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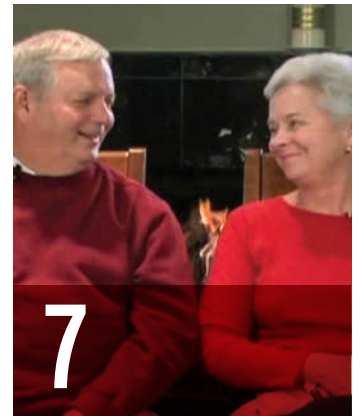
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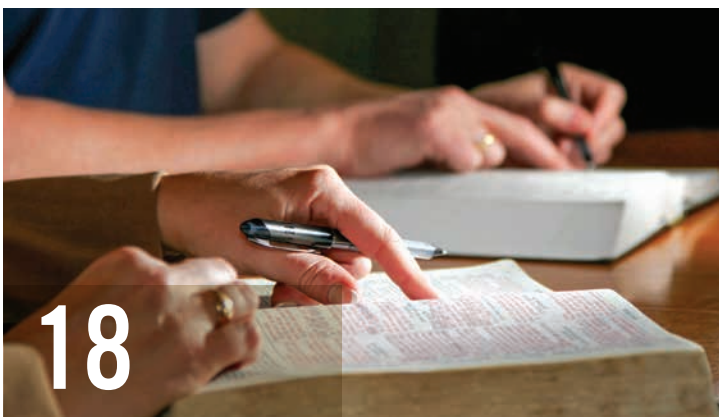
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FORTY DAYS AND FORTY WAYS



Fr. Marc Paveglia
Parochial Vicar

METAL. Wires. Rubber bands. Floss. Springs. Levers. Dental tools I never knew existed. These things have been my life during the last 18 months that I have had *orthodontic braces*. When I was 15 years old I had braces the first time, and when they came off I can clearly remember my first orthodontist grimacing and saying, “You know, I *really think* you should consider correcting your back teeth too — not just the front — since I can see some possible problems down the road.” I said, “Thanks, no thanks, doc!” and ran out of that office as fast as I could.

Seventeen years later I humbly admit, “You were right, doc!” Now that I’m nearing the end of my belated treatment, however, I’m so grateful for the relief of the pain and grinding that I had before.

As we enter Lent this year, we remember that not only has God saved us, but that He continues to heal us from the sinful pain and grinding we discover in our wounded hearts. He does this by “correcting” and “realigning” our spirits from the inside out. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are our Lenten tools that even Jesus recommended (cf. Matthew 6). Below you can find a list of 40 creative ideas for the 40 days of Lent that allow God to become our divine physician.

1 Celebrate the **Sacrament of Forgiveness**, receiving the merciful love of Jesus Christ, no matter how long it’s been since your last confession.

2 Bring your family to worship at **daily Mass** at Pax Christi, letting the sacred silence, sacred scriptures, and sacred Eucharist transform your restlessness into the peace of Christ.

3 If you don’t have a **crucifix** in your home, purchase one and mount it. For 40 days, stand before it and recite the prayer named the *Anima Christi*.

4 Read one of the **four gospels** in a single sitting.

5 Do something to take a step toward **sexual integrity**. Download and use the tool Covenant Eyes (covenanteyes.com).

6 Spend **Sundays without technology**. Unplug. Keep your phone on airplane mode. Spend time going for a walk with your family, playing a board game, and sharing stories with each other.

7 Learn about a **social justice** issue that energizes you to action. Contribute financially to an organization that takes a stand for the marginalized. Spend a weekend volunteering to serve others.

8 Read a few pages of a **spiritual book** each day. Make a copy of a section that interests you and share it with someone.

9 Learn how to pray the **Liturgy of the Hours** (also called the Divine Office and the Breviary), one of the “best kept secrets” of the Church’s spirituality. Download iBreviary on your device or visit ibreviary.org/en/tools/ibreviary-web.html.

10 Take **cold showers**. Unite yourself in solidarity with those who don’t have access to clean water or warm shelter.

11 **Memorize** each of the “Penitential Psalms” during Lent (Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143) — one each week.

12 Become a better steward of creation. **Turn off the lights** when you’re done in a room. Use less water. Make more informed decisions about the consumer items you buy. Walk short distances instead of driving.

13 Turn off the radio when you’re driving in the car. Make your commute as **monastic** an experience as possible.



14 Give up **social media** for Lent. Use the time you would spend online in prayerful conversation with Jesus. Buy a book on prayer and begin learning the art of Christian meditation.

15 Call to mind someone who is going through an **ordeal**. Then pray the Stations of the Cross and meditate on carrying their cross with them the whole way.

16 Obey all traffic laws. Stop at all red lights. **Stop texting and driving.** Drive the speed limit. Offer your frustrations on the road as a sacrifice to God.

17 Take up the "**heroic minute**." When your alarm goes off, no snooze button! Get on your knees immediately and make a morning offering.

18 Bake some cookies and give them to **someone you find difficult to like**.

19 Learn how to pray the **holy rosary**. Each day offer the prayers for a different family member.

20 For 40 days, write a note of **encouragement** to someone you know, or write some to a few strangers who aren't expecting it.

21 Give up **meat** for the entire season of Lent—or try abstaining on Mondays in addition to Fridays.

22 Get to know your **neighbors**. Invite them over for dinner. Offer them a gift. Invite them to visit Pax Christi with you.

23 Look up how much you spent on dining out last month. Stop into **PROP** (propfood.org) in person, meet the staff, and donate that same amount with a check.

24 **Simplify.** Donate, recycle, or dispose of something unneeded in your home every day for 40 days.

25 Choose encouragement over negativity. Each time you want to gossip or criticize someone, instead **name something good** you see in the other person.

26 Offer 40 days of **forgiveness**. Prayerfully ask God to reveal to you the people who have hurt you most in life, and each day offer an act of forgiveness in your heart. Pray for the grace to always forgive your enemies as Christ teaches.

27 Visit a **non-Christian** house of worship in your area. Spend time getting to know the people there. Email the leaders of their community to tell them of your prayers and that you are eager to welcome them any time to Pax Christi.

28 Park in the farthest spot in the **parking lot**. Leave the best spots for someone else. Talk to God during your longer walk to the front doors.

29 **Visit** a nursing home or elderly care residence with a friend. Visit with the residents, sing some hymns, and ask for their prayer intentions.

30 Go one day each week without makeup or hair product. Ask the Holy Spirit to replace any sense of self-concern with a sense of **seeing the beauty in other people**.

31 **Pay it forward.** When you're in line to check out at the cash register or drive through, pay for the person behind you.

32 Reflect on the **Sunday readings** on the previous Sunday.

33 Pray the "**Litany of Humility**" each day. It's hard to find a more challenging prayer than this one.

34 Offer your professional services to someone **pro bono**. If they insist on giving financially, ask them to donate to your favorite charity.

35 Learn how to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**.

36 Take Saturdays to **volunteer** with an organization that serves the poor and needy in your local area.

37 Invite a bunch of strangers to come with you to **the Pax Christi Fish Dinner** on March 16.

38 **Fast** from everything that makes you more a machine than a human.

39 Create a **sacred space** in your home or office. Place sacred images on a table with a Bible and crucifix. Spend a little time each day reverencing this small shrine.

40 **Ask God to challenge your faith** in a new way that will make you rely entirely on His grace.

LENT SCHEDULE

Lenten Cross Exhibit on display through Holy Week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm Fridays, March 2, 9, 23

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - (PRIVATE)

3:30–4:30pm Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00pm

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE

Friday, March 16, Meal begins at 5:00pm

WALKING THE WAY: CONTEMPORARY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 16, 6:30pm

PALM SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

March 25 at Masses

TRIDUUM/EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

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

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

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

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – NO PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00am Easter Mass
9:00am Easter Mass
9:00am Easter Mass in Nazareth Hall
11:00am Easter Mass
11:00am Easter Mass in Nazareth Hall
(No 5:00pm Mass)

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Building closed, no morning Mass

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: “ALL IS GIFT, ALL IS GRACE”

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00pm

All is gift and all is grace:

Joys that we treasure, sorrows we must face.

*Blessed the pilgrim who learns to embrace
that all is gift and all is grace.*

THE WORDS given to us by composer Marty Haugen, “All is Gift, All is Grace,” remind us that everything we are or have is a gift from God—grace freely and generously given. A gift is not an activity of exchange nor does it create an obligation. Our gift from God is pure grace, freely offered to bring us to wholeness, to become the people we were born to be.

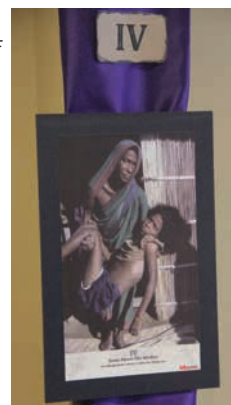
We gather as a community of graced believers to examine our lives, recognizing that we are capable of doing wrong, but that God's mercy is always available. We express our sorrow for causing hurt, and we ask for the grace to make up for what we've done and for the grace to change our behavior. The Holy Spirit invites us simply to come back, to draw closer, to revel in forgiveness, blessing, gift, grace.

Opportunity for private confession will be available.

WALKING THE WAY

Friday, March 16, 6:30pm

AGAIN this year we will provide the opportunity to experience a unique *Way of the Cross*, published by the Maryknoll Fathers. When we follow the *Way of the Cross*, we are given the opportunity to place ourselves into the passion of Jesus, grieving for the evils against ourselves or others. Our world still suffers from oppression and crucifixion. Can we take the time to realize who God has created each of us to be? Meditating on these depictions and realizing that we have a chance to move beyond our shortcomings, we can seek forgiveness and experience the great gift of this holy season. Please join us Friday, March 16, 6:30pm, for this unique opportunity once again this year at Pax Christi.



A TIME TO SHARE BLESSINGS



JUST WHAT DOES it look like these days to be a disciple on a mission? Would you describe a disciple who follows the one true Master, or a disciple who gives away hours, uses their talents and shares treasures to build up others which in turn builds up the Church?

Meet Joe and Jan Michels. They've called Pax Christi their home for nearly 30 years, and more than a few hours of that time has been given away. You're only going to hear a small part of their story—a story that proves God causes even mathematics to swerve with the gospel. Surely, anyone who knows anything about math knows that when you give something away you have less than when you started. But as Joe and Jan's life testifies, mathematical contradictions abound. It's all about disciples and multiplication. Really, the impact of stewardship for them was from day one. It all began when Jan was 16 years old and at a training to become a catechist. She was a teenager giving away time to learn how to give away more time teaching the faith to children. Joe was at the same training. They met that day and have been married for 51 years.

Over the years they've continued their service to the Church both together and individually. Jan loves spending time working with Meals on Wheels and Loaves and Fishes. Joe is a lector, works on training for Virtus throughout the diocese, and has served on several Church councils. Joe recalled work on the Facilities Council during the recent remodeling of the Church and the rectory saying, "I've always found the people of Pax Christi so willing to volunteer and help out whenever needed in all aspects of the Church." Both Joe and Jan are also Eucharistic Ministers.

As if that weren't enough, for the past several years, they've gotten much of their family involved with the Lenten Fish Dinner. In 2014, Jan and Joe, along with their two daughters and grandchildren, volunteered to help. Since that time Joe has cooked nearly every piece of fish for that meal and Jan has washed nearly every dish. Joe admits that time spent fishing in the Canadian wilderness and cooking fish for large groups up there has been a training ground for what he does now. Of course they'll be the first to admit that it has not always been smooth going, but that it has always worked out in the end. Once during the Lenten Fish Dinner, just as their

daughter and grandchild were bringing out a tray for the beginning rush, they bumped into someone and all the fish ended up on the floor. However, even with occasional flops, they've never run out of fish and still send some home with people at the end.

As any family, they have had their ups and downs, yet they speak generously of how they have had a blessed life and that giving their help in whatever way is how they can bless the people around them. Joe explains, "When you do something right, we all know how it feels good, but giving is just multiplied a hundred times when it's done in an environment of stewardship giving."

I guess disciples on a mission give back the very blessings they've been given. Just like the manna the Israelites received in the desert, no hoarding is allowed lest it go stale; they needed to learn to trust in God. The Michels' blessings are multiplied many times in the people they help and work with every moment they serve. Now, that is a formula for mission work in our busy modern life.

Written by Liz Georgioff, parishioner

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE FRIDAY, MARCH 16, BEGINNING AT 5:00PM

Connect with fellow parishioners and participate in a long-standing Pax Christi Lenten tradition. Enjoy fellowship along with two delicious varieties of fish. There's even macaroni and cheese for the kids and dessert for everyone. No reservations needed. Invite a friend or neighbor to join in for the BEST fish dinner around!





EASTER BASKETS BRING JOY

East Side Learning Center, Sr. Audrey – Twelve Baskets Easter Basket Drive Recipient

YOU have touched the hearts of children at East Side Learning Center. When our kindergartners and first-graders were presented with the colorful Easter/Spring baskets, our students were totally surprised. The sparkle of delight in their eyes and their spontaneous dancing for joy revealed their excitement! Our students were awed by the fact that "people who don't even know us are being good friends!" Hnub Ci voiced this thought and the others around her agreed. The generous members of Pax Christi have surprised our students with baskets, which for many, was their first ever! Besides containing the traditional candy, the baskets also included treasured books, games, sidewalk chalk, small toys, shampoo, toothbrushes, and other personal items. This generosity also provided our students the opportunity to share with their own families as the members of Pax Christi had shared with them. Very quickly after receiving the baskets, we heard little ones talking about how he/she was going to give things in the basket to a sibling or parent when they got home. They genuinely seemed as excited about giving as they did about receiving. What a great lesson our friends at Pax Christi taught them!

East Side Learning Center (ESLC) strives to be a major force in "unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading." ESLC fulfills this mission by providing year-round, one-on-one

reading tutoring at no cost to families for St. Paul children (K-3) who read below grade level and do not have the resources to get help.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame founded ESLC in 2001 in response to a request by the East Side Neighborhood Development Company who asked the Sisters to help address unmet educational needs in the struggling East Side neighborhoods of St. Paul. These neighborhoods are home to large refugee, immigrant, and minority populations. The Sisters responded with a pilot program at an elementary school with 25 volunteers, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and 19 children. Since then, ESLC has expanded to multiple sites. Thanks to the commitment of over 200 volunteers, 280 children currently receive daily tutoring, four times a week at five elementary school sites.

Written by Sr. Audrey Lindenfelser, East Side Learning Center

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Sponsored by Twelve Baskets

Collection Weekends: March 10/11 and 17/18

Twelve Baskets Ministry invites us once again to use our imaginations to create colorful, bountiful Easter Baskets for children in need. Some suggestions: crayons, books for K-6, small games, coloring books, small toys, school supplies, healthy snacks, small amounts of Easter candy, personal care items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo. If possible, please wrap your Easter Basket in cellophane. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Rosary Parish, south Minneapolis; Extension Services, north Minneapolis; East Side Learning Center, East St. Paul. Note that empty baskets, items to fill them, and gift cards are always welcome. Thank you for responding with a generous heart!



TRIDUUM (THE THREE DAYS)

The Triduum challenges us as disciples of Jesus to “pass over” from our old ways and to go forth to a new life of freedom, an invitation to a new way of seeing and being. It requires our letting go of things we may regard as important.

This Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Christ, is too big to celebrate in one day or even three. A lifetime does not suffice for us to ponder the mystery of God revealed in the passion and resurrection of Jesus. We are invited to enter into these three days with open hearts as we celebrate the mystery of our faith.



March 29, 7:00pm Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

We gather as a family to commemorate the supper of the Lord on the night before He died. We celebrate this sacrament of love unto death. We celebrate our own sacrament of service — the washing of the feet. We celebrate “being Church” and our mission to serve one another in love.



March 31, 8:00pm The Easter Vigil (Nightwatch of the Lord's Resurrection)

On this most holy night, we gather at the fire to tell the stories we hold dear, the stories our ancestors gave us as a heritage. We wait alongside the waters of baptism to pass through the waters to the banquet table of new life. “This is the Night” for our broken world to be made whole. We renew our baptismal promises. We celebrate with our catechumens and candidates.

We are sent forth to be light for those in darkness, to be story for those without hope, to be rebirth and resurrection for those in death and decay, to be bread and wine for those who are starving for food, for love, and for God. *Written by Donna Kasbohm, Director of Music and Liturgy*



March 30, 7:00pm Good Friday (Celebration of the Lord's Passion)

The emphasis today is on the cross. It is not on death. This is a day of conversion, for the love of God is made most manifest in the death of Christ. We do not mourn. We celebrate not sorrow but the victory of the cross. We move more deeply into the Paschal Mystery—the mystery of life and death in our own lives.

BLESSING THE EASTER FOOD — Holy Saturday, March 31, 12:00pm

The custom of bringing Easter food to the church for a blessing began in Eastern Europe, was brought to the United States by immigrants, and has become more increasingly mainstream. A decorated basket containing a sampling of the foods to be eaten for Easter dinner is blessed on Holy Saturday. Some of the traditional foods are: a round loaf of Easter bread, usually decorated with a cross of dough, symbolizing Christ, the True Bread from heaven; ham or sausage representing the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity; brightly decorated hard-boiled eggs representing new life and Resurrection; butter shaped into a figure of a lamb or small cross as a reminder of Christ; salt for flavor as a reminder of a Christian's duty to others.

ARTS, CAMPUS, AND GARDENS GEARS UP FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

THE ARTS, CAMPUS, AND GARDENS Council is continuing a busy year with even more activities and new plans for 2018 and beyond. Our Ministry Showcase is March 10 and 11 after all Masses. We will have members of our council present to explain all the opportunities and happenings ahead of us.

We are restructuring some existing ministries and adding new activities. We are also looking forward to wrapping up some projects that have been in the works for months or even years. Here is a list of what you will see from our council.

- **Leadership Discernment.** This year we will be looking for three new members of our council to help us plan and create the activities and tools that keep our campus operating and supporting our great ministries.
- Our annual **Spring clean-up** will be held on April 28. This is a great opportunity for families to get involved with preparing our grounds for summer. Watch for signups at the Ministry Showcase and online early this spring.
- Our **Adopt-a-Garden** ministry has a new format. Master gardeners will be leading teams and will have regularly scheduled nights for learning and doing work on specific gardens areas. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn from experts and keep our entrances and gardens looking great. Individuals and families are welcome to join us as we learn from experts in garden planning and maintenance.
- **Master planning** for our entire site will begin sometime in 2018. We will be coordinating our efforts with the findings of the Strategic Planning Team to produce a long-term vision and detailed plan for our site. By creating a template and plan for our campus we hope to coordinate the improvements and reduce duplicated efforts and costs for the future.
- **SHARED MINISTER OPPORTUNITIES** and schedules will be improved this year including: care for our building in vacuuming, cleaning rooms, and kitchens, restocking restrooms, and light maintenance both inside and outside. We also have a team of people that greet and direct members and visitors at our reception desk. Additionally, the Art Committee is always looking for creative people to help plan our exhibits of meaningful and motivating art.
- **New skylights** in the worship space are scheduled to be installed on April 2. This will replace the four original skylights over the altar and will eliminate the need for the powered shades that have been inoperative for many years.

- **Community solar panels** will be installed in April and will be in production starting in May. This has been a long-planned project spanning the term of many councils. Costs and terms of solar installation has finally allowed us to implement this renewable energy source while providing access to the community.

- **Improvements to sound quality** and reliability in the worship space has been an ongoing project for the past three years, and we are now finishing the last phase of that project with acoustic panels in various locations. As we look forward to improved technologies, we will also be evaluating the quality of our video systems and making recommendations for that important media.

Consider being a part of something new. Join us as we plan for our future and keep our home looking good and serving our ministries. We love our campus and want you to be a part of this great ministry.

Written by Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations





WHAT'S IN A NAME?

INTRODUCING THE POPE JOHN XXIII ROOM

OBSERVANT passersby may have noticed a recent change on a couple of signs near Entrance 1 at Pax Christi. If you're not one of them, allow me to break the news: the room formerly known as the Garden Level has been renamed the Pope John XXIII Room!

John XXIII was pope from 1958 to 1963, and it was his idea to initiate the Second Vatican Council. Before the Council began, Pope John XXIII spoke about how we should "open the windows [of the Church] and let in some fresh air"—and this is exactly what Vatican II achieved, particularly in relation to ecumenism, ecclesiology, and liturgy. John XXIII was canonized in 2014, and his feast day is celebrated on October 11—the date in 1962 when the Second Vatican Council began—reflecting the tremendous impact the Council had, and continues to have, on how the Church functions in the modern world.

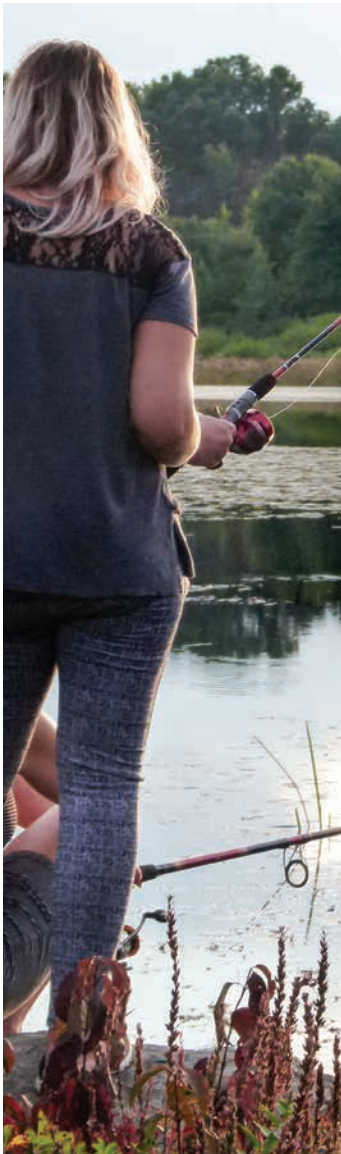
Pax Christi's mission statement proudly proclaims that we are "guided by the spirit of Vatican II," and rightly so! The priesthood of all believers and the importance of lay leadership, the universal call to holiness, our commitment to reading the signs of the times, and working for justice on behalf of all people—these are all principles that were heavily emphasized during the Second Vatican Council, and which undergird our very soul as a community.

The Pope John XXIII Room is primarily home to our junior and senior high faith formation and youth ministry activities. It is a place where members of the young Church can come to learn about their faith, build community, and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a Christian disciple. This room is also a place where the Pax Christi Quilters Ministry meets twice a month to create beautiful quilts for students at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis, as well as YouthLink and other charitable organizations. JustFaith groups sometimes meet in this space to learn about the many injustices facing our world today and to discern their response as Catholic Christians.

It only makes sense, then, that a room filled with the energy of the young and housing several justice-seeking initiatives might be named after this amazing saint whose vision, action, and guidance has helped foster our very identity as Pax Christi Catholic Community. May the Pope John XXIII Room be a place of learning, growth, and energy for years to come!

Written by Jessie Johnson, Youth Formation Minister

“GIVE A MAN A FISH,
AND YOU FEED HIM FOR
A DAY. TEACH A MAN TO
FISH, AND YOU FEED
HIM FOR A LIFETIME.”
—QUOTE ATTRIBUTED
TO MAIMONIDES, ANNE
ISABELLA THACKERAY
RITCHIE AND OTHERS



LET'S GO FISHIN'

ASAHALE and hearty Minnesotan, I do enjoy a nice outing spent fishing, (or fishin' in the Northern Minnesota nomenclature). There's something to be said about a sunny morning out on the lake with your bobber floating along on the water, with all the positive expectations of a shore lunch dancing in your head. Pouring a cup of hot coffee from the thermos, resting your feet on the bow of the boat, filling up your mind with musings or nothing at all, brings sweet serenity. Letting all the tensions of your day-to-day living flow right out of your shoulders, you almost don't want a fish to disturb that perfect moment. But then, a gentle tug on the bobber alerts you, you focus upon the bobber and the line searching for that hint of a strike and wait anxiously for the next sign. You may find yourself sitting up a bit straighter, angling for the perfect moment to respond. Was that it? "Not yet, be patient," you remind yourself. A moment or two passes and you almost revert to your former position of relaxation when the bobber quickly disappears below the surface. You tighten your grip on the rod and spring into action. The quest is on to land your fish. Whether you have been fishing for a few minutes or many years, the thrill of the chase is on. It doesn't

matter if your fishing pole is a cane rod and some string or you are decked out with the latest sonic devices and top-of-the-line action rod and reel, bringing in that fish on your line is an exciting challenge. So much is at stake. Did the hook set, will the line hold? Will the fish fight and escape or will you bring it home?

Regardless of who authored the quote above, there is some sound reasoning within. Knowing how to fish is not the same thing as catching a fish. We probably have a better chance to catch a fish if we have some knowledge about the art of fishing. Time of day, type of bait, choosing the right equipment and location, location, location, all make a difference in landing that shore lunch.

When it comes to our lives as stewards, each of us has been gifted some pretty fantastic tools to use in our personal tackle box. God has blessed us with unique abilities and areas of strengths. Our task as stewards is to take the time to learn about our gifts and figure out how to use them to the best of our abilities. With our unique gifts we can be the person God calls us to be. Knowing where our talents are, finding careers or vocations that fit those talents and align with our passions and interests,

can make our life have more meaning and purpose. Many a person lives like that bobber floating along the lake, drifting here and there where the wind takes it. Others may catch a moment, but not have the know-how to sustain the experience. As Christian Stewards, God calls us to take an active role in our life, equipping ourselves with knowledge and using our gifts to meet life head on—ready to give of ourselves, share our talents, and give back to make our corner of the world that much better.

Everyone is gifted, but not all of us know exactly what those gifts may be or how to utilize those gifts in today's world. "Let's go fishin'" to learn about the strengths that you have. Another Living Your Strengths class is beginning on Wednesday, March 7. This Lent may be the perfect opportunity to learn about your own gifts in this small group class that, over the years, 1,000 members and guests of Pax Christi have taken. The Living Your Strengths class is led by a certified faith strengths facilitator. The fee of \$17 covers the book, an online assessment code, and a journal. Learning how to make the best use of your God-given gifts can be the best catch of your life. Register online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

2018 Pax Christi Lay Leadership

Please complete this form and return it in the collection basket at all Masses or to the parish office by March 18, 2018.

NAME OF PERSON I WISH TO RECOMMEND: (you may recommend yourself)

I WISH TO RECOMMEND THIS PERSON TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL:

- Arts, Campus, Gardens
- Care and Support
- Faith Formation
- Finance
- Justice
- Lay Leadership
- Stewardship
- Worship
- Community Council (Member at Large)
- I trust this person to choose a particular council after considering his/her gifts and the needs of the councils.

This person can benefit this council and/or our parish community by offering these gifts and talents:

Additional forms are available in the parish office and at www.paxchristi.com.

PARISH OFFICE

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M-TH 8:00am-4:30pm
F 8:00am-12:00pm



LAY LEADERSHIP is an opportunity to enhance the lives of other parishioners and, perhaps in so doing, take away great benefits in your own faith journey. Some may think that a radical idea. Here at Pax Christi Catholic Community, our very foundation was built upon this idea. As our Mission Statement states, this parish is, "...guided by the Spirit of Vatican II," and "welcomes all as leaders in faith for service to the world."

As members of Pax Christi, WE are those leaders in faith. Throughout our Christian tradition we find examples indicating that Jesus was not meant to minister alone. Paul writes of many "fellow workers in Christ" as he introduces both men and women who worked side by side as leaders to encourage, teach, live and tell stories of the gospel everyday (Romans 16).

In the next few weeks we will be offering the opportunity to carefully consider and join the Pax Christi leadership team by serving on a parish council. We undergo this process each year to assist parishioners in considering the use of their gifts in support of Pax Christi. At Pax Christi, we use a philosophy of the "servant leader." A servant leader serves first, making sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served. As one considers or discerns their role in serving on a council, he or she may want to consider the following aspects: What are my gifts and how best can I share those gifts with others? How can I help promote the mission, vision, and values of our community? Can I share my skills and gifts from a foundation of the Catholic faith and Jesus' gospel message?

Any registered member of Pax Christi may submit his or her name to discern council membership. There are no requirements except the questions listed above. There are eight ministry councils and each council has at least three openings annually as a term is served for three years on a rotating basis. Ministry Councils are: Arts, Campus, and Gardens; Care and Support; Faith Formation, Finance; Justice; Lay Leadership Development; Stewardship; and Worship. The Community Council derives its membership from the chairs of the ministry councils, parish trustees, pastor, three at-large members, and the parish director. The discernment process itself involves one evening meeting that helps guide those discerning to make their final decision. In May there will be a commitment evening for those choosing to join a council.

We are **Disciples on a Mission!** If you would like to consider sharing your gifts and time on behalf of your Pax Christi Community, you may use the form to the right to submit your name. You may also invite other parishioners to consider discerning for a council position if you think they may have gifts to share. Questions? Please contact any member of the Lay Leadership Development Council, Parish Director Jane Schmitz, or any staff member.

Written by Mary Beth Buckman, Lay Leadership Development Council Member

HEAT UP FOR SOME SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

VACATION BIBLE CAMP AGES 3 YEARS OLD THROUGH 5TH GRADE YOUTH

JULY 23–27, 9:00am–12:00pm

THE FEE IS \$55 PER CHILD OR \$110 PER FAMILY THROUGH APRIL 30; \$75 PER CHILD, NO FAMILY MAXIMUM BEGINNING MAY 1.



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 nursing homes 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 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!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT Renee Dignan,
CAMP DIRECTOR, RDIGNAN@PAXCHRISTI.COM.**

DRAMA CAMP 6TH GRADE YOUTH AND OLDER

JULY 23–27, 9:00am–3:00pm (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**REHEARSAL WEEK JULY 9–13, 9:00am–4:00pm
THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY**

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!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT Renee Dignan,
CAMP DIRECTOR, RDIGNAN@PAXCHRISTI.COM.**



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM/EVENTREGISTRATION

SUMMER FUN!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE YOUTH

JULY 23–27, 8:30am – 4:00pm (7:00pm on July 27)

THE FEE IS \$150 PER YOUTH THROUGH APRIL 30; \$175 PER YOUTH BEGINNING MAY 1.

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!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT JESSIE BAZAN,
YOUTH FORMATION MINISTER,
JBAZAN@PAXCHRISTI.COM.**

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE YOUTH

WEEK OF JUNE 24–30, 2018

THE FEE IS \$250 PER YOUTH.

High school students, are you ready to make 2018 the best summer of your life? Sign up for the 2018 Summer Service and Justice Immersion Trip with Young Neighbors in Action! Meet teens from across the country, immerse yourself in learning service and justice, and get ready to be inspired to change the world. We will spend the week working with local service agencies, learning about Catholic Social Teaching, and brainstorming ways to put our faith into practice back home. Registration is open—register today!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT JESSIE JOHNSON,
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READINGS FOR MARCH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3, 4/3:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9/Jn 4:5-42
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35/
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9/Jn 4:5-42
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19/
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9/Jn 4:5-42
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23/
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9/Jn 4:5-42
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
 Mk 12:28-34/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9/Jn 4:5-42
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9/Jn 4:5-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 /Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
 Jn 4:43-54/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Jn 9:1-41
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16/
 Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Jn 9:1-41
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30/
 Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Jn 9:1-41
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47/
 Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Jn 9:1-41
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Jn 9:1-41
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53/
 Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Jn 9:1-41

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
 Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30/
 Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15/Jn 11:1-45
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42/
 Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15/Jn 11:1-45
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b, 15/Jn 11:1-45
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42/
 Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15/Jn 11:1-45
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56/
 Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15/Jn 11:1-45

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/
 Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18/
 Ps 16:5, 8-9, 10, 11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/
 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/
 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4/Rom 6:3-11/
 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7



JR & SR HIGH SERVICE PARTICIPATE IN LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Be a part of the 25th Anniversary of this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to act out the scenes from the Passion of Jesus. No memorization of lines needed. Your ability to hold a pose or read from the script as a lector is all that is required. There will be pizza! You must be available for rehearsals on Sundays, March 18 and 25, from 1:00–3:00pm. Presentations of the Living Stations will take place at 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Good Friday, March 30th. Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150, for additional information or sign up at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.



ARTISTS NEEDED! PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT APRIL 15 – MAY 13

Current Pax Christi parishioners—amateur, hobbyist, or professional—ages 16 years and up are welcome and encouraged to show their fine art and fine craft, including works in sculpture, pottery, fiber and photography, with the exclusion of film and/or video.

Guidelines and application procedures for this year's exhibit are available at www.paxchristi.com.

This year's exhibit, presented by the Pax Christi Art Committee, will be available for viewing beginning Sunday, April 15 until Sunday, May 13 in the Pacem in Terris Gallery in the MLK Jr. Room (247) near entrance three.

PARISHIONER NEWS

JANUARY BAPTISMS

Owen Paul Sandstrom	1/7/2018
Henry Brian Astry	1/14/2018
Michael James Bothwell	1/14/2018
Hazel Louise Hauff	1/14/2018
Jocelyn Marie Besler	1/21/2018
Brecken Patrick Harper	1/21/2018
Tucker James Steinmeyer	1/21/2018
Noelle Irene Burke	1/27/2018

JANUARY WEDDING

Kiirsten Preble & Alexander Conzemius 1/26/2018

JANUARY FUNERAL

Frederick A. Olofson 1/6/2018

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

Erin Carcamo
Susan and Eric Locher
Nina Nedrebo
Gene and Carole Parr



MINISTRIES OF PRESENCE:

CARE CENTER VISITORS

Throughout each week, lives of Catholic residents in area care centers are blessed by the presence of regular visitors from Pax Christi. Some shared ministers bring Communion and pray one-to-one, and others lead Communion services for small groups at various care centers. Monthly celebration of Mass at three area care centers is also supported by Pax Christi care center visitors.

COMPANION MINISTERS

Pax Christi has women and men who are specially trained to provide one-on-one confidential listening support to those who are experiencing a difficult time in life. Companion Ministers offer to accompany others on their faith journeys. Please notify us if you would like to learn more about having a Companion Minister journey with you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and unable to attend Sunday Mass, we have trained shared ministers who can bring Communion and offer prayers of support.

PAX PETS MINISTRY

Pax Pets ministers are a group of animal lovers who know and appreciate the ability of pets to demonstrate God's unconditional love. Certified pet teams visit area care centers and make hospice visits. Pet teams meet periodically to gain knowledge and build community with one another.

Training specific to each ministry is provided; ongoing monthly enrichment/education opportunities for shared ministers are offered.

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



BOOMERS AND BEYOND

PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

Sign-up at www.paxchristi.com/boomers
to receive info on upcoming events.

Upcoming events include:

- March 2:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation
- March 14:** Tour of PROP
- April 19:** FMSC
- May 8:** Annual Boomer Retreat

MARCH

LENTEN CROSS EXHIBIT

On Display Through Holy Week

Here at Pax Christi, we are privileged to have a wonderful collection of processional crosses currently on display in the Pacem in Terris Gallery, Room #247 near the main entrance. Also on view this year is a magnificent work "Christ and the Cross II" by Malcom Myers, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota, as well as our "Mirror Cross" created by parishioner Kjirsten Hanson.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT, MARCH 2, 9, 23, 7:00pm in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross is a devotional prayer in which people meditate on a number of scenes from the passion and death of Christ. It was an early Church practice to visit the sites of Jesus' last hours in Jerusalem, but not everyone could do that kind of travel. A practice grew over time of meditating on the passion of Christ at shrines that represented the actual places.

CENTERING PRAYER

Second and Fourth Thursday of the Month, 9:00am, Room 221

Join us for 20 minutes of Centering Prayer at 9:00am (immediately following morning Mass) in the Prayer Space, Room 221. Centering Prayer is the practice of silencing mind and body. This method of quieting our mind and body allows us to be aware and receptive to God's presence. It is not meant to replace other forms of prayer, rather, it adds depth to all prayer. Centering Prayer is simply resting in God beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. This group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

OW, THAT HURTS! – CARE AND SUPPORT MINISTRY NIGHT

Tuesday, March 6, 6:30–7:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

"Look, O Lord, at the anguish I suffer! My stomach churns, and my heart recoils within me." Every human knows suffering. Our bodies ache, our spirits grieve, our communities feel broken. Have you ever asked questions like: Where is God in all of this? Why is there so much evil in the world? Is God making me suffer for my past life? How do I help someone who is constantly suffering? How do I "offer up" my own suffering? Do Catholics enjoy suffering? Is it possible for Jesus to heal me? What if He doesn't? The Care and Support Ministry has invited Father Marc Paveglio to join us as we explore the mystery of suffering through the lens of faith. Drawing upon the Scriptures, the writings of Pope John Paul II, and personal experience, Father Marc will offer a teaching on the meaning of suffering, with space for reflection and discussion. This evening is for anyone who desires to hear Good News in the midst of suffering, whether it be in themselves, in their families, or in the world. No registration needed.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS CLASS

Wednesdays, March 7–April 18, 6:30–8:00 pm, \$17.00 RSVP

What are your God-given gifts? This Lenten Season, why not work on finding out more about your own strengths? Gallup (the poll people) has developed an online assessment tool that can tell you what your top five strengths are out of 34 strengths they have identified. Join other parishioners in a small-group environment to learn how to recognize, develop, and harness your strengths to be the person God calls you to be in your career/school life, relationships, and faith life. Participants will receive a copy of the *Living Your Strengths* book with an online assessment code, a journal, and work with a certified faith strengths performance coach within a small group setting. The fee is \$17.00. Classes will not meet Holy Week. Questions? Contact Mary Kennedy, mkennedy@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7220.

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Sponsored by Twelve Baskets

Weekend of March 10/11 and March 17/18

Complete details on page 8.

CLEAN ENERGY FORUM WITH PAUL DOUGLAS

Sunday, March 11, 1:30pm

Meteorologist Paul Douglas, co-author with Mitch Mescox of *Caring for Creation: The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment*, will speak on the biblical, spiritual, and moral mandate to pay attention to a rapidly changing climate, as well as the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy, and the importance of congregations, businesses, and cities to take action.

THE LABYRINTH: A TOOL FOR TRANSFORMATION

Monday, March 12, 6:30–8:30pm RSVP

Your life is a sacred journey. The labyrinth is a spiritual tool that can help you navigate your sacred journey with an open, loving heart. It offers an opportunity for prayer, a space where you can meet God, a place where you can be deeply touched and transformed. The labyrinth is a powerful way to deepen your understanding of who you are. Simply walking the circuitous path in your natural rhythm, finding your way, and trusting the path to center nurtures your journey toward wholeness. Join us for a brief workshop followed by an indoor candlelit labyrinth walk. An introduction to the labyrinth will be available for those new to the labyrinth.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00pm

Complete details on page 6.

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, MEAL BEGINS AT 5:00PM

Complete details on page 7.

WALKING THE WAY: CONTEMPORARY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30PM

Complete details on page 6.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 12:30PM, ROOM 212

The Journey Home: Honoring Community and the Common Good

The fourth in our Social Justice Speakers Series, we will meet Debbie Wyman and Chuck Peterson from Clare Housing. The work of Clare Housing is grounded in social justice and equity advocacy. As the only organization in Minnesota focused exclusively on the housing and supportive needs for people living with HIV/AIDS, Clare Housing is uniquely positioned to ensure that housing-based interventions are a key component in an era of rapidly changing public policy and programs affecting people living with HIV/AIDS. Research consistently links homelessness and housing instability to greater HIV risk, inadequate health care, poor health outcomes, and early death. Evaluations (including evaluations of Clare Housing's work) indicate that stable housing with appropriate supports improve physical and mental health, reduce behaviors that can transmit HIV, and sharply cut public spending. Given this evidence, the unmet housing need among people living with HIV and those most vulnerable to HIV infection must be viewed as a moral/human rights issue, a public health issue, and an issue of fiscal responsibility. Come hear about the mission of Clare Housing!

PALM SUNDAY BURGUNDY BAG FOOD COLLECTION

Weekend of March 24/25

The weekend of March 24/25, parishioners are invited to bring their "Burgundy Bags" (or any bag or box of food we bring to share!) to Mass. Instead of placing your donation in the collection bins at the church entrances, please bring the bags/boxes INTO the church and keep them with you; then, as part of the Presentation of the Gifts, you will be guided to bring your "offerings" of food forward and place them in front of the altar. Volunteers will be present to assist young and old, single or families. All are welcome!

MAKE PLANS NOW

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT

APRIL 15–MAY 13

Complete details on page 16.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 12:30–4:00PM, LUNCH IN ROOM 212 RSVP

All parishioners are invited to join us for an Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up Day on Sunday, April 22! Bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch in Room 212 after the 11:00am Mass, then we'll carpool to the clean-up site on Flying Cloud Drive around 1:00pm. High-visibility vests and garbage bags will be provided, but be sure to bring your own work gloves and a water bottle. Individuals and families are welcome, but children must be at least 11 years old to participate, and youth under 18 who are attending without a parent will need to complete a permission form.

SR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

Week of June 24–30, Chicago, IL, Fee of \$250 RSVP

Complete details on page 15.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JULY 23–27, 9:00am–12:00pm, Ages 3 – 5TH GRADE YOUTH RSVP

Complete details on page 14.

DRAMA CAMP

JULY 23–27, 9:00am–3:00pm, 6TH – 8TH GRADE YOUTH RSVP

Complete details on page 14.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

JULY 23–27, 8:30am–4:00pm RSVP

Complete details on page 15.



MARCH

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
25	26	27	28	1	2 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION STATIONS OF THE CROSS	3 ROLLER DERBY NIGHT	
4 FAITH FORMATION	5	6 BAPTISM CLASS OW, THAT HURTS!	7 FAITH FORMATION LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SESSION BEGINS	8 CENTERING PRAYER	9 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	10 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND ARTS, CAMPUS, GARDENS MINISTRY SHOWCASE EASTER BASKET DRIVE	
NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND ARTS, CAMPUS, GARDENS MINISTRY SHOWCASE CLEAN ENERGY EVENT W/PAUL DOUGLAS EASTER BASKET DRIVE FAITH FORMATION	12 CAST INTO THE DEEP ADULT FORMATION LABYRINTH WALK	13 LENTEN RECONCILIATION	14 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION	15 COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE	16 LENTEN FISH BAKE WALKING THE WAY	17 EASTER BASKET DRIVE	
18 SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER EASTER BASKET DRIVE FAITH FORMATION	19	20 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	21 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION	22 CENTERING PRAYER	23 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	24	
25 PALM SUNDAY BURGUNDY BAG FOOD COLLECTION FAITH FORMATION	26	27	HOLY WEEK			30 GOOD FRIDAY LIVING STATIONS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	31 BLESSING EASTER FOOD HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL MASS





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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

**March 10/11
 following all Masses**

We are DISCIPLES ON A MISSION, and sharing our gifts generously is how we live our stewardship response to Christ's call. Pax Christi highlights a different ministry area in our Monthly Ministry Showcase. Focusing on a single program area helps us share the story of Pax Christi from the shared minister's perspective. We encourage you to check out this month's Ministry Showcase and learn more about the lives we touch through our gifts shared in our ministries. Visit the Ministry Showcase and see if there is a ministry need that matches your gifts.

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

MARCH'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE FEATURES ARTS, CAMPUS, GARDENS.

The Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council guides us in caring for and improving our campus, buildings, and the technologies that help us in all our ministries. We also encourage active participation in that care by all parishioners. Come to our ministry tables on March 10/11 to see who we are, what we do to facilitate a beautiful church, and how you can be a part of keeping Pax Christi a model of care for creation and the gifts we receive. Additional information on page 10.

