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30 Years

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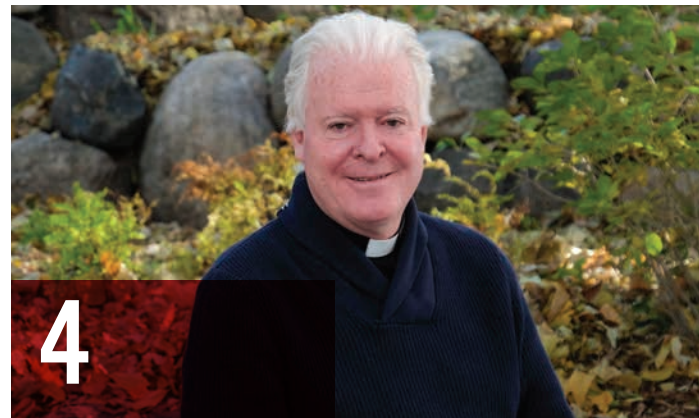
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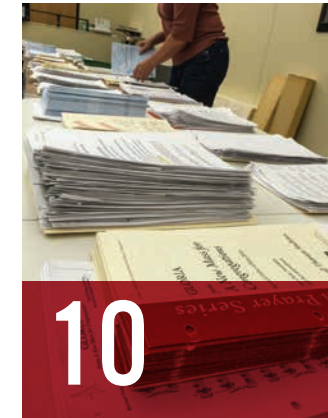
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# DEAR FRIENDS...



Fr. J. Michael Byron  
Pastor

**WHAT REALLY** changed at Easter for the followers of Jesus? At first glance, one could be forgiven for concluding that the answer to that question is, not much. The Roman Empire that was occupying and oppressing Israel with brutal force throughout Jesus' whole life kept right on going without seeming to skip a beat. The magnificent temple in Jerusalem where Jesus worshipped remained for another generation or two before it was razed to the ground violently, never to return. Injustice, cruelty, poverty, sectarian warfare, sickness, and death remained common among the people, as they still do. Pontius Pilate kept executing those whom he didn't care for. Crucifixion was not something unique to Jesus; it was something of a cottage industry to the Roman Governor of Jerusalem. One contemporary theologian has wondered, rhetorically,

whether Pilate, if he were ever to have been asked after many years whether he recalled the name of a certain Jesus of Nazareth, would have even had a memory of the man's name.

For most of the citizenry of Jerusalem, it would seem the first Monday after Easter was a day of back to business as usual, as if this whole Jesus thing had never happened, so little had it seemed to matter. Even the apostles announced that they were going back to their fishing jobs in Galilee (Jn. 21). And something sadly similar can threaten to nag at us still if all we examine is the physical evidence of the situations around us. The present state of things, whether in the world, our nation, or our church is, to say the least, ambiguous. To say the most, it is not the apparent Kingdom of God in its fullness.

From the scriptural accounts of Easter and beyond, what changed was not the self-evident order of the planet but rather a personal encounter with the Risen One, who caused His disciples to engage the same old landscape in a whole new way.

We travel a dead-end road when we attempt to "prove" the effects of resurrection solely on appeal to current events or historical social movements. The evidence just isn't there. Twenty years ago, when I was in graduate school, I recall sitting in a class taught by an eminent Jesuit theological scholar. It was shortly after the brutal civil war in Rwanda had ended. Our teacher remarked that between the warring tribes of the Hutu and Tutsi people, roughly 98 percent of both were Roman Catholic. He lamented the fact that two thousand years of Christian religion had not prevented genocide perpetrated by and among Christ's own people, brothers and sisters all. And of course we have our own sad and shocking stories to tell these days in the politics and the church of the United States.

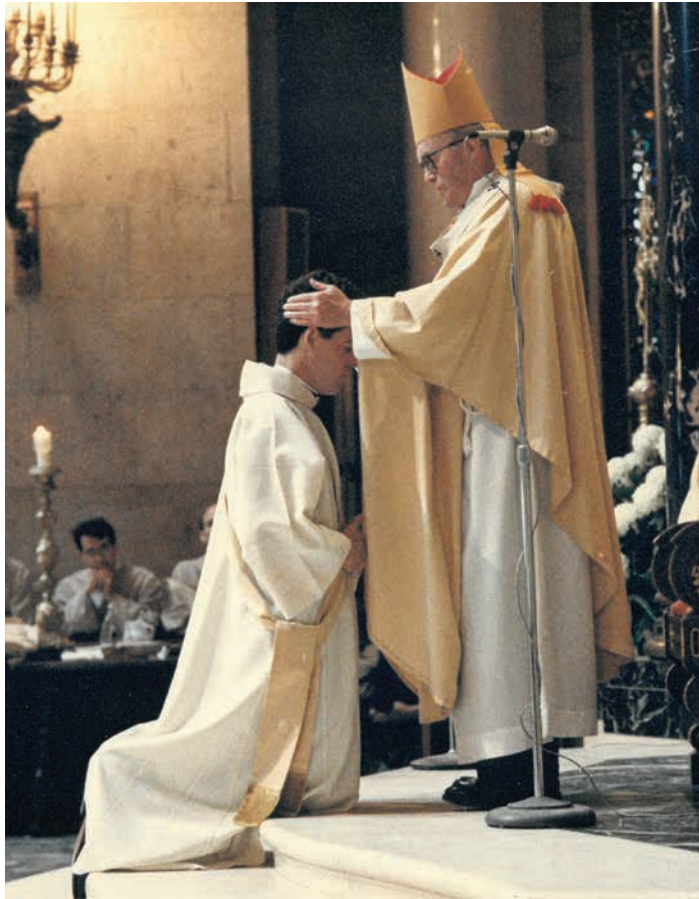


So, what changed at Easter? If not the socio-political-cultural conditions of our existence, necessarily, then it must have been something more immediate, personal, and radical. In one of my favorite Easter stories, in Luke's gospel, the dinner scene at Emmaus at the end of Resurrection Day, he writes that "the eyes of the disciples were opened and immediately Jesus vanished from their sight." Wait a minute; don't opened eyes cause people to see things, rather than to cease to see things? Luke is telling us something important here.

Easter imparted to the first Christians, as it does now, a new kind of vision—one that is transcendent. That means that we can look out over the very same broken world and broken church that anybody else can see but find right there the presence of Christ that can seem so otherwise elusive. This is a gift that only God's grace can give. It is true that we all now must await the full dawning of "a new heaven and a new earth (Rv. 21:1)," but it is not true that Jesus Christ is absent until that great someday. What changed at Easter was our Risen Lord's ability to find us in every and

any circumstance of life all the time, and to open our eyes to His presence even in the most unlikely of places. As distinct from the time of His earthly ministry, when any passer-by could see and hear Jesus, and respond (or not) to Him as he/she might wish, the Jesus of the Resurrection in the gospels is seen only by those who are believers. We need that kind of sight especially when so much of the rest of life makes it hard to cling to hope.

May this season of new life, new possibilities, new roads, be also an occasion for new vision.



# THIRTY YEARS OF **GENEROUS SERVICE**

**FR. MIKE** has always been in the business of providing guidance. But as a banker in his early twenties, he realized customers only needed his guidance for the length of time it took to acquire a loan. Fr. Mike found his professional relationships at a superficial level and leaving him less than satisfied with his career. Although he had considered entering the priesthood since his time in high school, he did nothing about it until he attended a friend's funeral. This friend, who had waited until middle age to become a priest, died just six weeks after his Sacrament of Ordination. Wanting no regrets, Fr. Mike decided to enter the seminary. "From the very beginning it was clear," he said, "this was what I was meant to do." Fr. Mike had found the satisfaction he was looking for.

Fr. Mike's favorite part of being a priest is preaching. He appreciates having the opportunity to share his understanding of God's word and relating it to today's common human experience. He doesn't believe he holds a font of particular wisdom that others don't have, but instead that he is an articulator of things that every believer knows in his/her heart and can recognize when it is called out. Being a priest also allows Fr. Mike to share his musical gifts. Singing is something he has always loved to do and worked at over the decades. By making prayer more uplifting with song, he hopes that it serves the parish's liturgical life and makes it better.

May 27 is the thirtieth anniversary of Fr. Mike's ordination. When it comes to expectations, Fr. Mike says that priesthood is kind of what he thought it would be. Still, he never anticipated that almost 20 years of his priesthood would be spent in education.

Without any experience in teaching, Fr. Mike was asked to become a seminary teacher, spent a few years in training, and then fell into the role comfortably. As a teacher he learned a lot of lessons himself along the way and sees that there is more than one way to think of theology. He says, "There's more mystery to it than one might think."

Looking back, Fr. Mike now realizes that he is better at being a priest than he thought he'd be. And, if there's one thing he could go back in time to tell himself, it's this: "You will be good enough." Reflecting on his 30 years of service, Fr. Mike feels a deep sense of gratitude. With each community he's been a part of, he has found that people are both welcoming and trusting. He said that it's wonderful to have the opportunity to be with people who desire to have a relationship with you and who want to like you.

His ideas of how to best serve a parish come from his view that he is of greatest service when he listens. It's about empowering a community to love and serve one another and those in need. This is especially true at Pax Christi where the culture requires broad conversation and buy-in. Fr. Mike appreciates that Pax Christi is a place where the wisdom, expertise, spirituality, and responsibility of the laity is far more important to affirm than it is to affirm him as the pastor. His generosity of service comes with a desire to "lead by serving," meshing perfectly with the people of Pax Christi.

*Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor*

**Join Fr. Mike as we celebrate his 30th anniversary of ordained service on the morning of Sunday, May 26.**



In honor of our 35th anniversary in 2016, 94 Pax Christi parishioners generously served alongside Habitat for Humanity to "Build a Dream."

# CREATED TO SERVE

**"WE ARE** created to serve God by loving and serving one another," wrote Lonni Pratt in *Radical Hospitality*. Jesus said the same thing but more personally in Matthew 25:40: "when you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me." That, then, is how each of us can be of generous service to our fellow humans, both here within Pax Christi and in the larger community. The third element of Pax Christi's Christian hospitality is share, love, grow. It is through our loving and generous sharing that we serve others.

It is often not so easy to do. We all have many demands for our time and money. For me there are times when I don't want another solicitous phone call or e-mail asking me to do this or contribute to that. I'm sure each of you get just as many. But then I recall the words Fr. Bill Murtaugh wrote in the parish bulletin four years ago: "The one thing to which everyone is called is to participate in the creative energy of God in bringing about a better world." Both he and Fr. Mike have talked about this in their homilies from time to time. Sr. Ilija Delio says the same thing in different words: "We humans become the gospel when we embody and personalize the values Jesus established."

So how do you and I help create a better world? How do you and I personalize Jesus' values and make them a part of our daily lives? An old cliché says, "one day at a time, one person at a time." That's a good place to start. We each have our own set of skills and interests. I am involved in areas where I can utilize my strengths;

Becky is involved in something very different; Andrew is active in yet a third area. It is in these various activities that we each share and love in serving others. We each personalize Jesus' values. And every member of Pax Christi can do that, using our strengths and interests to make the world a little better place. As we have written before, there are many opportunities to serve generously.

*Written by the Lay Leadership Development Council*





# THE TWELVE BASKET EXPERIENCE

**SIX TIMES** a year, on the second Tuesday of the month, about 15 enthusiastic Pax Christi women gather in the Martin Luther King Jr. room to plan the Twelve Basket drives held throughout the year. Much work goes into the planning and execution of the drives. Publicity is important to get the word out to the parish about the upcoming drives. The drives are published in the magazine, on the screens, and in the announcements before Mass. Display tables are set up at the four doors to get the attention of parishioners. Then we wait for our very generous parishioners to do their thing and bring in the needed items.

Perhaps some of you have observed the red bins filled to overflowing. Many women and a few men come to the sorting event where items are counted and put in bags and boxes readied for delivery to the various organizations that are lucky enough to receive them. Some drives, like the Back-to-School Drive and the Christmas Share-the-Joy Drive, take many hands to sort and bag all of the items we receive. Some agencies come to the church to pick up their items while others are delivered by church volunteers. Delivering the filled bags and boxes to the receiving organizations is a heartwarming activity as the organizations are so excited and happy to receive all the wonderful items.

The Back-to-School Drive is one of my favorite drives. It is so exciting to be able to supply a needy child with a new backpack filled with necessary school supplies. It is so important for children to be excited about going back to school, and new backpacks and supplies help to make it exciting for them. Students can start the year off right. We often get thank-you notes and pictures of smiling children showing off their new backpacks.

Twelve Baskets also does what we call a yearly "Urban Plunge." Every spring we choose three organizations that receive goods from our drives. We meet with staff from the organizations. They give us a tour of their facility and share their experience. We try to find out if there is something we can do next year to improve the experience. The statement that we hear repeatedly is that Pax Christi is known throughout the Twin Cities for their generosity and commitment to social justice. What a wonderful testimony to our very dedicated and generous fellow parishioners. Our members must find twelve Baskets rewarding as many of them return every year. As a group, we pray for continued support and feel very blessed to be part of this special community.

*Written by Judy Olmsted, Twelve Baskets Ministry*



## THE FOLLOWING DRIVES ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED

<b>Baby Drive</b>	May 11/12
<b>Back to School Drive</b>	August 10/11
<b>Book Drive</b>	September 14/15 & 21/22
<b>Hat &amp; Mitten Drive</b>	October 26/27
<b>Thanksgiving Meal Drive</b>	November 23/24
<b>Holiday Store</b>	November 23/24 & 30/31
<b>Share the Joy Christmas</b>	November 30/31 – December 7/8
<b>Bridging Blanket Drive</b>	February 22/23
<b>Easter Basket Drive</b>	March 21/22 & 28/29

## MEETING PRAYER

*God of Love,  
 Help us remember  
 That Christ has no body but ours,  
 No hands but ours,  
 No feet but ours.  
 Ours are the eyes to see  
 The needs of the world.  
 Ours are the hands with which  
 To bless everyone now.  
 Ours are the feet with which  
 He is to go about doing good.*

*By St. Teresa of Aliva*





# GENEROUS SERVICE BEHIND THE SCENES OF MUSIC MINISTRY

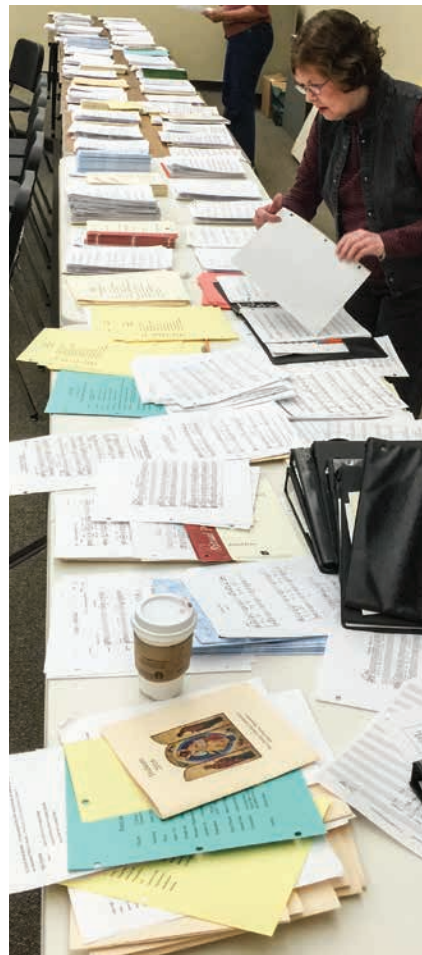
**AS MEMBERS** of the Pax Christi choir, Judy Sullivan, Mary Wood, Colleen Eckman, and Elaine Poskozim are a visible part of the Pax Christi community. What many don't see is that each week this group of women is also busy working behind the scenes to support the liturgical music of Pax Christi.

Once a week the four women update the choir's music binders—all 51 of them. It may sound simple enough: remove the music from the previous week, move the Mass section music forward, put in the new music for the coming weeks, and file the old music. However, the process takes a team of three to four people about two to three hours to complete. It's a lot of paper to move, considering that the binders hold not just music for Sunday Mass, but also the music required for upcoming rehearsals. The group has the system down to a science, using 30 feet of table space to create an assembly line and distribute the workload appropriately to "balance the line," as they like to say. Once the binders are complete, care is needed to accurately file the old music within Pax Christi's music library, which contains more than 2,000 unique arrangements, 150 Psalms, many with different variations, and another 50 separate Mass parts. Pax Christi's music library contains everything from Gregorian chants to contemporary African drum settings.

Each member of the team joined Pax Christi and its choir at least 10 years ago, resulting in a long history together. Judy is the most senior member of the group and has been filing for over five years. Mary Wood is the most recent addition to the filing group, starting a year ago when she became a retiree. And when Elaine became a snowbird four years ago, Colleen volunteered to fill in for her. While everyone enjoys the camaraderie, they all agree that their main reason for serving is to support Donna Kasbohm, or Director of Music and Liturgy. They greatly admire Donna's talents, including her ability to match the music to the liturgy. Donna will even make changes to Sunday's music to take into account significant happenings in the world that week.

Judy says that by working together as a team for a few hours each week, they are collectively contributing the equivalent of a day's work each week to support Donna and the community. Last year Judy, Mary, Colleen, and Elaine contributed a combined effort of 300 hours to this task. That is generous service!

*Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor*



# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PAX PETS FOUNDER



**HELLO** and happy spring. I would like everyone at Pax Christi to get to know a little bit about the members of Pax Pets, the work we do, and the joy we bring to those in need.



In keeping with this month's theme of generous service, it's appropriate to spotlight Sara Byerly—the individual who had the creativity and vision to initiate the Pax Pet ministry. Sara has been a member of Pax Christi since 2009 and shares her home with three pets. Spencer is a four-year-old beagle mix and Teddy is a five-year-old spaniel mix. And then there is Harley who is a twenty-five-year-old Meyers parrot.

When asked what her motivation was for starting Pax Pets, Sara said that she knows how much pets help people in crisis and aid in their well-being. A pet's natural ability to love unconditionally is what makes this happen. Sara said that she's looking forward to the upcoming launch of the Pax Pets reading program (which will be taking off in the near future) and hopes the ministry can increase the number of teams sent out into the community to continue helping more people in need. One of the most rewarding things about the ministry to Sara is that she gets to see people doing what they love while being involved, engaged, and serving others.

Sara is one of many wonderful members of Pax Pets. To become a Pet Visit Ministry Team, it is required that a pet owner is willing to participate in the training and testing necessary to certify their pet. Owner and pet then become a volunteer team in this ministry, and represent Pax Christi Catholic Community. Pets can include dogs, cats, and a variety of other animals that have lived in the owner's home for at least six months at the time of evaluation and testing. If interested, contact Renee Reardon, Care and Support Coordinator, rreardon@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7200.

*Written by Isabel Trovato, Pax Pets Ministry*



# WELCOME MAURA!

**I AM THRILLED** to welcome Maura Schnorbach to the Pax Christi staff as she serves in the role as the Director of Development and Engagement. I asked Maura to share a few things about herself so that we may get to know her a little better.

*Perhaps a good place to start is in St. Paul. I grew up in a big, Irish Catholic family. I attended a Catholic elementary school and an all-girls Catholic high school. The seeds for ministry were planted early, although I didn't realize it at the time.*

*At St. Luke's, I met a missionary nun who was on sabbatical from her work in Africa. She brought amazing stories about her adventurous work. I always dreamed of doing foreign mission work.*

*Years later, I would lead a water project in Coban, Guatemala, with the Benedictine monks in my role as the Social Justice Coordinator at St. Patrick's Church. It was a life-changing experience. I discovered that God sent me to Coban because He wanted to teach me. The monks and villagers taught me lessons about joy, generosity, hope, and a gritty faith that survives great hardship.*

*Who knew that God would have so many plans for me? I have tried to listen and lean in. Along the way, I have discovered a big, spacious God who has an incredible imagination. I have also learned that doors are opened, and the right people show up "just in time."*

*What attracted me to Pax Christi is the spirit here. Everyone I have met has been gracious and welcoming. It's clear that Pax Christi's values of welcome, justice, and hope are intertwined in all of the work. I have noticed that even in the midst of busy ministries, there is a grounding in spirituality, sacred arts, and beauty. To my delight, the campus feels like a retreat.*

*My volunteer work and five years on staff at St. Patrick's Church dovetails with the values at Pax Christi. I worked with our Social Justice Commission and volunteers on many events and outreach ministries. We joined an interfaith coalition to build 66 West, an affordable housing project in Edina with wrap-around services for homeless youth.*



*Later, I moved into Engagement and Development work. I worked on St. Patrick's Annual Gala, Capital Campaign, Annual Appeal, and Construction Committees.*

*My greatest blessing is my family. I am married and we have three children. Now that our children have been "launched," my husband, Peter, and I are enjoying a new chapter in our lives. Ryan and Kevin live and work in Minneapolis. Our daughter, Caitlin, is working in New York City. It's never dull because we have a wild Weimaraner, Fletcher, who has taken over our house! I am on the "rally crew" for my husband's endurance trail runs. I love water, books, gardening, photography, writing, and spacious conversations.*

*I look forward to meeting you, learning more about Pax Christi, and finding ways to support the good work happening here through Stewardship and Engagement!*

*Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director and Maura Schnorbach, Director of Development and Engagement*



## WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO™

**A FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING MINI WORKSHOP, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 6:30-8:00PM**

**THE PAX CHRISTI** Worship Council is sponsoring a mini workshop for funeral pre-planning—*What to Know Before You Go*™. Last year, the Worship Council introduced a funeral prayer service for those families who wanted a funeral service without a Mass. The service was developed with the understanding that parishioners may have family members that don't belong to the same church, or even the same faith. This year, the Worship Council is encouraging people to take ownership of funeral planning with this mini workshop.

Phyllis Olson, a Worship Council member and one of the workshop organizers, says that the event is a way for people to initiate a conversation about funeral planning with their families. She plans to have at least one of her children attend the workshop with her. Phyllis also points to the value of pre-planning. An unexpected death often leaves loved ones not knowing the person's final wishes and without time to adequately explore options and costs. Pre-planning puts everyone in greater control of knowing they are making the right choices.

The workshop is for anyone who wants to take steps toward pre-planning. Phyllis suggests that age and state of wellness shouldn't be the only deciding factors in who should attend the workshop. Phyllis says, "If you wait until someone becomes sick, then it's already too late. Illness can happen unexpectedly, and when it does, the family's priority is spending time with the person who needs their care. A pre-planned funeral alleviates some burden of what is already a stressful situation."

Everyone attending the workshop will leave with a funeral planning workbook that they can fill out later and give to a family member. Additionally, workshop attendees will hear from Fr. Mike and Scott Mueller, funeral director and author of *What To Know Before You Go: An Insider's Answers to the Most Commonly Asked Questions About Death, Grief and Funerals*. Here's a quick summary of what to expect at this mini workshop:

- Learn about the advantages of funeral pre-planning and the many choices available as you plan a funeral Mass or funeral prayer service.
- How do you have a conversation with your children or your aging parents about funeral planning wishes?
- How do we understand life and death as a community of faith and why are rituals important?
- What is the process and resources available to those planning a funeral at Pax Christi?
- How do you choose a funeral home, what are the different burial options, is it wise to pre-pay for a funeral?
- What are some ways to leave a legacy to your loved ones?
- Staff and members of Care and Support Ministry Council will have a resource table available with helpful information.
- The opportunity to purchase Scott Mueller's book, *What To Know Before You Go*.

*Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor*

It's that time again—prom season is upon us! Like many of you, several members of the staff here at Pax Christi attended their high school prom. Here's the proof!

Can you guess who they are?

Answers on page 16.







## MINISTRIES OF PRAYER:

**LABYRINTH WALKING** – A labyrinth is a walking meditation that integrates mind, body, and spirit in prayer. Pax Christi has an outdoor labyrinth which is self-directed and available year round. Indoor labyrinth walks are available monthly. A topic is explored in a group setting prior to the monthly indoor walks.

**PRAYER BASKET** – Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

**PRAYER BOARD** – Pax Christi's website hosts the Prayer Board. You are invited to pray as you are able for the intentions listed. Intentions may be submitted via the link on our homepage.

**PRAYER CORNER** – The Prayer Corner is included in the weekly bulletin. You are invited to pray as you are able for those listed.

**PRAYER LINE** – The Prayer Line team of dedicated parishioners prays in response to intentions brought forward by others in our community. Call the parish office if you have a prayer request you would like included.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Give one or make one. Prayer and love of knitting or crocheting have been combined into a special ministry that reaches out to anyone going through a transition, providing them with a beautiful shawl. You are invited to join this special ministry. Prayer shawls are available in the parish office.

**ROSARY GROUP** – Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

For additional information visit  
[www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry](http://www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CATHOLIC SPIRIT NEWSPAPER

If you are interested in receiving the official publication of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, *The Catholic Spirit*, please contact Maria Miller in the Pax Christi office at [mmiller@paxchristi.com](mailto:mmiller@paxchristi.com) or by calling 952-405-4217. This monthly subscription is free to registered Pax Christi members.

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Send a text message with the dollar amount of your contribution to 952-234-6729. Fill out a short form with your billing information and then giving is as easy as sending a text message. Credit card and echeck giving is also available at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

### ATTENTION SUMMER CABIN GOERS AND OTHER "MOVERS"

How would you like to help Pax Christi save money by a simple email or phone call? If you plan on being out of town and notify the post office to forward your mail, also contact Maria Miller in the parish office, 952-405-7217, or [mmiller@paxchristi.com](mailto:mmiller@paxchristi.com), and she will do a temporary address change for the magazine, the PaxChristiNews. Or you can have the magazine stopped until you are back in town. You always have the option to view it each month online on our "NEWS" page. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

### PROM PHOTOS

- 1) Donna Kasbohm
- 2) Ken Reineccius
- 3) Fr. Mike Byron
- 4) Jean Thoresen
- 5) Sue Fier (Aric)
- 6) Jessie Johnson
- 7) Lisa Cox
- 8) Janell McBeian (Dan)
- 9) Sally Bergum
- 10) Deacon Al Schroeder (Mary Ellen)
- 11) Melissa Nault

## PARISHIONER NEWS

### MARCH BAPTISMS

Julia Rose Stack	3/3/2019
Isaiah Daniel Sandoval	3/3/2019

### NO MARCH WEDDINGS

### MARCH FUNERALS

Richard J. 'Dick' Thomas	3/8/2019
Leslie Kay (Lovejoy) Keane	3/14/2019
Patricia "Pat" Wiese	3/15/2019
Carol Margaret (Campion) Vasaly	3/22/2019
Barbara (Jansen) Maple	3/29/2019

### MARCH NEW MEMBERS

John and Brittney Becker  
 Katy Bittner  
 Jack and Ann Brau  
 Roger and Mary Jo Burginger  
 Dan and Dominika Forsyth  
 Benjamin and Katherine Humphrey  
 Lois Larson  
 Mary Jo McMahon  
 Ross and Jenna Narloch



**BOOMERS AND BEYOND**  
 PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY  
 Sign-up at [www.paxchristi.com/boomers](http://www.paxchristi.com/boomers)  
 to receive info on upcoming events.

#### Upcoming events include:

- May 3:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation  
**May 14:** Annual Spring Retreat

## READINGS FOR MAY

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5, 2019

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2019

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2019

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2019

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23
Friday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

## MAY

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION****Friday, May 3, beginning with Mass at 8:30am**

Come and join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and hospitality on the first Friday of each month. The event is sponsored by the Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome!

**WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO™****A Funeral Pre-planning Mini Workshop****Wednesday, May 8, 6:30–8:00pm RSVP**

The Worship Council is hosting a funeral pre-planning workshop. Attendees will learn about the advantages of pre-planning, the process and resources for planning a funeral at Pax Christi, and how to have a conversation with family members about funeral planning wishes. Fr. Mike and author Scott Mueller will be the featured speakers. Receive a complementary funeral planning workbook and other helpful information at the Care and Support Ministry resource table.

**MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP BREAKFAST****Friday, May 10, 7:00–8:30am; Room 212 RSVP**

Complete details on back cover.

**TWELVE BASKETS BABY DRIVE****Weekend of May 11/12**

Baby items are needed for the Twelve Baskets annual Baby Drive on Mother's Day weekend. Bring joy to new mothers in need by donating new clothing (newborn to 5T), diapers and wipes, blankets, bottles, and more. Diapers (newborn to size 5) and formula are especially needed. Donations benefit Tandem, Holy Rosary Parish, Healthy Beginnings, and Southwest Options for Women. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**BOOMERS AND BEYOND SPRING RETREAT****Adding More Joy to Your Life****Tuesday, May 14, 8:30am, \$15.00 RSVP**

Boomers and Beyond senior ministry, along with the Young at Heart senior group of St. Edward's Church in Bloomington, invite all the parish seniors to our annual end-of-year retreat. The retreat will start with the 8:30am Mass, followed by a light breakfast, an hour presentation, and end with a spring luncheon. Our presenter is Fr. Jim Van Dorn, Guardian of St. Joseph Cupertino Friary. Fr. Jim is also part of the preaching staff at Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake. Fr. Jim will share his belief in St. Francis of Assisi's (1181–1226) assertion, "Our job is to lift up people's hearts and to give them reasons for spiritual joy." Fr. Jim will share how to bring more joy into our own lives, and how we do that and not make it seem like a job. Join us for smiles, laughs, friendships, and good food. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration required by Wednesday, May 8.

**SOULCOLLAGE® – THE COUNCIL SUIT****Tuesday, May 14, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP**

SoulCollage® guides you through an intuitive, insightful process in a setting of creativity and camaraderie. It is a powerful creative process that gently enables you to hear the deep wisdom of your own inner knowing. This practice honors one's personal growth and self-discovery. Have you heard about archetypes but aren't quite sure what they really are? Do you ever look back on your life and see patterns or influences that have been with you since birth? Archetypes are ancient, universal patterns of behavior that are embedded in what Carl Jung called the "collective unconscious." A few examples: Mother, Father, Hero, Rebel, Explorer, Jester, Sage, Caregiver. During this workshop, you will gather and assemble images onto cards based on the "Council" suit of SoulCollage®, and enjoy contemplative exercises with your new cards as you explore their personal significance. If you are interested in beginning SoulCollage® and want to attend this workshop, please contact Lynn to provide you with resources to learn the basics of SoulCollage® in advance. The session will begin with 30 minutes of instruction, followed by guided meditation and card-making. We conclude with journaling and a brief sharing of our images. All materials provided. \$5 suggested materials donation.

**GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES****THURSDAYS THROUGH May 16, 5:30–7:30pm at Pax Christi**

The Southwest Grief Coalition (SWGCG) 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](http://www.paxchristi.com/grief), or the new SWGCG website [www.swgriefcoalition.org](http://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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON JUSTICE FOR THE POOR****Abbie Shain, Steering Committee, MN Poor People's Campaign****Sunday, May 19, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP**

Coming of age during the Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter movements, Abbie learned that organizing makes the impossible possible. She holds a BA in Religious Studies from Macalester College and is currently studying to earn her MSW from the University of Minnesota School of Social Work in May of 2019. In March of 2018, she had the transformative opportunity to train with Rev. William Barber at the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, TN.

**SENIOR HIGH DINNER AND A MOVIE****4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 5:00–10:00pm:****May 24, June 28, August 23 RSVP**

Calling all 9-12th graders! Join us once a month for dinner and a movie at Pax Christi. We'll gather in the Pax Christi kitchen at 5:00pm to cook our dinner together, head to the Anne Frank Room to eat, and then watch a movie together downstairs in the John XXIII Room until 10:00pm. The menu and movie will be decided by the group, so bring your creativity into the kitchen and join us for an evening of cooking, community, and fun! Contact Jessie Johnson in the Faith Formation office, [jjohnson@paxchristi.com](mailto:jjohnson@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7210 for more information. Sign up at [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration).

**FR MIKE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION****Following morning Masses Sunday, May 26**

May 27 marks the 30th anniversary of Fr. Mike's ordination. We will be celebrating the occasion with a reception following morning Masses on Sunday, May 26. You'll have the opportunity to offer your congratulations to Fr. Mike and enjoy cake and hospitality. We hope to see you there.

## MAKE PLANS NOW

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP****JULY 29–AUGUST 2, ages 3 years – 5TH GRADE, \$75.00/CHILD RSVP**

Campers will sing, dance, make friends, spend time in service opportunities, and see our drama team bring to life the stories of Super Heroes from the bible. High schoolers, parents, and grandparents are invited to be crew leaders. As a volunteer, you grow in your faith and are supported with training, free nursery, and more. To join the team or receive the early bird rate for your camper, register online now.

**DRAMA CAMP****JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 9:00am–3:00pm (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)****6TH GRADE YOUTH AND OLDER RSVP**

Bible Camp Drama Team needs you! Come share your acting talents! No prior experience is necessary! Our fabulous team is open to those in 6th grade and older. The group meets for a rehearsal week of team-building, outreach opportunities, and learning our scripture stories. These awesome youth break open the Word of God through music and movement for the younger campers. Girls and boys are welcome to join. Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, Camp Director, [rdignan@paxchristi.com](mailto:rdignan@paxchristi.com).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP****JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm; 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE****The fee is \$175 RSVP**

Middle School youth are invited to 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](mailto:ebierer@paxchristi.com).

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND****HAVE A FABULOUS HOLIDAY WEEKEND!**

**Please join us on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day Mass at 9:00am in the chapel. The parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the holiday and the building will close following Mass.**

TEAR HERE

MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 MOM/KIDS OPEN GYM	2	3	4
			COMMITMENT NIGHT FOR NEW LEADERSHIP	SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION	FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	
5	6	7	8 MOMS ROCK	9	10 MEN'S SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST	11
		BAPTISM CLASS	FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP	SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION		BABY CARE DRIVE
12 BABY CARE DRIVE MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 BOOMERS' RETREAT SOULCOLLAGE®	15 MOM/KIDS OPEN GYM	16 SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION	17	18 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
19 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES	20	21 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	22 MOMS ROCK	23	24 SR. HIGH DINNER/MOVIE	25
26 FR. MIKE'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	27 MEMORIAL DAY MASS	28	29	30	31	1

See pages 18-19 for details or visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).



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*A mother is she who can take the place of all others  
but whose place no one else can take.*

-Cardinal Mermillod

*Happy Mother's Day!*





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# MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP BREAKFAST

**Friday, May 10, 7:00–8:30am; Room 212**

How are parish-based men's groups providing a powerful pathway into the inner life for more and more men? There is growing interest in forming a men's spirituality group here at Pax Christi. You're invited to a gathering of curious and open men from our community that will include a free continental breakfast. Spiritual director Terry Shaughnessy\* will share his thoughts on forming such a group and what men can expect by participating. Men's groups are a way to develop lasting friendships and to find a safe way to be non-competitive and vulnerable with other men while deepening spiritual lives. Terry will examine the ways men are challenged to grow in their spirituality as well as how men find support along the way as they stand "shoulder to shoulder" when they gather as an intentional group. Fulfilling and ongoing men's groups don't happen without structures that support a process that enables men to remain engaged. Come spend time with us as we explore masculine spirituality designed around a men's group.

*\*Terry Shaughnessy has been a spiritual director since 1996, having received his Master's in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University. He brings extensive experience mentoring men as a men's group facilitator, retreat leader, and as the coordinator for masculine spirituality at Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality. He has led retreats with the international men's organization ILLUMAN (guided by Fr. Richard Rohr), offered experiential men's rites of passage retreats, and staffed extended retreats for Contemplative Outreach in Snowmass, Colorado. Terry is also a longtime teacher of Centering Prayer. He is married, lives in St. Paul, and is the father of three adult children.*

