

A person wearing a bright red puffer jacket, a tan beanie, and black pants is walking away from the camera down a paved path. The path is flanked by snow-covered ground and bare trees, suggesting a winter setting. The person's feet are visible, wearing dark shoes with red accents.

PAXCHRISTI**NEWS**

Monthly Magazine of Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie March 2019


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Monday–Thursday 8:00am–4:30pm
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Mass Schedule
Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
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Weekday Masses
Mondays 8:30am
Tuesdays 8:30am with Rosary to follow
Wednesdays 6:00pm
Thursdays 8:30am
Fridays 8:30am

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Saturdays 3:30–4:30pm (Lent)

Mission Statement: As a community of faith nourished by the Eucharist, we are committed in our discipleship with Christ to act for justice, be of generous service, and authentically welcome all to Pax Christi Catholic Community.

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by Fr. Michael Byron



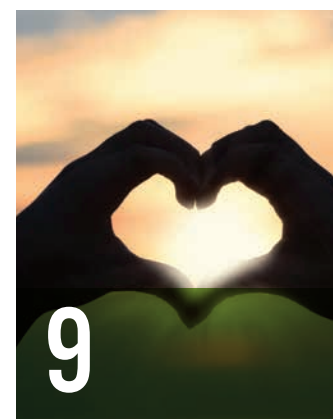
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DEAR FRIENDS...



Fr. J. Michael Byron
Pastor

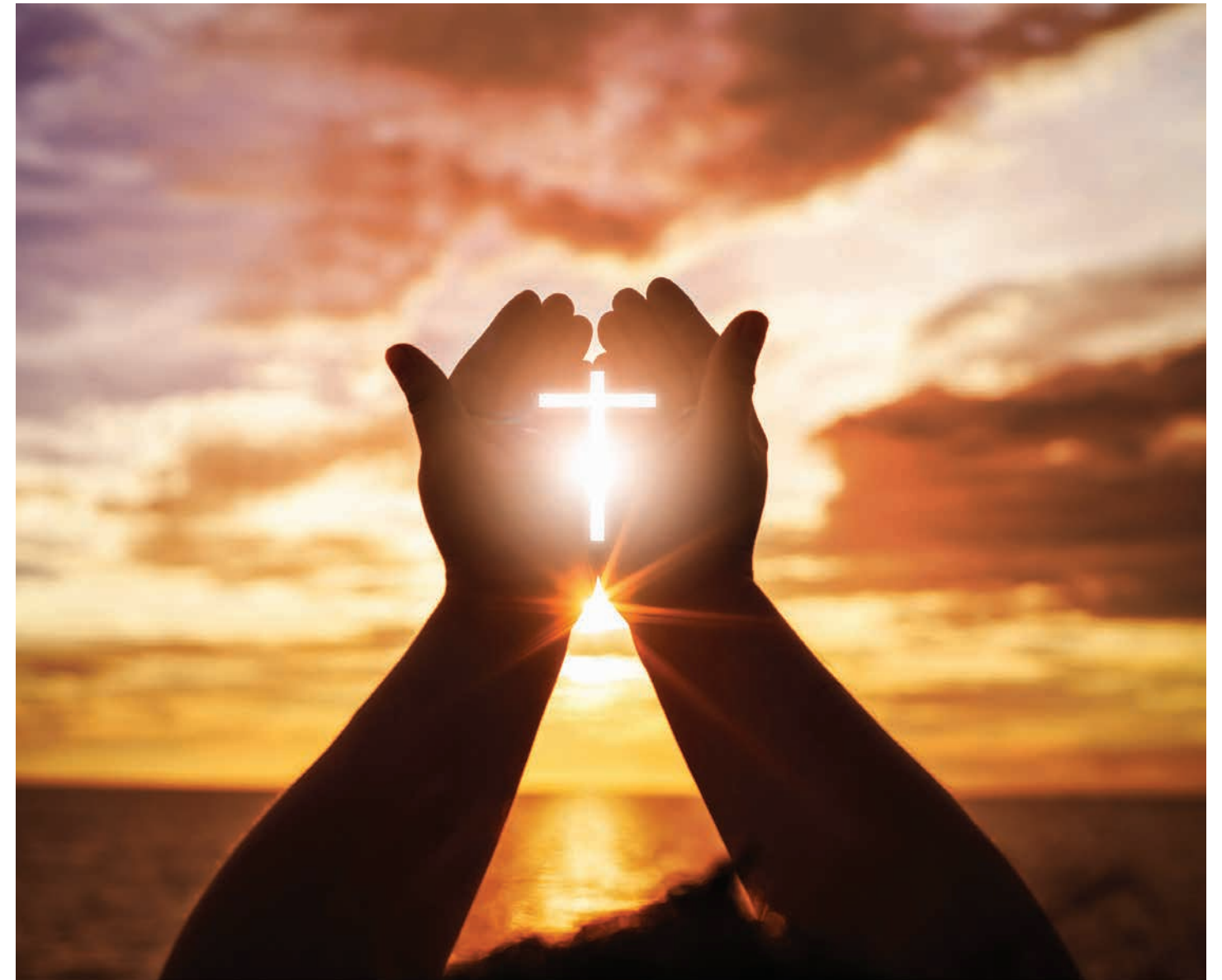
AMONG the needless worries I've been able to let go of in my advancing age is the New Year's Resolution. By this time I have no doubt at all that any such resolution made in January would be a failed and distant memory in March. It's so much easier just not to attempt a delusional goal in the first place. That's not to say that self-improvement isn't a worthy aspiration and life long value. It is merely to recognize that it's unreasonable, maybe folly, to believe that some well-ingrained bad habit of life can simply be shut down indefinitely by the turning of a

calendar page. Would that we all could be like St. Paul and have our singular, dramatic moment of conversion that alters our life behavior forever. (And some religious people do indeed claim to have experienced this.) It's just that it doesn't typically work that way for me, and I suspect for most people, including all of the rest of Jesus' apostles. And that's really a very human and Catholic instinct.

The moral theological tradition of our Catholic tradition speaks often about the need for the cultivation of virtue, or what St. Thomas Aquinas' Latin referred to as "habitus," and that word implies exactly what it seems to. One develops habits day by day, month by month, and not in a moment. That includes spiritual and religious habits. And this is one of the great gifts of the season of Lent, into which we are now embarking. While the thought of a New Year's resolution quickly proves to be overwhelming because it has no end, the idea of deliberately trying to nurture a good new habit for six weeks seems almost doable. In Lent, one can give oneself permission to be focused on a virtuous initiative for a season that has a beginning (Ash Wednesday) and perhaps an

end (the Triduum). It's humane in its expectations. And if one is generally faithful to a specific Lenten resolution, by the time Easter arrives he or she is already practiced in this new habit for several weeks. It is possible by then to be on the way to a new and better way to live, one that might just be capable of being sustained for the long haul—a virtue.

Recently in one of our weekend scripture readings, we heard from St. Paul (1 Cor. 13) who speaks about the distinction between his "childish" ways as a youth and his "manly" outlook as an adult. I think there's a way to observe the season of Lent as a child and a quite different way to do so as a grownup. Both are age-appropriate, but they are surely not the same thing. A child doesn't necessarily understand how to cultivate virtuous habits, so Lent can tend to be more about "giving up" things for a time or of being made to do some rote act of charity until the Easter Bunny arrives with rewards. But an adult can seize upon this opportunity to make the season more than about temporary self-discipline. It can be a most fruitful time of deepening relationships, with God, with community, and especially with those among



us who are most in need. In that sense it can be an awakening to a new sensitivity to social responsibility and justice that is less narrowly (perhaps "childishly") focused on one's self.

Part of the Pax Christi mission statement stresses that this community is **"committed in our discipleship with Christ."** Discipleship, although it must include personal commitment,

is never something that is radically private. So maybe the greatest Lenten effort we could make to develop or deepen a virtue (one is enough!) would be to find, for 40 days, opportunities to become consciously responsive to the need of some person or group living in our midst. At first that pledge need be for only several weeks, but hopefully by the

time Easter rolls around, it will have matured into a habit that can be sustained. It can actually change who we are, enduringly.

It's in the daily effort to grow in holiness and virtue that we believe, by the help of God's grace, we make our way toward heaven. And we cannot do it in glorified isolation from our neighbors. That task can become wearying unless we

allow ourselves to undertake it in digestible increments. Here's a wonderful opportunity to do just that. May this be a blessed season of growth and renewal for us all.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: *Seeking Wholeness*

Ever-living God...

*Each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.*

—Preface, First Sunday of Lent

We are reminded that we are always in the process of becoming who God desires us to be, called to become more loving, just, compassionate, merciful, and generous. It is in our humanness that we become more whole. There are many opportunities at Pax Christi from which to grow this Lenten Season.



LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

Invitation to Brave Space by Micky ScottBey Jones

Together we will create *brave space*
Because there is no such thing as a "safe space"
We exist in the real world
We carry scars and we have caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call on each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.
We will not be perfect.
This space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be.
But
It will be our *brave space together*,
And
We will work side by side.

Join us for our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service where we come together as a community of hope, to support each other in wholehearted courage and love, bringing our struggles and our commitment to one another. We walk together on this Lenten journey.



WALKING THE WAY

Friday, March 15, 7:00pm, Begins in Main Worship Space

Join with other families on the first Friday of Lent to experience *Walking the Way*. Guides will accompany small groups walking throughout the building to pray the 15 Stations, finishing in the sanctuary for personal prayer before the cross. Powerful contemporary pictures and prayers of people suffering throughout the world mirror Jesus's journey that first Good Friday. This holy hour prepares us to receive God's grace by recognizing Christ's presence in our world today.

TAIZE' PRAYER

Gathering around the Cross

Friday, April 5, 7:00pm, Main Worship Space

Come and experience Taizé Prayer, an evening prayer service modeled on the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé, France. The service includes chants (like *Jesus, Remember Me*), uncomplicated repetitive songs, psalms, scripture, and silence. The meditative music, candle-lit environment, and generous time of silence will help draw us more deeply into Lent and prepare for Holy Week. Friends and family are welcome.



LENT SCHEDULE *Begins March 6*

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 6

- 6:45am Ash Wednesday Mass
- 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
- 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Ashes (*no Mass*)
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

A light lunch of soup and bread will be served following the Noon Mass and again between 5:45–6:45pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - (PRIVATE)

3:30–4:30pm Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

SPECIAL LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

- 7:00pm March 8 Stations of the Cross
Thomas Merton Chapel
- 7:00pm March 15 Walking the Way
Begins in Main Worship Space
- 7:00pm March 22 Stations of the Cross
Thomas Merton Chapel
- 7:00pm March 29 Stations of the Cross
Thomas Merton Chapel
- 7:00pm April 5 Taize Prayer Service
Main Worship Space
- 7:00pm April 12 Stations of the Cross
Thomas Merton Chapel

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

BURGUNDY BAG LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

Weekend of March 16/17 at Masses



MOVED BY THE GOSPEL, LET US MOVE!

DURING THESE sacred days of Lent, we are reminded of our individual and community journey into wholeness as disciples of Jesus. We discover that on our journey of discipleship, we are always connected to one another.

CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE CRS RICE BOWL PROGRAM

Lent is a journey we undertake as a community of faith and as a global Church. We encounter one another as companions on this Lenten journey, giving and receiving support in our prayers, fasting and almsgiving, and encouraging one another to care for our neighbors most in need as we prepare for the coming of Easter. We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor—as companions on life's journeys—can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. are joined together in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities in global solidarity. Take action to build the culture of encounter as missionary disciples with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) this Lent.

- Through **PRAYER**, we encounter Christ, present in the faces of every member of our human family, so often still walking that long road to Calvary.
- Through **FASTING**, we encounter our own obstacles, those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.
- Through **ALMSGIVING**, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, asking what we can do without so that others might have life to the fullest.

Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar—included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to guide their Lenten almsgiving. These daily almsgiving activities—for example, give 25 cents for every faucet found in your home—help families reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can be in solidarity during the Lenten season.

All participating parishes are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$800 to address anti-hunger and poverty initiatives in their community. Pax Christi has been fortunate to receive grants in the past three years to help us fund our YouthLink Meal Service Ministry.

CRS Rice Bowls will be available for families to take home starting the first weekend of Lent. We encourage you to participate in this life-giving, love-giving, transformational journey right in your own home!



Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Director of Justice Ministries



THE JUSTICE GRANT BOARD: A MINISTRY OF ENCOUNTER

EACH YEAR, from September to June, Pax Christi members who serve on our Justice Grant Board spend precious time reviewing grant applications from organizations who are doing great work to address the most pressing needs of our time. Grant Board members read mission and financial statements of each organization, and then perform site visits to meet staff and the people they serve. There is no substitute for this face-to-face meeting in which the life and dignity of each human story is revealed. Pope Francis tells us: "When you meet those most in need, your heart will begin to grow bigger, bigger, and bigger! Because reaching out multiplies our capacity to love. An encounter with others makes our heart bigger."

This word to encounter is defined by the Oxford English dictionary as: to "unexpectedly be faced with or experience (something hostile or difficult); or to "meet (someone) unexpectedly." Justice Grant Board members frequently report the unexpected (and sometimes difficult) nature of their experience in performing their tasks. We take a risk when we open ourselves up face-to-face to the reality of lives lived in poverty just outside our own

more comfortable lives. We take a risk of being changed, our hearts transformed, knowing that we will never return to our previous way of knowing the world and indeed ourselves. There is a profound mutuality in seeking encounter for the sake of those most in need as we discover (perhaps surprisingly) that we too are in deep need—spiritually hungry, seeking the way to loving neighbor and loving ourselves. In this way, serving on the Justice Grant Board becomes a sacred ministry of encounter, connecting grant board members with unexpected stories of human dignity and love, and connecting our faith community with the world. Relationships built between these organizations, the people they serve, and our own board members are an incredible gift.

If you would like to join the work of the Justice Grant Board, we invite you to consider participating in our Pax Christi Community leadership discernment process, meet members of our current Justice Grant Board and Justice Council, and discover if this ministry of encounter is calling to you. Please prayerfully consider your participation and attend one of the Information Sessions on April 9 and 11. Additional details on page 11.

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Director of Justice Ministries

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COMMITTED TO DISCIPLESHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

REMEMBER when we were kids and we played follow the leader and the leader would take us places we maybe had not been to before; over the hill, over the rocks across Purgatory Creek, or maybe a totally different path next time.

In ancient Israel the rabbi took students that were the brightest and the most educated and chose them to be disciples.

When Jesus came he turned this all around and didn't choose the brightest or the most learned. Instead he collected an assortment of misfits, the Roman tax collector, the fisherman, and people like Andrew and John, his followers. In Matthew 16:24, Jesus tells his followers, "Your life has to be about something greater than yourself. It is about bringing people to me and by offering yourself you become me."



What does it mean to be committed to being disciples of Jesus Christ? Take time to greet people, stop and listen to them and look them in the eye. There are ways to do that here at Pax Christi. By being a greeter, a Eucharistic Minister, adult altar server, or perhaps "behind-the-scenes," such as cleaning, ironing, and doing ordinary day-to-day things, you are living your life as a disciple.

Beyond Pax Christi, being a disciple in our cities, states, and global world means writing letters to the editor or standing up to injustices, in addition to extending our hands for ecumenical purposes. Many of us are involved in issues of immigration, homelessness, hunger, and housing. Being disciples of Jesus Christ calls us to do, to be giving of ourselves and going beyond our comfort zone to expand our understanding of being the face of Jesus in the world.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? Your playing small does not serve the world. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. —Marianne Williamson, from her book, *A Return To Love*

Written by the Lay Leadership Development Council



FROM THE FOUNDING of the parish, the notion of living out one's baptismal commitment in discipleship was highlighted, emphasized, and celebrated as the way of coming to recognize one's gifts, and to use those gifts in the service of others. The re-emphasis on the important parish value of Lay Leadership, a synonym for responding to the call to be a follower of the Risen Christ, was intentional in crafting the new Strategic Plan. As one of the six values in the Strategic Plan, it states in part:

We co-lead and share in the responsibility of upholding the mission of the church.

The principle of lay leadership remains a key value to be upheld. As stated by the Second Vatican Council, the church is the People of God, the community of the baptized. In collaboration with the ordained we all hold responsibility for the life and the mission of the church.

In April, we will begin the discernment process for new members of the leadership councils. As we enact more aspects of the Strategic Plan, a sub-committee of the Community Council discussed with current staff and leaders about the names and direction of the current council structure. With this thoughtful discussion, it was decided that the names of councils will be:

- Arts, Campus, and Gardens**, with **STEWARDSHIP** as their primary value,
- Care and Support**, with **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** as their primary value,
- Communications**, with **INCLUSION** as their primary value,
- Finance and Development**, with **STEWARDSHIP** as their primary value,
- Hospitality and Community Outreach**, with **INCLUSION** as their primary value,
- Justice**, with **JUSTICE** as their primary value,
- Lay Leadership Development and Engagement**, with **LAY LEADERSHIP** as their primary value,
- Lifelong Faith Formation**, with **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** as their primary value, and
- Worship**, with **GOD-CENTERED** as their primary value.

Your engagement in leadership is needed as we design the next three to five years with the new Strategic Plan (www.paxchristi.com/strategicplan). Thirty-seven new members will help to fill all openings on these councils, including the newly-formed **Communications** Council. Please prayerfully consider your participation and nominate yourself or another member of Pax Christi to attend one of the Information Sessions on April 9 or 11. Together, we are **Finding New Roads** as a parish for the future. *Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director*

RECOMMENDATION FORM

2019 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, 2019.

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
- Communications
- Lifelong Faith Formation
- Finance and Development
- Justice
- Justice Grants Board
- Lay Leadership Development and Engagement
- Hospitality and Community Outreach
- 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.

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

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INTRODUCING BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

IMAGINE a time in your life when you were at a crossroads or feeling a heavy heart due to some suffering. Do you recall someone who sat with you to listen? A person who let you share your pain and confusion without judgment or the need to “fix” you? Friends like that can be rare, especially in our fix-it culture. So often people want to take the pain away in the quickest way possible, so they rush to offer solutions, change the subject with their own story, or simply tune out. When I think back on some of the hardest times in my life, I remember some of those fix-it friends but thankfully I also recall people who sat by my side and listened to me at length. They comforted and consoled me by their listening presence until I felt stronger and began to heal. These are the friends I cherish the most. David Oxberg says: “Being listened to is so close to being loved that most of us cannot tell the difference.”

From its earliest days, Pax Christi community recognized the value of being fully present to those in need, so it initiated a Companion Ministry, which has been both an extension of the loving kindness of our faith community, and a tool for lay ministers to provide one-to-one listening and support to people in times of transition and difficult situations such as divorce, chronic or terminal illness, loss, or ongoing loneliness.

During the past few months, the Care and Support Council decided to review this important ministry through the lens of the Pax Christi Community’s updated mission and purpose statement, as well as its new Strategic Plan. An ad hoc committee was established to review the current Companion Ministry model, then compare and contrast it with similar listening miniseries. Following their research and a discernment process, a recommendation was made to the Care and Support Council to replace Companion Ministry with the BeFrienders Ministry. This was approved at the January council meeting.

BeFriender Ministry is a local organization which educates, forms, and supports men and women as lay leaders for a listening ministry of care. Their website states, “Based on a model of mutuality, this national and ecumenical ministry heals hearts, energizes communities, and transforms a suffering world. A BeFriender is someone who listens with compassion, accepts people as they are, respects another’s spiritual journey, and embodies the caring presence of God.” This is a perfect complement to the values here at Pax Christi and offers a way to live out the mission and vision of Care and Support Ministry in deeper and wider ways.

The Care and Support Council plans to increase both the number of “listeners” and enhance parishioners’ awareness of this important ministry. If you have the gift for listening or want to expand your gifts of compassion and empathy for those who are hurting, perhaps becoming a BeFriender may be the perfect place to share your gifts.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for an informational night on Monday, March 18. Attending the informational night will not commit you to become a BeFriender. However, for those who desire to move forward, 16 hours of training sessions are required. As a BeFriender, monthly continuing education sessions will be offered as well.

See specific details on page 19.

Written by Jean Thoresen,
Director of Care and Support



SILENT SATURDAY: HEAR THE SOUND OF MY CALL

RECENTLY I picked my 15-year-old granddaughter up from school. She seemed agitated. During our ride home, she eventually talked about the demands of the sport she is in, teenage friendship problems, and needing to study for finals. “I’m going home, I’m putting my phone on DO NOT DISTURB, and I’m going to study.” “Good for you,” I thought.

As I left her, I started thinking. DO NOT DISTURB what a great idea. What if it were socially acceptable to put out a DO NOT DISTURB sign when I needed to. How about when my house is a mess and I’m needing a nap. Just put the sign on the front door. Or when I’m flying through Target in a hurry to get home and can’t stop for a chat. Just put the sign on the cart. Or at times when politics, greed, and injustice are overwhelming the airwaves, social media, and conversations. I wish there were a placard to hold up. DO NOT DISTURB. It’s just too much. I need to think. I need to pray. I need to retreat from all of it.

In a way, this is exactly what the “Pray All Ways” ministry at Pax Christi will be offering on Saturday, March 16.

What a great opportunity. A beautiful place where you are welcomed to spend a few hours renewing your spirit. The most amazing part about coming to Pax Christi on a Silent Saturday is that nothing is expected of you. Just come.

You will be warmly greeted, invited to a snack or beverage, and the rest of the time will be yours. What will be offered is silence in a prayerful atmosphere.

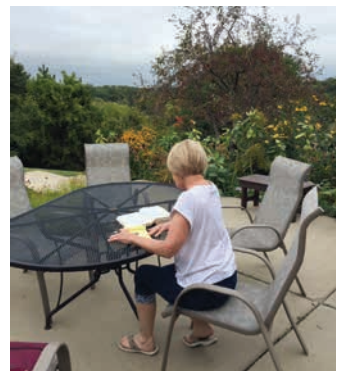
I have been to a few Silent Saturdays and have observed how everyone experiences them differently according to their needs. The whole campus is available, so some will walk the halls, passing and maybe meditating on the Stations of the Cross. Some will find their way to the chapel and silently pray the rosary. Some will find a spot by a window and journal, walk outside, do a little knitting or just sit in the presence of God.

There are so many moments in life when God speaks to us in silence. You set your coffee cup down on the counter and glance out the window to see the sunrise. The beautiful colors melting together as dawn breaks. Maybe you glance at the bird feeder to find a cardinal standing out so brilliantly against the white snow. Who makes a red bird? What a great idea! These are a few of the many moments God speaks to us in nature.

We also experience God in dialogue. We seek a God who will listen to us and love us. Whatever your needs and wants might be, we hope that you will spend a few hours with a community of fellow seekers of the Truth.

SAVE THE DATE: Silent Saturday: Here the Sound of My Call
Saturday, March 16, 9:00–11:30am
See page 18 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

Written by Mary Schaud, Former Member, Care and Support Council





PARENTS! IT'S TIME TO MAKE SUMMER PLANS

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

CALLING ALL CAMPERS

Come join us for the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER: JULY 29–AUGUST 2**, Bible Camp Pax Christi style!

You will see our fabulous drama team bring to life the stories of **SUPER HEROS** from the Bible.

Come sing with us and make some fun crafts. Participate in our outreach projects for the Launch and St. Stephen's.

Just who are our campers? We welcome ages 3 to 100 to participate. We have an excellent pre-school program and nursery is provided for our volunteers. Friends are always welcome. Register your children and grandchildren, and then volunteer and grow in your own faith as your children grow in theirs.

Adults grow in their relationship with God and each other throughout the week of camp. High School youth and adults are invited to be crew leaders. A training manual, continual support, and delicious morning hospitality is provided. This important role mentors the kids throughout the week and leads the campers to each activity.

If music, snacks, crafts, hospitality, or theatre are your passions, we also have great opportunities for you. No experience is required! We welcome middle school youth and adults to join our fabulous drama team!

Mark your calendars for online registration beginning in March. Get the special early-bird rate and join our team! We need campers and volunteers who are ready for the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!**

Please contact Renee Dignan, Camp Director, rdignan@paxchristi.com, for more information. **Registration is open—register today!**

DRAMA CAMP

6TH GRADE YOUTH AND OLDER

JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 9:00am–3:00pm (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS FABULOUS SERVICE 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. Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, Camp Director, rdignan@paxchristi.com. **Registration is open—register today!**



MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE YOUTH

JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm

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. Questions? Contact Evan Bierer, Youth Formation Minister, ebierer@paxchristi.com. **Registration is open—register today!**



SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

JULY 21–27; CURRENT 9–12 GRADERS RSVP

Join us this summer as we travel to Washington, DC, from July 21–27, for a week of service, justice, advocacy, and solidarity! This year's trip will cost \$500 per person, which includes airfare, transportation, food, programming, and supplies! Register now with a \$50 down-payment. Questions? Contact Jessie Johnson, Senior High Youth Formation Minister, 952-405-7210, or jjohnson@paxchristi.com. **Registration is open—register today!**





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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Be a part of this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! Senior High youth and young adults are needed 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. You must be available for rehearsals on Sundays, April 7 and 14 from 1:00-3:00pm. Presentations of the Living Stations will take place at 3:00pm on Good Friday, April 19. Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150, for additional information or sign up online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.



BOOMERS & BEYOND
 PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY
 Sign-up at www.paxchristi.com/boomers
 to receive info on upcoming events.

Upcoming events include:

- March 1:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation
- April 18:** Feed My Starving Children
- May 14:** Annual Spring Retreat

PARISHIONER NEWS

JANUARY BAPTISMS

Madigan Marguerite Moriarity	1/13/2019
Zoey July Toperzer	1/20/2019
Claire Elizabeth Martin	1/27/2019
Koralie Ann Windhorst	1/27/2019

NO JANUARY WEDDINGS

JANUARY FUNERALS

Kathleen Gayle Johnson Baumtrog	1/16/2019
Michael J. O'Toole	1/18/2019
Joan Gotzian Finch	1/24/2019

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

- Christopher Arvin and Judsina White
- Donald and Pamela Brummer
- Timothy and Sharon Crimmins
- Mike and Anjali Kelly
- Joseph and Darlene Kinning
- Jeffrey and Teresa Kirby
- Robert and Jenna Martin
- Julio Martinez
- Laura Munn
- Annalee and Andy Richards
- Lisa Ryther
- Brian and Belte Santa Maria
- Christopher and Jaclyn Sill
- Sarah Skare



READINGS FOR MARCH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2019

Monday:	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2019

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2019

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2019

Monday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

MARCH

GATHERING WHOLENESS: A LABYRINTH WALK

Monday, March 4, 6:30–8:30pm, DOROTHY Day RSVP

A labyrinth is a walking meditation, a path of prayer with a singular path leading to the center. It is a metaphor for our journey back to wholeness, a spiritual tool that quiets the mind, opens the heart, and grounds the body. Walking the path allows the mind and spirit to focus and reach a deeper connection with the divine. We experience a restoration of body, mind, and spirit and the soul finds healing and wholeness. If you yearn to slow down, nourish your mind, body, and spirit and experience the feeling of being fully alive, walking the labyrinth can help. Our evening will include a brief workshop followed by an indoor candlelit labyrinth walk. An introduction to the labyrinth will be available to those new to the labyrinth. To register, contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher at Carrie@cycleofwholeness.com.

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE TRANSPERSONAL CARDS

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

Are you ready to take your SoulCollage® deck to the next level by learning about and creating your Transpersonal Cards? The mysterious Transpersonal Cards include Source (God, the Source from which everything comes), SoulEssence (the spark of the Divine that exists in us) and Witness (the part of ourselves that allows us to become more aware and conscious). These are the cards that remind us of the Oneness beyond form and our connection to that which is unknowable. There will also be time for Open SoulCollage® card making. There is a suggested \$5 materials fee. RSVP to lschelitzche@paxchristi.com.

CAST INTO THE DEEP: MICHELANGELO

Monday, March 11, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

Please join us—and special guest Fr. Marc Pavaglio—for the final session of this season of Cast Into The Deep. This session focuses on Michelangelo and how he stunningly demonstrated that beauty can be a route of access to God. Through this spectacular video, we experience many of Michelangelo's extraordinary works, with emphasis on his David statue in Florence, the Pietà at St. Peter's, and the Sistine Chapel. Bishop Barron helps us gain an even greater understanding and appreciation of the beauty of Michelangelo's pieces and their importance in Catholic visual tradition. In lieu of group discussion we will continue to focus on beautiful art by using an image from the St. John's Bible as the focus of our Visio Divina. The evening will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration. The nursery will be available with minimum 10-day notice.

SILENT SATURDAY: HEAR THE SOUND OF MY CALL

Saturday, March 16, 9:00–11:30am RSVP

In our current national situation, both inside and outside the church, peace and calm seem elusive. In an effort to provide some quiet time for reflection and prayer, Care and Support Ministry is hosting another Silent Saturday: *Hear the Sound of My Call*. We invite you to join us for some quiet, uninterrupted time as we seek to hear God's call and discover the gifts of silence and prayer. We will create a peaceful environment for prayer time, journaling, walking or just resting in God's presence. How you choose to spend the time is up to you. Please join us as we seek to embrace and discover, in the silence of the morning, the peace of God's love and mercy. The morning will begin with a short prayer followed by a simple tour of Pax Christi's facility to highlight quiet places and spaces available to you. We will conclude our time together with a short prayer and an optional group sharing time. There is no fee, but we do ask that you notify us if you plan on attending. Questions? Contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministries, jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

BURGUNDY BAG LENTEN COLLECTION

Weekend of March 16/17

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

Julia Frost Nerbonne, Exec. Dir., MN Interfaith Power & Light

Sunday, March 17, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

Julia brings her skills as an organizer and academic to build a vibrant movement for climate justice in over 400 Minnesota congregations. She has an undergraduate degree in Religion and a PhD in Conservation Biology. She also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Conservation Biology Graduate Program at the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on how to create powerful social movements. Between 2011 and 2014, she was the founding director of MN350. She has also spent over 18 years teaching ethics and sustainability studies to college students at the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs and at the University of Minnesota. She is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in St. Paul.

BEING CHURCH

Elements of Ecclesiology Presentation by Fr. Mike

Sunday, March 17, 6:30–7:30pm, Room 212

What do we think we're talking about when we use the word "Church"? WHO is it? WHAT is it? What is it CALLED TO BE? Church is more than a building structure; it is people. Come hear what **Church** means for you as a disciple in your ministry to the world.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, March 18, 7:00–8:00pm, Room 239

Have you been told you are a good listener? Do you know of someone in our community who has the gift of compassion and presence? We will be launching BeFriender ministry this spring and are in search of individuals who feel the call to provide care and support to people in difficult and transitional situations, such as illness, loneliness, or loss of a loved one. BeFriender Ministry is a listening ministry based on a model of mutuality which heals hearts, energizes communities, and transforms a suffering world. Join us for an informational night to learn more about this ministry, the training requirements, along with tools to discern your personal call to this ministry. Attending does not commit you to become a BeFriender, however those interested in moving forward must be available to attend an all-day training on Saturday, April 6, along with four Monday evening trainings. RSVP to Diane Scott, diane.scottldf@yahoo.com.

MARY MAGDALENE AND JESUS

Through The Lens Of Medieval Spirituality And Art with Fr. Steve McMichael

Thursday, March 21, 6:30–8:30 pm, Room 211

Enrich your faith by examining the faith of Mary Magdalene. This class, presented by Fr. Steve McMichael, will include a brief view of Mary Magdalene and how each age saw her differently. Through the lens of art and spirituality, you'll have the opportunity to develop your own view of Mary Magdalene. The evening will include reflections of Mary Magdalene's own faith, including her encounter with the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, her presence with the Virgin Mary during the Easter Triduum, and why Mary Magdalene matters in Easter theology. Fr. McMichael regularly presides at Masses, funerals, weddings, and other sacraments at Pax Christi, and is an Associate Professor in the Theology Department at the University of Saint Thomas. He is currently researching and writing on the topic of the resurrection of Jesus in late medieval Franciscan theology, spirituality, and preaching. He has just published a book entitled, *The Glory of Paradise: Risen Life in the Easter Octave Sermons of Bernardino da Siena*.

GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES

THURSDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 28, 5:30–7:30pm at Pax Christi

The Southwest Grief Coalition (SWGCC) is a partnership of local churches working together to provide support and education for those who are grieving. A seven-week spring series, *Living and Growing Through Loss*, will be hosted here at Pax Christi. The evening will include a light meal, large group education session, and small group supportive sessions designed to offer listening and care to your type of loss. There is no cost to participate and you do not need to attend all sessions. For more information, look for the spring brochure in the kiosk by the reception desk, visit Pax Christi website www.paxchristi.com/grief, or the new SWGCC website www.swgriefcoalition.org, which includes links to local grief resources and suggested bibliographies about death. Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Weekends of March 30/31 and April 6/7

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, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo. If possible, please wrap your Easter Basket in cellophane. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Rosary Parish, Extension Services, and East Side Learning Center. Note that empty baskets, items to fill them, and gift cards are always welcome. Thank you for responding with a generous heart!

MAKE PLANS NOW

GIVING INSIGHTS SOCIAL FORUM

Tuesday, April 9; 6:00–8:30pm; Hall of Martyrs

What is the Catholic response to the influx of immigrants and refugees and rapidly shifting U.S. immigration policy? A moderated panel of local and national experts will explore this question. Hear first-hand from Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., the "Pope's favorite nun," about the experience of immigrants crossing the border, families being separated, and the efforts for reunification. Hear from an immigration lawyer about the complex legal system that migrants navigate to remain in the U.S. Hear from Archbishop Hebda and the Office of Latino Ministries how Catholic Social Teaching calls parishes to create a culture of welcome.

TEAR HERE

<h1>MARCH</h1> <p>See pages 18-19 for details or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.</p>						
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24	25	26	27 MOM AND KIDS OPEN GYM	28 SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION	29 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	30 EASTER BASKET DRIVE
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Please support our Faith Formation community-wide opportunity to collect over 1,000 cans of soup for PROP. Soup may be dropped off in the food bins by the Main Entrance.



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SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS

Pax Christi
Friday, March 8, 7:30pm

Axel Theimer, Conductor

The Saint John's University Men's Chorus will appear in concert at Pax Christi the evening of March 8. The 26-member choir is under the direction of Dr. Axel Theimer, a native Austrian and former member of the Vienna Boys' Choir. A variety of sacred and secular music will be performed, including pieces ranging from the Renaissance period, masterworks of the 21st century, and popular pieces. Admission is free but donations are welcome to help defray travel costs.



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