of a duet love song flows out and fills the whole compound — a compound of grey shadows and hard noises.

All over the prison yard, the empty faces of men are lifted up to the speakers as the music surges across the bleak spaces of an institutional harshness and starving human hearts. Who knows what powerful images and emotions surfaced in their souls during those four timeless minutes of transformation?

"Those two voices," the narrator explains, "were singing about something so beautiful that it cannot be experienced in words, higher than anybody in the dead place dares to dream. It was like some beautiful bird descended into our drab little cage making those hard, black walls dissolve away — and for the briefest moment every last man at Shawshank felt free."

Andy himself said, "You need music so you don't forget that there is something deep within you that they cannot get to, that they cannot touch, something that is always truly yours — I'm talking about possibility." As the film presents it, the music and the love song touched

the hearts of the hardened prisoners. For a brief interval, their hearts were thrown open, and they were swept away to another world. They felt free, despite the dark prison walls that surrounded them.

What beauty stops you in your tracks and opens your heart? We live in a world of the immediate. We are constantly evolving and changing. Progress has been so rapid, especially in this age of technology. But we are also much more unhappy, dissatisfied, and self-absorbed.

What are we missing as we rush through the days of our lives? Are we trying to do it all in our lifetime? There is a need for all of us to be more reflective and more in tune with the beauty and mystery around us and in us. In the busy hectic lives we live, we can miss "the pearl of great price," "the treasure hidden in the field" of our daily living. Of course people have to work, and raising children can be a full time job. But it is unfortunate where too much haste and too much activity shuts out the deeper aspects of life that are revealed to us in silence, music, poetry, creation, art, relationships, and a spiritual life. We may not be aware of it as we rush through life, but God is always with us. As Carl Jung wrote, "Invoked or not invoked, God is always present."





The spiritual hunger of folks living in the 21st century is not for more religion or church activities. It is for contemplative space, for inner freedom, for glimpses of their own inner beauty. St. Irenaeus, almost 2000 years ago, was talking about beauty when he said that the glory of God was the fully alive human being. St. Thomas Aquinas assures us that "God is beauty itself, beautifying all things" — including you and me! Few things in life have the compelling power of beauty. For beauty we were born. For beauty we are nourished. Without it we decay. We have within us the image and likeness of God, the source of all beauty. It is beauty that stirs our soul where it is most tender. Can you slow down and be attentive to your own beauty,

a gift from God, and the beauty that surrounds us in creation and in relationships?

In Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, the character Shug reminds us how fed up God must be when we walk through a field of poppies and fail to notice the color purple. Rabbi Lionel Blue refers to an admonition in the Talmud: "On the Judgement Day we shall be called to account for all the beautiful things we should have enjoyed — and didn't." The Irish poet, Patrick Kavanagh, explains why a pastor worried about the spirituality of his new associate. The younger priest was never awed when the sun opened a flower because he was blind to beauty. He had no imagination, and missed the color purple.

We are all called to remind each other of our Divine loveliness. There is a beautiful way of celebrating Eucharist together, of living the Word, of being present to each other, of dancing with the limping on this sacred earth. We will then believe that by our very presence, every word and every meal we share becomes a small but vibrant sacrament of God's beauty, warming people's hearts by the Divine embrace.

I'd like to conclude with the words of the late Irish spiritual writer, John O'Donohue (1956–2008):

There are no words for the deepest things. Words become feeble when mystery visits and prayer moves into silence. In post-modern culture the ceaseless din of chatter has killed our acquaintance with silence. Consequently, we are stressed and anxious. Silence is a fascinating presence. Silence is shy; it's patient and never draws attention to itself. Without the presence of silence, no words could ever be said or heard. Our thoughts constantly call up new words. We become so taken with words that we barely notice the silence, but the silence is always there. The best words are born in the fecund silence that minds the mystery.

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED



TRULY, CHARITY HAS NO LIMIT; FOR THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS BY GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLING IN EACH ONE OF US, CALLING US TO A LIFE OF DEVOTION AND INVITING US TO BLOOM IN THE GARDEN WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED AND DIRECTING US TO RADIATE THE BEAUTY AND SPREAD THE FRAGRANCE OF HIS PROVIDENCE.

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

ONCE upon a time, I asked a gal pal to tell me what kind of beautiful flowers she had in her garden. She told me that they were Forsythias. I shared that I thought a forsythia was a bush with yellow blossoms, and she replied that all flowers in her garden were named Forsythia as it made people think she knew what she was talking about, and it stopped most gardening questions for which she had no answers. I have since remarked on many a beautiful Forsythia and found that it works fairly well, until I meet someone with gardening knowledge, and then the joke is on me, and I am good with that. Understand, I have no green thumb at all, but I surely do enjoy the sight and smell of a flowering plant. A blooming plant can lighten your step and help you appreciate the simple perfection of nature.

My inability to keep plants alive is well known in my circle of friends and family, so I found it personally ironic when a troubled plant arrived on my desk with a request from the Parish Director that I "may have the perfect sunny window to help nurse this plant back to life." "Me? Surely you jest," I replied. However, the gentle persuasion to "give it a try and see what happens" kept the plant on the desk by the window. It had been a leftover from a previous season, and it sported a long stem with a withered blossom at the end, held in place with clips to a stake and two large, dying leaves at the base. If you are going to attempt plant care, you might as

well start with the stately orchid, right? Three ice cubes once a week was the prescribed care. Nothing changed, and months passed, but I did increase the ice cube quantity and got a third leaf as a reward for my efforts. Finally, I decided that perhaps I needed to change the pot and visited our local purple themed nursery and purchased some potting soil, a new pot, and a tiny orchid in its own pot to serve as a motivational tool for my sad orchid. Chatting it up with the poor plant, weekly ice cubes, and perseverance were all that I had in my bag of plant care tricks. The routine commenced and continued.

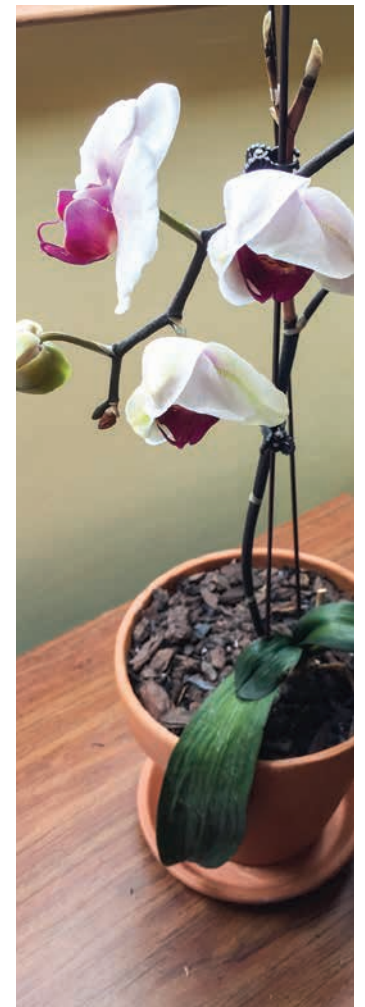
BLOOM. The action of a steward is to not just be but to be the best person God calls us to be. We do best when we find the ways that we can bloom, using our gifts to the fullest that we can. When we let our gifts develop and blossom, we are actively living as stewards and witnesses of our faith. There is nothing better than seeing a person use his/her gifts in the best way.

WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED. You are here in this place at this time for a reason — make the best of it. There is great soil to be found right here in this dynamic faith community. Dig deeply to develop all of the gifts you have been given, and be willing to share those gifts generously with others. Don't wait for the tomorrows to arrive; God calls us to answer the call today and with what we have been given right here and now.

Take advantage of the opportunity to "bloom where you are planted." You may find it is exactly what you need to do to answer God's call to stewardship as a way of life.

By the way, how does Mary's Forsythia garden grow? My determination has resulted in a cluster of buds that will bloom any day now from my formerly sad plant. I am an orchid steward.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.





THANKS BE TO GOD FOR SUMMER

AHHH – there’s something about summer that allows us to just be. Warmer weather naturally creates opportunities for us to linger. I love it when I don’t have to race through dinner just so I have time to walk my dog before the sun sets for the night. Then, of course, there’s nothing more tranquil and calming than sitting on the shores of one of our glorious Minnesota lakes. I could sit for hours. Sometimes I do.

That’s the thing about summer. While our calendars may be filled with family reunions, graduation parties, children/grandchildren activities, or even our self-imposed list of projects we want to get done “while we can,” spiritually, summer always seems calmer. We feel more centered. In the fall, we prepare ourselves for winter; in the winter, we wait in anticipation for spring; and in the spring, we are restless for summer. Summer has a presence all its own.

Thankfully, we are blessed to have immense park systems in our state, which are a perfect complement to our abundant lakes. Even here on our Pax Christi campus, we have a butterfly garden, shrine, outdoor labyrinth, and pond complete with walking path. Nature naturally draws us closer to God. Signs of creation are abundant in the summer months, so I hope you’re able to find some retreat time to both nourish your soul and make deeper connections with nature, yourself, and God. Summer is the perfect time for self-reflection and that all important self-care. Just step outside and begin. A little more adventurous? Consider traveling to an area retreat center. I always find it best to get a date or two on my calendar; the planner in me knows how the best intentions can evaporate if I don’t schedule my time away. Just like we schedule our summer trips, schedule yourself a retreat day in your own back yard or a short drive away. My two daughters and I will soon be heading to the Spirituality

Center at St. Benedict’s Monastery for a Spiritual R & R Day. I’ll pack my journal, sketch book, some spiritual readings, and bible. The challenge, of course, is to not over-pack or over-schedule the time. So while I do tend to bring a lot, I often do very little. The Spirituality Center hosts the day from 9:00am–3:30pm, and I find this gives me just the permission I need to let my mind catch up with my soul. So often I run from one activity to the next without taking the time to experience my experiences! To pause. To reflect. To be.

St. Benedict’s Spirituality Center is just one of many retreat centers within a few hours’ drive. The Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center is practically our neighbor in Prior Lake, Christ the King Retreat Center is on beautiful Lake Buffalo, and St. Paul’s Monastery is located in nearby St. Paul. Each offers times of quiet or guided retreats.

While you begin planning your times to pause and reflect, we are doing some of that here in pastoral ministry as well. A small group of us are gathering over the summer months to plan more opportunities for prayer and reflection right here in our lovely space. We’ll soon begin offering Centering Prayer several times a month, and our hope is that this contemplative practice will both ground us and guide us as we consider other forms and times for prayer and faith-sharing. All are welcome to join us for Centering Prayer (watch for details on dates and times), and if you would like to join us in planning other prayer experiences, I would love to hear from you.

May you have a truly blessed and peace-filled summer. Just be.

Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care.



FAMILY LIFE: PRAYER INSPIRED BY NATURE

LET AWE AND WONDER OF NATURE INSPIRE YOUR FAMILY PRAYER

MY HUSBAND AND I were intentional about emphasizing the beauty and spirituality of nature with our children. Whether it was playing with water, dirt, and rocks, or nature scavenger hunts in the neighborhood and park, or trips to the North Shore or state and national parks throughout their childhood and teen years, we wanted them to experience God through the natural world. Kids are in tune with nature and are particularly sensitive to sensory stimulation.

Nature walks could be peaceful and reflective focusing on sights, sounds, smells, and textures. Any talking centered on awe and wonder. We watched spiders spin webs, ant colonies do their busy work, and birds build nests. We listened to bugs, birds, and frogs. We felt the texture of sand, pinecones, and rocks.

Hikes could be fun, with a goal to show them the wonders of God through creation. Symmetry is everywhere in nature and fun to find. Sometimes we would think of all the species of birds, fish, mammals, or flowers that we could list. Where permissible, we would bring a cloth bag to collect our treasures for scrapbooks. These scrapbooks included pressed flowers, leaves, grasses, moss, seeds, acorns, pine cones, sticks, bark, small stones, feathers, dead dragonflies, beach sand, and shells. In addition, we would write or find prayers and poems to add to their nature scrapbooks. See the sidebar box for a list of suggested items for your nature intentions.

Our children are young adults now and continue to spend time with the Divine in nature. They find it revitalizing and restorative. There are many ways to pray with nature. Some ideas and prayers are provided below. Happy trails!



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PRAYING WITH NATURE

The Bible contains numerous prayers of praise inspired by creation. A few examples include:

- Genesis 1:1–2:3 *The Creation Story*
- Psalm 104 *The Promise of God the Creator*
- Psalm 148 *All Creation Summoned to Praise*
- Job 38–39 *God's Speech*

TEENS enjoy the poetry of Jesuit priest Gerard Manley Hopkins. Search *The Windhover*, *Pied Beauty*, and *God's Grandeur*.

EXAMEN. Reflect on how you encounter the presence of God in nature.

LECTIO DIVINA. Follow this method of meditative prayer using the natural world around you as "text." For the first step, spend time "reading" your environment by either actively exploring it or by being still and quietly observing. Share with one another: What did you see? What did you hear? Then prayerfully meditate on the meaning of what you "read."

DISCUSS CHURCH TEACHING ON CREATION. Since ancient times, the natural world has been one of the ways that people come to know God and experience God's glory (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraph #32, 299; *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* #487). God calls on us to respect creation for its own sake. The Church rejects views that reduce the natural world to something to be manipulated and exploited (*Compendium* #463). Creation has its own intrinsic value, for the simple reason that God made it and called it "good" (Genesis 1). God loves and cares for each creature (*Catechism* paragraph #342), so we should, too.



- Good Morning Dear Earth** (hands as if holding earth on abdomen)
- Good Morning Dear Sun** (stretch arms above head in a circular arc)
- Good Morning Dear Trees** (stretch arms to side, like tree branches)
- And the Flowers Everywhere** (hands holding flowers on ground)
- Good Morning Dear Beasts** (hands as if petting a dog, etc..)
- And the Birds in the Trees** (hands "fly" away like birds flying away)
- Good Morning Dear You and Good Morning Dear Me.** (hands reaching toward each other then cross over chest)

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures. –St. Francis

Christ within us,
Light above us,
Earth beneath us,
Love surrounds us.
 –from *EcoCongregation Ireland*

Praying
It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.
 –Mary Oliver

- ITEMS FOR NATURE WALKS:**
 Sifter tray
- For a nature scrapbook:**
 Scrapbook or Smash book
 Mini or snack-size Ziploc® bags or clear pockets made for scrapbooks
 Tape — clear, decorative or other
 Marker, pen, or pencil
 Flower press
- For a nature box:**
 Box
 Ziploc® bags
 Small Jars
 Labels or masking tape
 Marker, pen, pencil as desired

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.

COME TO THE TABLE!

Welcome to the Table. Our community warmly welcomes those who prepared and celebrated their First Communion! Congratulations!

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| John Abercrombie | King Lopez |
| Ella Abrahamson | John McCartan |
| Michael Anderson | Alison McCartan |
| Kate Anderson | Paul McComas-Bussa |
| Alexis Bauleke | Maggie McGee |
| Jacob Belmont | Abigail McGuire |
| Harris Benson | Kensley McQuillan |
| Zane Beskar | Luna Mendoza |
| Brady Bohn | Isabel Merriman |
| Bennett Boysen | Emma Nelson |
| Gabriel Brandt | Alexander Neumann |
| Maria Breidall | Greta Nieman |
| Connor Buehler | Allison Olk |
| Trey Buetow | Ivy Ostwald |
| Kaelyn Campbell | Presley Pauling |
| Eva Mae Canonico | Sophie Pearce |
| Jacey Coleen Dacanay | Xander Ponkin |
| Katelyn Derosier | Rosemary Power |
| Owen Ellis | Gavin Remmers |
| William Elmquist | Hudson Repice |
| Kaitlyn Foss | Lily Robbins |
| Marissa Francis | Tanya Rodrigues |
| Colin Frodermann | Graciela Rosales |
| Claudia Garcia | Tyler Saccoman |
| Alhexis Guerrero Rojas | Megan Sagers |
| Emme Hansen | Raya Sanchez |
| Nicholas Haynes | Luke Sather |
| Kyah Johnson | Ty Schlagel |
| Benjamin Jones | Cameron Scott |
| Gavin Karl | Shea Seliga |
| Isabelle Kaufman | Cameron Sisko |
| Owen Kieffer | Harper Tagg |
| Michael Kihne | Carter Tanious |
| Thomas Kihne | Sophia Thieringer |
| Campbell Koch | Catherine Toren |
| Morgan Koch | Gabriella Voll |
| Abigail Lane | Lennon von Ruden-Doll |
| Ben Lenius | Grace Wieber |
| Olivia Leyk | Avery Woodrow |
| Bonarissa Lobo | |





CONFIRMED IN COMMUNITY

Congratulations to our newly-confirmed 10–12th graders who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Fr. Bill Murtaugh this year at Pax Christi. May the fire of the Holy Spirit burn within them as they continue on their journey of faith as fully-initiated members of the Catholic Christian community!

Matthew Thomas Armstrong
Renata Grace Basic
Gresh Richard Basic
Juliana Christine Battista
Jacob Douglas Bechtold
Erik James Best
John Henry Boulay
Samuel Roland Bourassa
Taylor Patricia Buehler
Anna Chiara Check
Jadyn Jae Christensen
Justin Robert Cloutier
Michaela Marie Cummings
Rachel Joyce DeCesare
Mikaela Ann Hansen DeMartelaere
Isabella De Carlo Dervin
Drew Kirkpatrick Edwards
Nadia Gavidae English
Erin Margaret Farrell
Sarah Rose Fier
Andrew Jacob Finnegan
Caitlin Joan Fox

Kaya Jo Gendreau
Ryan Thomas Hanahoe
Garrett Thomas Harinen
Abbie Madison Hengel
Alexis Briovonnay Howe
Britt Marlene Huss
Tracy Virginia Gee Joe
Theodore Gene Johnson
Jack Roger Kelley
Anna Clare Klysen
Matthew Leland Lamberty
Matthew Charles Larsen
Sydney Marie Lebens
Tyler John Littmann
Grace Mackenzie Lybeck
Christian John Martin
Caleb Michael Martin
Aaron Robert Martinka
Catherine Fiona McComas-Bussa
Molly Ann McGee
Garrett Michael McLaughlin
Megan Elisabeth Meckey

Emma Rosanne Mertes
Keegan James Meyer
Lukas Cole Miketa
Joshua Charles Millerbernd
Zachary Allen Miranda
Andrew Thomas Moss
Shaelyn Paige Muldowney
Jacqueline Anne Myles
Molly Margaret Nelson
David Allen Nelson
Jackson Quinn Newell
Britta Marie Nieson
Andrew Marc Nosal
Makayla Rose O'Laughlin
Carson Thomas Olk
Katherine Louise Olsen
Eric Ryan Oppegard
Colin James Osborne
Griffin Hall Pfeiffer
Timothy Joseph Piechowski
Priscilla Shea Prouty
Christian Luca Ramirez

Grace Katherine Rau
Cayla Lynn Reed
Spencer Dean Rudrud
Jonathan Michael Ruggiero
Mikayla Erica Ann Runge
Blake William Ruthford
Nicole Coleen Schluck
Brittany Rose Sletten
Ryan Chase Stich
Ellie Ann Stoffel
Alexa Jeanne Tessmann
Mackenzie Cory Townsend
Tanner Lawrence Trevena
Kathryn Jane Trudell
Matthew George Wasson
Cole Patrick Finnegan Woerner
Sydney Christine Zetting
Kate Marie Zimmerman
Abby Lynn Zimmerman
Anna Caroline Zucker

WELCOME TO THE NEW BRANCHES ON OUR VINE!

AT OUR Easter Vigil, our new Catholic Christian adults celebrated their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They now enter life and community as disciples—branches of Jesus, the vine. They will move into the sacraments, participate in the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite, and continue to explore the question: What skills, experiences, relationships, and understandings do I need in my life in order to live as a disciple? This is a lifelong question that we all ask and continue to grow into.

A most important aspect of growth in discipleship is relationship with Jesus—our role model. We do this in many ways through prayer and community. Strengthening community relationships as full participants is part of the growth as a disciple. The sacraments are key to life as a disciple. Sharing the liturgy of the Eucharist with the same enthusiasm and receptivity that we've brought to the Liturgy of the Word is a discipleship skill. Increasing our understanding of our gifts and skills for discipleship is a privilege and a responsibility met through scripture, community, and prayer.

Welcome our new branches: Edison Kor, Melissa Moskalik, Sarah Poppler, Vorak Seng, and Christian Ramirez. Enjoy the photographs of the initiation of our new disciples, those who have become our new co-workers in the vineyard at our Easter Vigil. Are you interested in becoming a new branch of the vine through our RCIA process? Let's talk by contacting me at 952-405-7230 or lschelitzche@paxchristi.com.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.



I AM THE VINE, YOU
ARE THE BRANCHES.
WHOEVER REMAINS IN
ME AND I IN HIM WILL
BEAR MUCH FRUIT,
BECAUSE WITHOUT ME
YOU CAN DO NOTHING.
—JOHN 15:5





IN THESE TIMES, MELT OUR HEARTS TO WELCOME ALL

*In these times, when thousands flee in desp'rate fear,
Cast adrift and wand'ring paths unknown,
Leaving home and risking all to find no welcome here—
Melt our hearts and teach us mercy in these times.
In these times may we, who once were strangers here,
Welcome Christ, the stranger at the door.*

*With the love that dares to trust and faith that quenches fear,
Let us make a home of welcome in these times.*

—In These Times by Marty Haugen. Copyright GIA publications

IN THESE TIMES of social, political, and economic uncertainty, it may be that you and I would like to pull the covers over our heads and wait for the discord and fear to simply go away. Fear of strangers, mistrust of authority, division in families and communities, struggle, shaming, and blaming characterize our current dominant narrative. How are we to breathe and move and work and play and begin to bring peace to the world under these conditions — in these times?

Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost Sunday.

Perhaps it is a time to remember the sound of strong and driving winds, the feeling of the house shaking, and the sight of tongues of fire suddenly appearing.

Did the disciples know right away that it was the Holy Spirit coming to shake them out of their safe space and out into the world? It is in this frightening and moving experience that the disciples find the strength and inspiration to move out into the world to spread the good news.

On Pentecost, we celebrate the fulfilment of the promise that Jesus made to the disciples and to us. We are reminded that we, too, are gifted with the breath and fire of the Holy Spirit. We are shaken from our upper rooms, where we have pulled the covers over our heads, to go out and know and love our neighbors.

During these summer months, we at Pax Christi will have many opportunities to take a deep dive into one of the pressing issues of our time: immigration. We will be offering many ways for our community to come together to wrestle together with what our response as a community will be to the pressing needs of many who are displaced and seeking to build home and community in our midst. We hope that many of you will join us in the conversation. Stay tuned for the details.

A blessed and fiery Pentecost to all!

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Liturgy and Justice Coordinator.

LAUNCH OF THE PAX CHRISTI COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

LOVE IS NOT A WORD, IT IS A DEED, A SERVICE; HUMBLE SERVICE, HIDDEN AND SILENT IT ENTAILS PUTTING AT OTHERS' DISPOSAL THE GIFTS THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN US, SO THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT THRIVE (CF. 1 COR 12:4-11). FURTHERMORE, IT IS EXPRESSED IN THE SHARING OF MATERIAL GOODS, SO THAT NO ONE BE LEFT IN NEED. THIS SHARING WITH AND DEDICATION TO THOSE IN NEED IS THE LIFESTYLE THAT GOD SUGGESTS, EVEN TO NON-CHRISTIANS, AS THE AUTHENTIC PATH OF HUMANITY.

—POPE FRANCIS HOLY
THURSDAY SERMON 3/12/16

How are we **CALLED TO SERVE**? It is a theme for this year for Pax Christi but also an important question that we have asked and answered as individuals, families, and as a community of faith since 1981. The core values of Justice and Lifelong Learning have been central to the mission and vision of Pax Christi. We gave away the entire first collection at our first Mass in 1981, and from that point, we have continued to be leaders in service. In fact, since 1981, Pax Christi has given over \$4 million in 661 Justice Grants to over 200 organizations. This is a cause for celebration, but we believe we can do more. We learned of a program offered by the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) where parishes could apply for the Delora Mayer Matching Grant to help start a parish endowment program. CCF is a professional steward and financial partner with expert endowment managers, aligned with the teachings of our Catholic faith. A presentation was made to the CCF Board (of which Archbishop Hebda is a member), and we were thrilled to learn that the story of Pax Christi and our dedication to Justice and Lifelong Learning was a “home run,” and the parish was awarded the grant.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

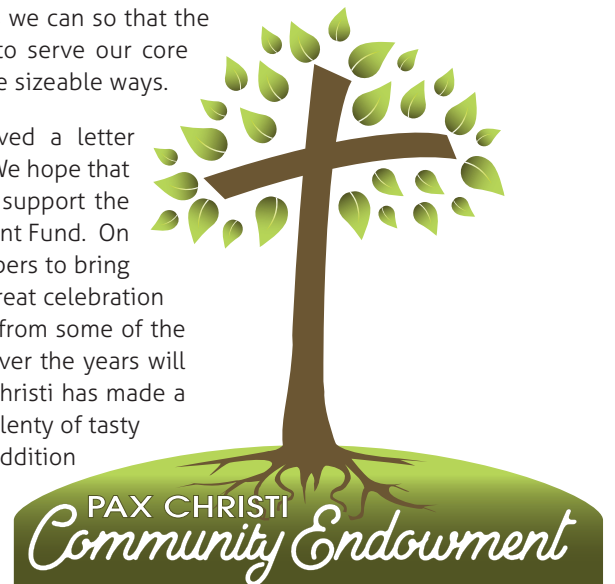
A parish endowment is an investment fund that lasts forever. It is managed to protect and grow the principal in perpetuity. As long as the principal is safe and growing, the parish receives a part of the investment income — a grant — to use each year. Over time, as the principal grows, this annual grant grows, too.

THE TIME IS NOW.

Here is where the people of Pax Christi can participate. In order to receive this matching grant, we are required to raise money from the members of the community, specifically designated for the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund, by June 30, 2017. Gifts given to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund are in addition to your regular stewardship participation. There is no gift too small, and each gift makes a difference. Pax Christi also will participate in the startup funding. In the future, we will continue to support the Endowment Fund through memorial gifts, bequests, etc., but at this time, we want to start the fund with as much capital as we can so that the first grants received next year will allow us to serve our core values of Justice and Lifelong Learning in more sizeable ways.

Each of our households has recently received a letter sharing the news of this exciting opportunity. We hope that as many members as possible will join us to support the launch of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. On Pentecost weekend, June 3-4, we ask all members to bring their donations to the Endowment Fund in a great celebration of our community response. Representatives from some of the many organizations that we have supported over the years will be present to share their stories of how Pax Christi has made a difference in the lives of many. We will have plenty of tasty treats for all as we celebrate this exciting new addition to Pax Christi and our future.

*Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of
Stewardship and Development.*



PAX CHRISTI'S PRINCIPLE OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

THIS IS THE THIRD in a series of three articles that the Member Engagement Committee is reflecting on and exploring in more detail.

SHARE, LOVE, AND GROW. Together we share, love, and grow by creating genuine relationships with all in our faith community. These relationships are the foundation for building our spiritual home.

COMMENTARY. Hospitality has been an essential of Christianity since the earliest days. It is one way for us as Christians living in the 21st century to live as Christ lived, tending to the poorest and least members of society. As Deacon Ramón García wrote: "We need to get close to others, with Christ's eyes, giving happily to others a space where they can feel free to arrive, to be, to feel at home, to rest, to play, to speak, to be silent, to eat, and to share. This makes us be hospitable with those that suffer, those that are strangers, those that are different" [1].

When we listen to others, we form bonds with them, bonds which reinforce self-worth. We feel better when we know that another person is present and listening to us. In this humble and ordinary conversation, we connect our ordinary actions to God's plan and purpose. In fact, being hospitable is doing ordinary things day in and day

out with other ordinary human beings. Most of life is not about big things but ordinary things.

The truth about life is that you and I need other people to help us grow spiritually through those ordinary relationships. And we help each other discover our true selves.

As mentioned in an earlier article, building a relationship takes spiritual work. Hospitality is a spiritual practice, and spirituality is about relationships. When we practice hospitality, we grow spiritually. The vision statement of Pax Christi "calls for each member to engage in active and generous service to each other, our community, and the greater world." By being hospitable, we grow in faith. We grow stronger as a community. A stronger community is an engaged community. It is because of these genuine relationships with our fellow members that we all call Pax Christi our Home.

The Pax Christi value statement on hospitality says "we nurture and build community through our attitudes, actions, and activities"[2].

OUR ATTITUDES. Am I willing to be open to others in our community? To those who are different than myself? Do I want to let the love that God flows into me to flow to others,

as I serve them? Do I see others as children of God, just as I am?

OUR ACTIONS. Do I comfort others in their sorrow? Do I meet them in their loneliness? Do I share in their joy? Do I do those ordinary things with them and for them?

OUR ACTIVITIES. Do I participate in our communal celebrations and events? Do I minister to others? Do I utilize my strengths for the betterment of this community? Do I let others minister to me? Am I helping to make Pax Christi a stronger community? A more engaged community?

The people of Pax Christi have always been hospitable, both to fellow parishioners and to

others. As Fr. Michael Joncas wrote: "Let us carry on that proud, beautiful, and often heroic tradition of sacred hospitality. May we greet others with the warmth of our presence and the kindness of our smile. May we, like those in the Church before us, always see the face of Christ in those we meet. May we show others — through our acts and deeds — the love 'as the Father has loved us' [1]."

[1] Hospitality360Toolkit, Archdiocese of St Paul-Minneapolis, available at www.archspm.org/resources_documents/hospitality-360-toolkit

[2] Pax Christi website: On home page under 'About Us' tab, click on 'Mission, Vision, Value Statements'

Written by Dave Putrich, Member Engagement Steering Committee.





Left to right: Dave Wagner, Joe Stich, Kate Lohrenz, Joan Paré, Carolyn Zucker, Bruce Koehn, Lisa Cox, Jane Schmitz – Parish Director.

PAX CHRISTI STRATEGIC PLANNING

PAX CHRISTI has a long history rooted in leadership by parishioners just like you and me. Since the community was founded in 1981, parishioners have helped to set the goals and direction of the parish every step of the way. One way this is accomplished is by forming a committee every 3 to 5 years to evaluate and update the Pax Christi Strategic Plan.

This year, a new Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to create a comprehensive plan for 2018 to 2021. We are tasked with looking at the parish as a complete entity and developing initiatives that will support Pax Christi's vision, mission, and ministry goals. Our process will involve several steps over the next year including:

- studying and understanding the current state of our parish and the larger community,
- listening to and engaging with others across the parish,
- identifying key issues that may face the parish during our planning time frame (2018–2021),
- reviewing our current vision, mission, and core values and suggest revisions as appropriate,
- setting concrete goals for the future.

We ask for your prayers for collaborative communication, vision, and service to the Pax Christi Community. If you have any thoughts you would like to share with the committee, please email strategicplan@paxchristi.com.

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PARISHIONER NEWS

APRIL BAPTISMS

Juliet James Betlach	4/23/2017
Henry Steven Foltz	4/23/2017
Lee James Orrock	4/23/2017
Hunter Theodore Quick	4/23/2017
Greta Hope Rislund	4/30/2017
McLean William Smith	4/30/2017

APRIL FUNERALS

Corinne Jane Smith	4/5/2017
Paul J. Deegan	4/7/2017
Thomas Heffernan	4/8/2017
Walter J. Maher	4/20/2017
Robert W. Wilcox	4/21/2017
Earl J. Smith	4/29/2017

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

- Jose Baybay
- Randall and Kimberly Bradley
- Mark and Pamela Golenzer
- Mark and Ruth Holewinski
- Juvy Jhovay
- Patricia Pierce



READINGS FOR JUNE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2017

Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8/Mk 12:38-44

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11, 2017

Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2017

Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2017

Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33
Monday:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17

JUNE

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am

Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and pastries in the Chief Joseph room. Please stay and join us at 10:00am as we plan a variety of events for next year. New ideas are welcome! The event is sponsored by the Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond. First Friday coffee will take a break for July, August, and September, but will resume again on October 6.

ENDOWMENT FUND CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Weekend of June 3/4

Since 1981, Pax Christi has given over \$4 million in Justice Grants to over 200 organizations. You should have received information about the launch of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund, which will allow us to perpetuate support for the core values, mission, and ministries of Pax Christi Catholic Community forever. Join us on the weekend of June 3/4 for your opportunity to participate and celebrate the launch of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund.

MAKE PLANS NOW

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS AT PAX CHRISTI

Tuesday, July 4, 9:00am

Please join us for Independence Day Mass at 9:00am in the sanctuary. Please note, the parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the Holiday beginning at 12:00noon on July 3. The building will close following Mass on July 4. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

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.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP WEEK — REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Week of July 24–28, 9:00am–12:00pm, Ages 3 years – 6th grade **RSVP**

What Would Jesus DO? Our theme for this year's Bible Camp allows our campers and volunteers to explore fun and outreach as we spread the love of Jesus throughout our world. This year we will be sharing our craft creations with local care centers, YouthLink, PROP, and the CAP agency. Our campers and hundreds of volunteers will experience the joy of Christmas in July, the first miracle performed by Jesus, the calming of the stressful "seas" in our lives, and the first "happy meal." We welcome ages three to 100 to participate. Register your children and grandchildren, and then volunteer and grow in your own faith as your children grow in theirs.

2017 SUMMER SERVICE AND JUSTICE TRIP

June 25–July 1, Detroit, MI; \$500 (Register with \$50 deposit) **RSVP**

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

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: ARTISTS NEEDED

Saturday, December 2, 9:00am–3:00pm

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. The application deadline is August 14.



 Pax Christi Catholic Community Presents

Ages 3 Years
- 6th Grade
July 24-28
9:00am-Noon

THE BEST WEEK OF YOUR SUMMER!

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
What Would Jesus Do?

Questions?
Contact Reneé Dignan
at rdignan@paxchristi.com

Register online at
www.paxchristi.com



JUNE

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	30	31	1	2 FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	3 ENDOWMENT CELEBRATION WEEKEND
4 ENDOWMENT CELEBRATION WEEKEND PENTECOST	5	6 BAPTISM PREP CLASS	7	8	9	10
11 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	19	20 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1





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