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Tuesdays 8:30am with Rosary to follow
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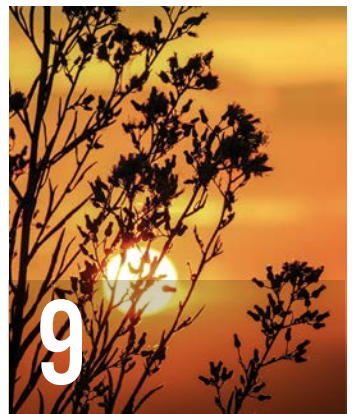
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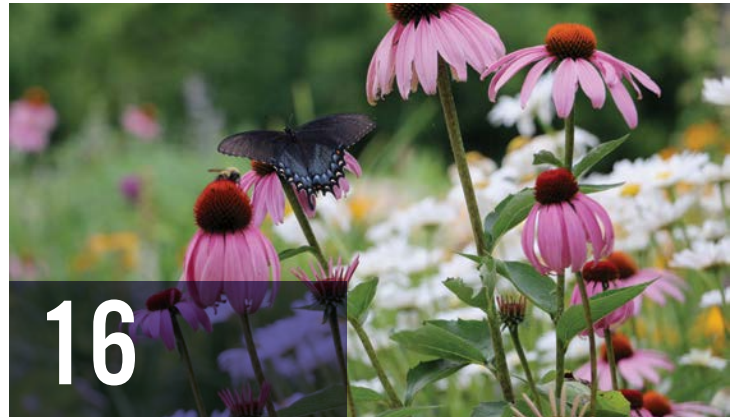
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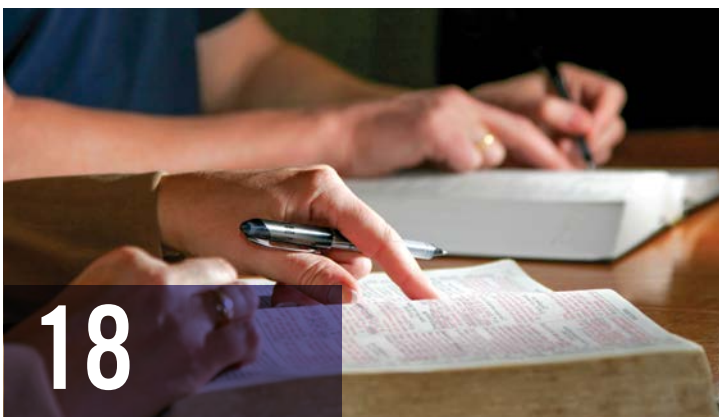
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LIVING LENT IN LOVE



Fr. Marc Paveglia
Parochial Vicar

EVERY Ash Wednesday the prophet Joel exhorts us to rend our hearts — not our clothing — and return to the Lord. The season of Lent begins with a summons to come back to God, who is gracious and merciful, “slow to anger, rich in kindness” (Jl 2:13). Year after year we make a personal and communal pilgrimage of spiritual renewal in the 40 days leading up to Easter.

The imposition of ashes on the forehead is an ancient sign. What does it mean? First of all, it means that all of us stand in need of redemption. Our pride is humbled as we come forward, one by one, to acknowledge that our sins have marred us. No matter what our status or achievements in life, we are all the same before the Lord. God has created us for holiness and goodness, but so often we have rebelled, chosen lesser things, offended the Lord, and wounded our neighbor. Without the grace of God we are merely ashes, the dust of the earth without the breath of life (cf. Gen 2:7).

Second, the imposition of ashes is an invitation to conversion of heart. “Repent, and believe in the Gospel (Mark 1:15).” The marking of dust on the forehead is an outward sign that reminds us that it is the interior nature

of the heart that needs transformation. The life of grace we want to live cannot only be a series of exterior deeds. Christ gives us a new heart which allows us to live an entirely new way of life — believing in our identity as beloved by God, living in sincerity and integrity in our words and actions, and being moved in compassion to love every human person without exception.

Lent is as much a season of hope as it is a season of penance. We would not cry out to God for forgiveness unless we believed that he can forgive us. When we approach the Lord with sorrowful hearts we carry within us the hope that he is merciful. Indeed, God is mercy itself. God delights and rejoices in showering his mercy upon us. Even the heavenly courts break into gladness — “there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents,” Jesus says (Lk 15:10)! Lent is a perfect time to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness, whether it has been 30 days or 30 years. Through the ministry of his priests, Christ reconciles us to himself and his Church. Witnessing the power of confession and forgiveness continually never ceases to increase my adoration of Jesus. He truly brings the dead back to life.

Lent is also a season of spiritual combat. The opening prayer for Ash Wednesday asks for God’s help in our “campaign of Christian service,” that we can resist spiritual evils by “weapons of self-restraint.” Every day, and particularly in Lent, Christians are engaged in a struggle against evil. Jesus himself knows that struggle well. He took up his campaign for 40 days in the desert. He resisted Satan for our sake, all the way up to the final temptation — to escape from the cross and reject his Father’s will. Jesus places into our hands the weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (cf. Mt 6:1-18). By allowing each of them to find a place in our Lenten journey, we gradually experience deeper freedom in Christ. Prayer delivers us from the idol of self and sets us free to enter into divine intimacy with the One who made us and loves us. Fasting delivers us from the idol of sensuality and sets us free to pursue the noble ideals of truth, justice, holiness, and worship. Almsgiving delivers us from the idol of greed and sets us free to see our neighbor as someone of infinite value and sacredness — worthy of my time, my presence, and my friendship.

Someone once told me that people who are successful at achieving their New Year’s resolutions have the same

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thing in common — they don't so much think about what *not to do* (don't be late, don't eat that, don't forget to do this), as much as they focus on who they want to become. Each day their question is: Will I choose to become the person I set out to be today? Our Lenten practices are similar. We do them, indeed, to purge from us from old habits and selfish ways, but we do them most of all because we *want to become who God has called us to be* — *Jesus Christ*. Day by day we imitate our Master, the Lord of Love, and we find ourselves slowly becoming one with him. This is only possible with the help of the Holy Spirit. He inspires every good work, leads us into meditation, fills us with wisdom, and divinizes



us. The same Holy Spirit that made the Son share in flesh and blood is the same Spirit that makes Adam's children share in divine life.

That's the reason why we renew our baptismal promises at Easter. We claim our new identity standing around the saving waters: we are children of God, we are baptized into Christ, we are temples of the Holy Spirit. This is who we are: The mystical Body of Christ!

This Lent, let us keep this truth before our eyes each day as we prepare for the joy of Easter. Through our baptism we are Christ in the world. May his infinite love flow through us, drawing people near and far into his embrace of peace.



A LENTEN WAY OF LIFE: UNDOING THE KNOTS

AS WE MOVE into another season of Lent, we bring to our prayer and reflection the "knots in our lives" which take away our peace and serenity — knots of worry, doubt, confusion, temptation, estrangement from God and from one another — knots of all sizes to be undone through the action of the Holy Spirit.

The inspiration for our focus comes from one of Pope Francis' favorite devotions to Mary, the "Undoer of Knots," one of her many titles. We know that we need God's grace to untie the knots, but we also need each other.

Together, we will create a **Wall of Hope** in our gathering space. Ribbons are provided on which to write our prayers, then attach the ribbon to the wall. The Spirit may move us to untie someone else's ribbon, taking it with us, and praying for the intentions written on it for a few days, and then returning it to the wall.

Our prayer for the Lenten journey:

Undoing the Knots

Holy Spirit, we ask for the faith and strength
to undo the knots that hold us fast,
the knots of the present, the knots of the past,
to be graced by God's love that is merciful and vast.

Undo our knotted lives
that we might live in freedom
as daughters and sons
of the One who loves us to the last.

Text and Music: Donna B. Kasbohm, Lent 2017

LENT SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:

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| Mondays | 8:30am |
| Tuesdays | 8:30am |
| Wednesdays | 6:00pm |
| Thursdays | 8:30am |
| Fridays | 8:30am |

Lenten Cross Exhibit, Ash Wednesday through Holy Week

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Masses with the distribution of ashes:
6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - (PRIVATE)

3:30–4:30pm Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE

Friday, March 24, Meal begins at 5:15pm

WALKING THE WAY: CONTEMPORARY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 24, 6:30pm

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: LIVING IN GRACE AND HOPE

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00pm

PALM SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

April 8/9 at Mass

TRIDUUM/EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – 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 16 – 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, March 1, Masses with the distribution of ashes:
6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm**

Join us following the noon Ash Wednesday Mass for a light lunch of soup and bread in Dorothy Day Hall served by the staff of Pax Christi. Join us for an Ash Wednesday soup supper in Nazareth Hall (lower level gym). A light supper of soup and bread will be served from 5:30–6:45pm. Come following the 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass or come early and enjoy the meal before the 7:00pm Mass.

WALKING THE WAY

Friday, March 24, 6:30pm following Fish Dinner

You are invited to a contemporary interpretation of the traditional Stations of the Cross through the lens of photo meditations. We are reminded that The Way of the Cross continues through reflections on the suffering of Christ present in people in our own time throughout the world. You can also "walk the way" at your own convenience until the beginning of Holy Week. The installations are in the hall around the periphery of the building.

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE

Friday, March 24, 5:15pm

Join us as we continue the tradition of the Lenten Fish Bake beginning at 5:15pm. Enjoy tasty baked tilapia, beer-battered baked cod, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, pickles, and chocolate pudding pie.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: LIVING IN GRACE AND HOPE

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00pm

*Good and gracious, God,
Let your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body, mind, and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain
And make your broken people whole.
Text: John Bell, We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

Let this be the time. We gather during this holy season of Lent to turn and forgive one another, listening for the voice of the Spirit preparing us for action as heralds of reconciliation and justice. Let this be the time!

Pax Christi will celebrate a community Reconciliation Service that will include music, scripture, prayer, breaking open the Word, and a time to reflect on our relationships with God, others, and self. Opportunity for individual confessions following the service.

THE LABYRINTH DURING LENT

We are blessed with a beautiful outdoor labyrinth as well as an indoor replica for our Minnesota winters. A labyrinth is a walking meditation, a path of prayer. It has only one path that leads from the outer edge in a circuitous way to the center. It is a spiritual tool that can help you find your way unlike a maze where you lose your way. Walking a labyrinth reduces stress, feeds the spirit, quiets the mind, and opens the heart. Scheduled walks during Lent are: March 6, March 14, March 23, April 3, 6:30–8:30pm. Walks are facilitated by parishioner Carrie Chevalier-Mosher. Questions or to RSVP, contact Carrie at Carrie@Indigoorbis.com.

BOW: BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

As a suggestion for your Lenten practice, we invite you to reflect, pray, and renew with the weekly readings as a member of our Facebook group "Breaking Open the Word." Please join us here:

www.facebook.com/groups/breakingopentheword.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS SR HIGH SERVICE: LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Be a part of this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! 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. You must be available for rehearsals on Sundays, April 2 and 9, from 1:00–3:00pm. Presentations of the Living Stations will take place at 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Good Friday, April 14. Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150, for additional information or sign up at

www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.



READINGS FOR MARCH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19
 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: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2017

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
 Monday: 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 or Lk 2:41-51a
 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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2017

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 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-15, 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THOSE RITES FOR NEW CATHOLICS?

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Those who attended our 11:00am Mass on January 22 were privileged to accept our catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized) into the Catechumenate stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation process (RCIA) for those considering becoming Catholic. This is the first public rite in the process.

Three symbols embody this rite:

THE THRESHOLD —the participants and ministers started at the baptismal font which is the threshold, or entrance, into both Pax Christi's sanctuary and into Christianity. They were introduced to the assembly, and then accepted by the assembly into the next stage of the RCIA process. From there all could cross the threshold and process to the altar.

THE CROSS —the sponsors placed the Sign of the Cross on the participants' foreheads, eyes, ears, lips, shoulders, hands and feet to symbolize a turning toward Jesus. The priest blessed them with the Sign of the Cross and the sponsors placed a cross pendant over the participants.

THE WORD —to follow Jesus, means studying Jesus' words and actions in our Scriptures—his teachings, preaching, parables, actions, miracles, death, and resurrection. After hearing the Word through our Mass scripture readings and homily, the RCIA participants were presented with the bible and then dismissed to reflect on the Word we just heard.

RITE OF SENDING TO THE RITE OF ELECTION

Our Pax Christi community will be participating in the second public rite for those preparing for initiation in the Catholic Church. On the First Sunday of Lent, March 5, the Pax Christi 11:00 a.m. assembly will be Recommending and Sending our catechumens (unbaptized) and Recognizing our candidates (baptized) for the Rite of Election with one of our bishops at the Basilica of St. Mary that afternoon.

The sponsors will present the participants to the assembly and attest that they have experienced a conversion and are ready for the next and deeper steps toward completing our Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist). The presider will then ask for the assembly's permission and affirmation of those being sent. The participants then sign the Book of the Elect which will be taken to the Rite of Election that afternoon where the bishop will recognize our baptized candidates on their continued journey and declare our unbaptized catechumens into the Enrollment of the Elect.

During this stage, the participants will prepare for the third public rite: Initiation. This is done when the participant feels ready, usually by the Easter Vigil, where we celebrate Baptism for the catechumens and Confirmation and Eucharist for the catechumens and candidates.

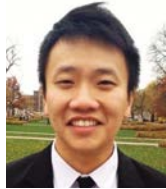
I invite you to reflect on these questions as we continue this process:

When have you felt chosen?

What were you chosen to do?

How can you help strengthen those in the RCIA process?

Pray for our Catechumens and Candidates.



WELCOME EDISON KOR! I am born and raised in Minnesota. My father and mother are Frankie and May Kor. I have two brothers, William and Adam, and one sister, Victoria. I am the oldest. I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2012. One day, Maggie and I came across the Pax Christi church and

I grew interested in joining and learning more about the Catholic religion.



WELCOME TO MELISSA MOSKALIK! I am originally from Madison, WI and moved to Minnesota for my job in 2007. I work in sales and marketing for The Coca-Cola Company. I live in Eden Prairie with my husband, Paul, son Jimmy (age 3), rescue dogs Priscilla and Murray, and rescue cat, Elvis. I enjoy

spending time with my family, running, going to the movies, and every weekend volunteering at the Minneapolis Animal Shelter walking dogs.



WELCOME TO SARAH POPPLER! Hello! I am Sarah Poppler. I was born into a Lutheran household, but was raised up in the Evangelical Church. I live here in Eden Prairie with my husband, Trevor. This spring, we hope to add a dog (Chocolate Lab) to our family.

I enjoy being with family and friends, volunteering, training for running races, going for bike rides, and working on house projects. My husband and I have been members of the church for almost 2½ years now. This was our first church that we both agreed upon and enjoy attending! In the RCIA process I love learning more about the faith and the bible. My lovely husband is also my sponsor.



WELCOME VORAK SENG! I was born in Cambodia and grew up in Rhode Island. My fiancée, Trisha, introduced me to this Christian journey. We will be getting married in July. I love golf and movies. I enjoy meditating while I run. Trisha and I never take our life for granted and are thankful each and every single day.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.

LET THE SUN SHINE!

IN THE BEGINNING, God created the sun to provide light to the world (Genesis 1:16). In January, after a 14-month process of research, analysis, and negotiations, the Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council, with assistance from Finance and Justice Councils, made the recommendation that Pax Christi sign an agreement to lease our roof for the installation of a solar array. The solar array will allow us to harness the clean energy provided by the sun and fulfill our mission of protecting the environment and being good stewards of the resources provided by the Community.

The purpose of the Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council (ACG) is to:

- Recognize the importance of creating a nurturing environment that best services our diverse community, drawing all together.
- Provide leadership and guidance to the ministry councils of Pax Christi, working to accommodate all their mission and vision as it relates to the use of the facilities and grounds.
- Promote the wise stewardship of our physical assets using our resources in a way that respects our environment.
- Encourage prudent and responsible shared usage of our facilities.



Arts, Campus, and Gardens began the search in November 2015 during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. Cooperative Energy Futures (CEF) was identified as a program Pax Christi was interested in partnering with to build a Community Solar Garden (CSG). CEF was chosen because they most closely aligned with the mission of Pax Christi regarding respect for the earth, helping the less fortunate participate in reduced energy cost, and create jobs and opportunity for the underemployed in our community in cooperation with Minnesota Work Force Development. CEF is a Twin Cities-based member owned cooperative that builds community wealth through energy efficiency and clean energy solutions that are accessible to everyone regardless of income level. CEF will serve as project developer and facility manager for our community solar garden.

CEF will interface with Xcel Energy to deliver bill credits to subscribers and manage the ongoing operations and maintenance of the solar array.

CSGs make solar affordable by building a large solar array on a sunny roof or open area. CSGs can also make solar available to anyone who pays an electric bill by allowing renters, homeowners, businesses, and organizations to subscribe for solar power. Xcel Energy is required to give a bill credit to anyone who subscribes to a CSG for the power produced by their portion of the array.

CEF will operate the 219.24kW solar array, offering the opportunity for Pax Christi and parish members to subscribe to the CSG. The community solar model reduces the parish's cost of electricity and offers members of Pax Christi the opportunity to subscribe to the CSG to offset their energy consumption at a savings. By

state law, as the host site, Pax Christi will be able to subscribe to 40% of the CSG production (approximately 20% of our parish annual usage), with members of Pax Christi allowed to subscribe for the remaining 60%. Based on a normal household electrical usage, it is anticipated that approximately 30 household subscriptions would be available. In keeping with our Catholic Social Teachings, subscription priority will be given to Pax Christi low-income subscribers and renters.

Informational meetings will be scheduled to more fully describe the subscription process, the structure and financial terms of the community solar garden and answer your questions. If you would like to learn more about Just Community Solar: A Story of Faith in Action! go to <http://youtu.be/VG4Lo1ycDiq>.

Written by Jeffrey Schuh, Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council Chair.



THE BEES ARE COMING TO PAX CHRISTI

YOU MIGHT BE THINKING - what do bees and Pax Christi have in common? If you read the Pax Christi Vision Statement — it notes how we will *be actively engaged in service to ourselves and our greater community.*

Hosting bees gives us the opportunity to help bring our Vision Statement to life.

Pax Christi is working with the University of Minnesota Bee Squad to manage two bee colonies on the parish's grounds beginning this spring and lasting until this fall. The program entitled "From Hive to Bottle," offers many benefits to Pax Christi, its Members, and the surrounding community.

Bees, in our case honeybees, help pollinate flowers, fruits and vegetables for several miles around the hives. They produce honey to feed the colonies - with leftover honey to be shared by Pax Christi.

This joint project with the Bee Squad will support research that helps grow and sustain bee colonies, not just here in Eden Prairie, but globally. From the Bee Squad web site:

"Bees play a keystone role in the agricultural production and the beauty of our world through the pollination of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and flowers. The disruption of natural habitats leading to lack of "bee flowers," the widespread overuse of pesticides, and numerous bee diseases and parasites have pushed wild bees and honey bees to the tipping point. This honey bee crisis is broadly termed Colony Collapse Disorder."

Bees fascinate and inspire. Bee research fosters creative thought and practical solutions.

The goal of our bee research at the University of Minnesota is to promote the health of bee pollinators. We work as a team to provide the richest learning environment for students at all levels and from all backgrounds."

You can learn much more at www.beelab.umn.edu.

The bees are specially bred to be docile. They will be cared for by Bee Squad staff with opportunities to have workshops and sessions where Pax Christi community Members can learn about bee keeping. More information will be available throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Assuming our project is a sweet success, we'll have our own bee colonies for years to come.

Written by Steven Olinger, Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council Member.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN – door 7-west side of the building, overlooking the pond. A refuge for many species of butterflies, birds, and bees, busy pollinating plants. Tables, chairs, and a pergola invite peaceful rest and meditation.



HERB GARDEN – door 4 and **GIVING GARDEN** – far west end of upper parking lot. Plant, maintain, and harvest herbs and vegetables for *People Reaching Out to People* food shelf. PROP helps people in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen who are facing financial hardship or crisis.

PAX CHRISTI GARDENS

WE'RE BLESSED with beautiful outdoor gardens supporting our parish mission: "Pax Christi Catholic Community, in company with God, and guided by the Spirit of Vatican II, welcomes all as leaders in faith for service to the world."

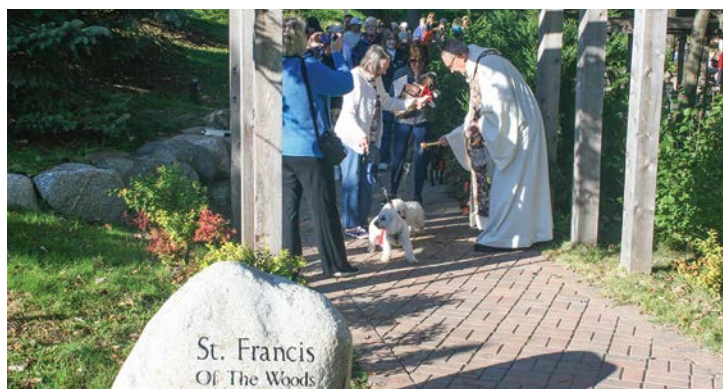
Appreciate and enjoy God's creation. The variety of Pax Christi gardens offer peaceful settings, abundant flowers, butterflies, birds, bees, ducks, and other wildlife. Visit the gardens and enjoy them all!

Whether you are new to gardening or an experienced green thumb, we ask for your assistance to maintain their purpose, beauty and productivity during the spring, summer, and fall. Helpful guidance will be provided to get you started.

Light lifting may be required (less than 10 pounds). Work alone, as a family, or with a small group of friends. Choose your own hours. Volunteer for an afternoon, a month, or the entire growing season.



POLLINATOR GARDEN – west side of pond next to the walking path. A recently cleared and seeded, large, native garden with wildflowers and grasses supporting pollinators. Watch it grow this year! From the walking path, it provides close-up views of the pond and resident ducks. Assist weeding until it is fully established and/or assist in clearing brush for a planned expansion this year.



ST. FRANCIS OF THE WOODS AREA – west side of the building, next to the upper parking lot. Shrubbery and trees enhance the beautiful shrine and entrance to the walking path.



WELCOMING GARDEN – door 3 - main entrance. This area greets and invites us into our worship space.

Help is needed for all garden areas during the upcoming growing season. Join us for a one-day **Spring Clean-Up, April 22** — EARTH DAY. Help clean up, clear out, and prune exterior plantings and areas surrounding the building. If you can lend a hand and would like to volunteer, please contact Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations, kreineccius@paxchristi.com.

Written by Matt Kleffner and Maureen Olofson, Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council members.

MY CHURCH IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE LIKE ME. I HELP MAKE IT WHAT IT IS. IT WILL BE FRIENDLY, IF I AM. ITS PEWS WILL BE FILLED, IF I HELP FILL THEM. IT WILL DO GREAT WORK, IF I WORK. IT WILL MAKE GENEROUS GIFTS TO MANY CAUSES, IF I AM A GENEROUS GIVER. IT WILL BRING OTHER PEOPLE INTO ITS WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP, IF I INVITE AND BRING THEM. IT WILL BE A CHURCH OF LOYALTY AND LOVE, OF FEARLESSNESS AND FAITH, AND A CHURCH WITH A NOBLE SPIRIT, IF I, WHO MAKE IT WHAT IT IS, AM FILLED WITH THESE SAME THINGS. THEREFORE, WITH THE HELP OF GOD, I SHALL DEDICATE MYSELF TO THE TASK OF BEING ALL THE THINGS THAT I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE.

—THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



HEY! YOU ARE SITTING IN MY PEW!

SHE came down the aisle and paused as she surveyed the scene laid out in front of her. I knew exactly what was going through her mind. I nudged my husband and we nodded to one another, in silent agreement. Someone had committed the sin of all sins and had taken sanctuary in her pew. We had the perfect seats, in our usual pew - truth be told, as we watched the scene unfold. What was she going to do? Would she accept the empty pew behind her usual place? Would she relocate across the aisle, which was also free? Neither of these options seemed to be worthy of her consideration. We watched her draw herself to full height, breathe in and out, and with purpose, she approached the man and woman sitting in her pew and gently motioned for them to make room. The stunned couple exchanged a glance and then quickly acquiesced, sliding their way down into the next family's space, making room for this woman. In one gesture of her hand, the order of this woman's world was reestablished.

We are creatures of habit. Would the Eucharist be celebrated any differently had this woman chosen another place to sit?

Probably not, but try telling that to this woman. For many, the old adage of location, location, location is paramount to the worship experience. Perhaps it is the feeling of familiarity - you know how this pew sits, you recognize those who gather near you as they have for years on end. You may not be able to remember your pew partner's names, but you surely recognize their faces, even if it takes a minute to "place the face" when you run into one of them at a local store or event. That particular pew is your church space and that familiar face surrounding you is your church family. I do know a couple who makes the coordinated effort to sit in a different place when they come to Mass. Another member realized that this couple liked to move around, and for their family it became a "Where's Waldo" opportunity to seek and find where they were seated each week. As I listened to their story, I sensed a bit of envy aimed towards this adventurous duo who could sit wherever they felt like and not feel the need to stay with the same old, but reliable pew.

When Pax Christi first began, there was no building, therefore no pews to claim

as this community moved from schools, to hotels, to warehouses, until this corner lot became our home. Did the founding members find ways to stake out their space amongst banquet chairs in ever-changing vistas? Perhaps some did, but as we all know, a church is much more than the building - a church is our spiritual home and its members are our spiritual family. A few years ago when we first started work on engagement with Gallup, we learned that although the popular thought was that believing leads to belonging, in actuality the reverse is true: belonging leads to believing. Feeling that we are a valued part of this faith community can help us grow in our faith. How can we make room in our pews, and in our hearts, for those who are in need of our welcome and our gifts? We are **Called to Serve**, and welcoming all to worship, share, and grow in faith as a community, regardless of any caveats, is the message we have lived by as a community for over 35 years and one that will help us flourish into the next generation. Is there room in your pew/heart for another?

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.

LEADERSHIP THAT IMPACTS THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

FIFTY YEARS AGO, the Vatican II Council, guided by the Spirit of God, activated a renewal of the church and the evolving roles of the people of God. In the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, paragraph 33 states that "The laity are gathered together in the People of God and make up the Body of Christ under one head. Whoever they are they are called upon, as living members, to expend all their energy for the growth of the Church and its continuous sanctification, since this very energy is a gift of the Creator and a blessing of the Redeemer." This shift in acknowledging the role of the laity in the life of the church invites the faithful, each of us, to claim the rights and responsibilities of baptism in bringing the light of Christ to all corners of the world by using the gifts that have been generously given to us by the Creator God.

Pax Christi could not imagine to provide the outreach, the spiritual growth opportunities, the passion for justice, the liturgical experiences, and the connections as a faith community without the vibrant women and men who continue to step forward to lead, guide, and listen to where the path of the parish must go. So what does it mean to be a leader at Pax Christi?

IT MEANS first continuing the tradition at Pax Christi of strong lay leadership.

IT MEANS living the spirit of Vatican II, as our parish mission statement says, as well as living the values the faith community holds as being people who are God-centered, justice-minded, inclusive, hospitable, lifelong learners, and guided by stewardship principles.

IT MEANS being a servant leader, helping our fellow parishioners, building community, and dedicating oneself to lifelong learning.

IT MEANS keeping the focus on creating a positive experience for all by helping fellow parishioners be engaged through participating in the many aspects of shared ministry, worship, and program entities, so that there is a way for each of us to be involved and feel connected.

IT MEANS supporting the current ministries at Pax Christi, and then helping to create new ones as the need arises and the Spirit directs.

IT MEANS utilizing one's talents on behalf of others, thus making Pax Christi present and fruitful in the community.

IT MEANS creating the future of Pax Christi together.

In a few weeks, the Lay Leadership Development Council will be asking you to consider being a leader or nominating another to use his/her gifts of leadership in the parish. There are eight ministry councils (Arts, Campus, and Gardens; Faith Formation; Finance; Justice; Lay Leadership Development; Pastoral Care; Stewardship; and Worship) that guide the vision of the parish. Leadership at Pax Christi is for all who care about the parish and its growth in the mission as we are **CALLED TO SERVE** with the mercy, love, and compassion of Christ.

Written by Dave Putrich, parishioner and chair of the Member Engagement Committee, and Jane Schmitz, Parish Director.

PAX CHRISTI'S PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

"Hospitality is a spiritual practice and spirituality is about relationship." Thus by practicing hospitality, we grow spiritually. By practicing hospitality, we grow a stronger community. A stronger community is an engaged community.

WELCOME AND INVITE

We live our key message: *All Are Welcome*. We invite you to walk on your faith journey with us. We are about inviting and cultivating new relationships and strengthening existing ones. We recognize "our human need to connect with one another" in community.

ACCEPT AND INCLUDE

We accept and include all as gift and without judgment. We are called "to revere what is sacred in every person who comes to us and we appreciate who they are, today." By accepting and including, we "become for others the presence of God in a most tangible way."

SHARE, LOVE, AND GROW

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





LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY AT PAX CHRISTI

How many volunteers does it take to create a new liturgical environment here at Pax Christi, enhancing our sanctuary and worship space? Tish Osborn, Maureen Olofson, Peg Musegades, Mary Lanners, Jan Beaulieu, Jeanne Carsello, Ann Eccles and many volunteers, young and old, who help us each liturgical season.

TISH OSBORN: Becoming a part of this Pax Christi community has been a true gift for me. This team, parishioners and staff alike, has been no less than yeast in a loaf of bread. Pax is alive with spirit! My love for the Catholic faith and church architecture and design, has led me to working with several churches in liturgical environment. However, our team of dedicated parishioners works together as I've never experienced before. This is not one person's job; it is a collective, collaborative effort. I must admit I have been blessed and inspired by many truly talented, wonderful people and liturgical artists, all whom I admire and from whom I have learned much. Nancy Chinn, who's had a great influence on me, maintains our creativity comes to us as a gift. How true it is! We all work together to share our gifts and talents with great respect for each other and the community of Pax Christi. I am so blessed to be a part of this ministry!

MAUREEN OLOFSON: Joining the worship space environment team has been a joyful, valuable, personal experience. The team members are loving and generous sharing their many gifts with a deep commitment to honoring God and the people of Pax Christi. We have been blessed with additional volunteers at installation and removal of the current environment, especially the youth of the community. I am grateful and honored my dear friend Lonnie Murphy encouraged me to join the environment group.

MARY LANNERS: This ministry has been a wonderful journey of learning, sharing, and creating a warm, comfortable place to worship. The room behind the sanctuary was cleared out and organized this past summer and fall, creating an area to meet, discuss, and plan. We are in the presence of beautiful materials, ribbons, and greenery to envision the future environmental seasons. We are all connected to the same goal!

PEG MUSEGADES: I am a channel for God's creativity. I am willing to be of service through the talent God has given me.

JULIA CAMERON: We try to make the sanctuary meaningful and spiritual by providing some form of connection to our senses. Hopefully it gives everyone who enters a personal connection, quietness, and meditative time. A time to let go and listen.

JEANNE CARSELLO: I felt welcomed and respected from the beginning. This area of serving was new to me, but I was excited to work with a group that could make a significant impact on the Pax Christi Community. The goal is to prepare the sanctuary, not decorate it. Everyone is focused on creating an environment that draws people into the liturgical season in a beautiful way.

JAN BEAULIEU: It is a gift to the Spirit to be involved creatively with a like-minded group. No one person is more talented than the next, but put together produce an unbelievable beautiful creation. I find myself looking up to the heavens to see who is guiding the band of egoless talents. This is not an ordinary or consequential experience! This group is meant to be, and I feel blessed.

Written by Mary Lanners, Liturgical Environment Ministry.



BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!

JULY 24–28 • BIBLE CAMP PAX CHRISTI STYLE

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? Our theme for this year's Bible Camp allow our campers and volunteers to explore fun and outreach as we spread the love of Jesus throughout our world.

We are blessed with a team of talented, creative people who design a unique experience done only the Pax Christi way. We incorporate the values of our parish — incredible hospitality, deep prayer, life-long faith formation, and an action call for justice. This year we will be sharing our craft creations with the local nursing homes, Youth Link, PROP, and the CAP agency.

Our campers (ages 3–grade 6) and hundreds of volunteers will experience the joy of Christmas in July, the first miracle performed by Jesus, the calming of the stressful "seas" in our lives, and the first "happy meal."

Just who are our campers? We welcome ages three to 100 to participate. Register your children and grandchildren, and then volunteer and grow in your own faith as your children grow in theirs.

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. Training, materials, and continual support, plus delicious morning hospitality, is provided. This important role mentors the kids throughout the week and leads the campers to each activity.



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

Mark your calendars for registration beginning in April. We need campers and volunteers who are ready for the BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!

Written by Renee Dignan, Faith Formation Minister and Camp Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 5:00PM MASS

Singers of all ages are needed for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass. The Teen Choir is now open to singers of all ages. Teens continue to be encouraged to sing at this Mass, but additional singers of all ages are welcome to join this group and help mentor our youth singers as they grow in their faith and musical skills. Meet each Sunday at 3:30pm and rehearse until Mass begins at 5:00pm. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Angie O'Brien, Youth Choir Director, aobrien@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7243.

PARISHIONER NEWS

JANUARY BAPTISMS

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| Oliver De La Luz | 1/7/2016 |
| Aaron Cramer-Elsner | 1/8/2017 |

JANUARY FUNERALS

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| Charles 'Chuck' Murry | 1/6/2017 |
| Randi M. Canary | 1/13/2017 |
| Patricia Hendricks | 1/17/2017 |
| Sean Jeffrey Brenckman | 1/28/2017 |

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

Bev Alexander
 Kathryn Ehrhard
 Cynthia Gale
 Ramon Hizon and Luisa Perla
 Chukwusom Onwuneme and Erica Weber
 Lois and Dennis Quinn
 Julie Severson
 Thomas Wittenberg

PAX CAFÉ IS OPEN

Check out our many **Pax CAFE: Catholic Adult Formation and Enrichment** opportunities for spring and mark your calendars! Register online at paxchristi.com for events requiring RSVP. For additional information, contact Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, 952-405-7230.

March

LIVING THE EUCHARIST

Six-week small-group series during Lent **RSVP**
Times and locations vary based on small groups
Fee of \$15 per person

This Lent, Pax Christi is offering *Living the Eucharist*, a powerful six-week series to reignite faith, build community, and live out the Gospel! *Living the Eucharist* uses a small group format. The three pillars of each meeting are fellowship, faith-sharing, and lectio divina — a rich and mystical way of praying the Sunday scriptures in common. Sign-up for a small group today!

AMAZING MARRIAGE 101

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30–8:00pm
Hall of Martyrs
No Fee (normally \$50/couple)

Amazing Marriage 101 has been experienced by over 500 couples. Their most common reaction is to leave feeling affirmed and hopeful about their relationship. Research confirms that children take a toll on marital satisfaction. It's a tough time for family balance and often our marriages can end up on the back burner. What does it take to create an amazing marriage? Check out this positive, entertaining look at what makes marriage tick. This will help you figure out what's normal and what you can aim for in a marriage+kids.

Maureen Campion MS LP is a psychologist, author, and relationship expert. Eight years ago she started offering marriage and parenting workshops in order to share her experience as a marriage counselor as well as the most up to date research on how attachment impacts our relationships. Her specialty is families with young kids who are choosing to create intentionally emotionally healthy families. Her writing can be found at marriagegeek.com (Editor's note—she is funny.)

PAX CAFÉ:
 CATHOLIC ADULT FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

April

THE GLORY OF PARADISE: RISEN LIFE IN THE EASTER OCTAVE SERMONS OF BERNARDINO DA SIENA

**Wednesday, April 5, 6:30pm in the Chapel following the
 6:00pm Mass; No Fee**

Fr. McMichael will share his research into the world of medieval theology as it pertains to the resurrection of Christ and to the end times. The talk will focus on what we can learn from medieval preaching, spiritual literature, and preaching in regard to Easter.

Steven J. McMichael, OFM Conv., is an Associate Professor in the Theology Department at the University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, Minnesota). 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" (Tau Press, July, 2016). He continues to work on the medieval Easter sermons of Bernardino and Roberto da Lecce. Fr. McMichael regularly presides at masses, funerals, weddings, and other sacraments at Pax Christi.

April continued.

AMAZING MARRIAGE 101

Sunday, APRIL 9, 6:30–8:00pm

CHURCH SANCTUARY

No Fee (normally \$50/couple)

See description and bio on page 16.

BOOK SIGNING WITH FR. STEVE MCMICHAEL

Sunday, APRIL 23, in the back of the church

FOLLOWING THE 9:00am and 11:00am Masses; No Fee

Book signing of *The Glory of Paradise: Risen Life in the Easter Octave Sermons of Bernardino da Siena*, ed. by Kathleen C. Berken (Phoenix, Tau Publishing, 2016). The book focuses on the theology of resurrection in the preaching of an early fifteenth-century Franciscan, Bernardino da Siena (the patron of the city in California). It shows what this medieval preacher believed about what happens to us in the resurrection in terms of the glorified human person, both soul and body. But his theology is not simply about heaven, it is about how our virtuous life (living out the theological and cardinal virtues) on earth leads to eternal glory with the Risen Christ.

See description and bio on page 16.

HELPING YOUR PET WHEN THEY ARE SICK AND DYING

Tuesday, APRIL 25, 6:30–8:30pm **RSVP**

Room 212; No Fee

How to help your companion animals while they're in hospice so you can decrease stress and maximize your last moments together. Working with your own grief will also be explored. In this workshop you will learn: how to set up your house for hospice; how to take care of yourself and your beloved FURamily member; when is it the right time to say goodbye; and how to ask for help from friends and family when you're grieving the loss of your best friend and family member.

Rachel Augusta CHTAP, HTP, Reiki Master/Teacher, mentor, and coach. Rachel helps animals that are sick, injured, diseased, or traumatized whose guardians are looking for a miracle. She's professionally trained in Healing Touch/Humans®, Healing Touch for Animals® and Reiki. Rachel is a contracted Healing Touch practitioner at Hazelden Betty Ford Centers and uses energy medicine to help their clients from relapsing. Rachel works with clients all over the globe to bring healing to those who are sick or with those interested in having her mentor them to help make their PAWesome FURamilies even better!

HELPING YOUR PET IN CRISIS

Saturday, APRIL 29, 10:00am–12:00pm **RSVP**

Room 212; No Fee

Three pillars to get your animals through cancer, PTSD (from previous trauma and abuse) and other unexpected disasters. In this workshop you will learn: the most effective noninvasive techniques to combat cancer; how to get your companions to overcome past abuse or trauma so that they can feel safe and comfortable; techniques to communicate with your companions so that you can help them when they are scared or in pain; how to prepare for disasters where you and your pet/s may be separated and how to evacuate safely.

Rachel Augusta CHTAP, HTP, Reiki Master/Teacher, mentor and coach. See full bio above.



MEMOIR WRITING WITH JIM KOEPKE

Tuesday, APRIL 25, 6:30–8:30pm **RSVP**

Room 212; No Fee

Come and learn how to write the "Times of Your Life." Local author Jim Koepke will discuss: why write memoirs; how to record one's life history; and specifics about how to structure and organize memoir writing. Bring paper and a pen. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

Jim Koepke is an author of five books, founder of the Bloomington Writer's Festival, has appeared on radio programs across the nation, was an award winning manager in Mental Health and Social Services at Hennepin County, and an avid outdoorsman. You can view his humorous and engaging novels at amazon.com.

INTRODUCTION TO SOULCOLLAGE®

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30–8:30pm **RSVP**

Room 212; Fee of \$5 for materials

Blend art and soul to create your own collage cards for self-guidance. You will learn about the SoulCollage® process, make cards, and learn ways to use your cards for counsel and inspiration with this fun and insightful style of journaling. This workshop will reveal the power of images and how they reflect your inner wisdom. Honor the unique aspects of your personality with each card you make and discover how your cards can help you tap your intuitive knowledge and fuel your spirituality. No artistic or SoulCollage® experience necessary, anyone can make and enjoy SoulCollage® cards!

Lynn Schelitzche MA, is Pax Christi's Faith Formation Director and SoulCollage® facilitator.



MARCH

LIVING THE EUCHARIST

SIX-WEEK SMALL-GROUP SERIES DURING LENT **RSVP**

Complete details on page 16.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

**Masses WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:
6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm**

Complete details on page 6.

THE GLORY OF PARADISE: THE MEANING OF MEDIEVAL THEOLOGY OF THE RESURRECTION FOR TODAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 7:30pm, UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

The Theology Department has hosted a lecture series, New Frontiers in Theological Research, twice a year since 2012. The aim of the series is to present the scholarly research of the faculty of the UST Theology Department in a publicly accessible form. The series contributes to the University's emphasis on the integration of theology with other fields of study. In the spring semester (2017), Fr. Steve McMichael's work will be highlighted: "The Glory of Paradise: The Meaning of Medieval Theology of the Resurrection for Today" Thursday, March 2, 7:30pm, Woulfe Alumni Hall (North), Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. No charge for admission. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am

A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

Due to the large volume of events we offer at Pax Christi, we have to keep our announcements brief. Please visit us online at www.paxchristi.com for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at www.paxchrisi.com/event registration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

PAX CHRISTI BOOK DISCUSSION

Being Mortal BY DR. ATUL GAWANDE **RSVP**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 12:30pm IN THE GARDEN LEVEL (LUNCH INCLUDED)
OR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1:00pm IN THE CHIEF JOSEPH ROOM**

Pax Christi Pastoral Care is hosting a discussion of the 2014 book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters at the End* by Atul Gawande. This book has received wide attention locally and nationally. It has stimulated important discussion on this issue as well as months on bestseller lists. Dr. Gawande has appeared on multiple news and information shows. Gawande writes that members of the medical profession, himself included, have been wrong about what their job is. Rather than ensuring health and survival, it is "to enable well-being." This riveting book is both honest and humane, and very personal. It shows that our ultimate goal can be, not just a good death but a good life — all the way to the end. The book is available at local libraries, in paperback, and on e-readers. JOIN US for this very interesting Pax Christi community discussion. An RSVP is appreciated so we can plan for food and number of small group facilitators. For more information contact Jean Thoresen, Director Pastoral Care, jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

SIX WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 8, 6:30-8:00pm **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 remains at the reasonable price of \$17.00, a great deal! Classes start Wednesday, March 8, 6:30-8:00pm and continue March 15, 22, 29, April 5, and 19 (no class over Holy Week). For additional questions, contact Mary Kennedy, mkennedy@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7220.

MARCH MINISTRY SHOWCASE: ARTS, CAMPUS, GARDENS

WEEKEND OF MARCH 11/12 IN THE DOROTHY DAY SOCIAL HALL

Additional details on back cover.

CAREGIVER SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: MARCH 16, 1:00-2:30pm

Meets the third Thursday of each month in room 221. This group offers a time for discussion, prayer, and support for anyone who is a primary caregiver for a loved one.

MOMS ROCK: SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Parenting: Change Your Mind...Change Your World

WITH SPEAKER KATHY MATTHEWS RSVP

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 6:00pm, \$10 PREREGISTERED, \$15 AT DOOR

Our fast-paced world today demands a personal resilience and flexibility like no other time. *Growth Mindset* is the belief that your brains and talent are just a starting point, and that through dedication and hard work, great accomplishments will be realized. Join the discussion to learn ways to recognize and develop a *Growth Mindset* in yourself and in your children. Learn how the praise you offer your children will make a difference in the mindset they develop and carry through their life. Kathy Matthews holds an MBA, Masters of Education, as well as a coaching certification.

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

THURSDAY MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 20, and 27, 7:00–8:30pm, \$15.00 RSVP

Forgiveness has become an important topic in the field of human development. Recent studies in Positive Psychology have demonstrated that the health benefits of forgiveness are significant. The importance of forgiveness in the Christian tradition is supported by the many scriptural texts that reference it in the Old and New Testament. Recent work by the Mayo Clinic points to forgiveness as one of the key components of individual happiness.

Roger Reddan, a Licensed Psychologist, will lead a four-part series on the importance of forgiveness for personal growth and development. Participants in this series will learn about forgiveness and will have an opportunity to apply it in their own lives. Forgiveness is the key to moving past hurts and wounds to become all that God intended us to be. The spiritual dimensions of forgiveness will be integrated with recent psychological findings. Come to this series prepared to experience God's grace and freedom. A charge of \$15 will cover the cost of a book, *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* by Allen Hunt. Books will be distributed on the first day of the series. Registration deadline is March 26. An outline of the Power of Forgiveness Series is available at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

TWELVE BASKETS EASTER BASKET DRIVE

COLLECTING WEEKENDS OF MARCH 25/26 AND APRIL 1/2



MAKE PLANS NOW

IMMIGRATION: MOVING FROM POLITICAL RHETORIC TO THE MORAL DISCOURSE OF POPE FRANCIS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 6:00–9:00pm, HALL OF MARTYRS RSVP

For more than a year politicians have been talking about the “problem of immigration” and how the United States needs to develop more effective ways of preventing undocumented persons from entering our nation, especially those crossing our southern border. Most of these discussions took place within the context of presidential election politics and were not particularly marked by attention to facts or compassion. In contrast, Pope Francis never tires of embracing immigrants and refugees, and of modeling the biblical call to welcome the stranger. The Holy Father challenges us as individuals and as a nation to think more deeply and more religiously about our relationship to persons having to leave their homes for economic, political, or security reasons.

Bernard Evans recently retired from the faculty at Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary where he served as Associate Dean for Faculty and occupied the Virgil Michel Ecumenical Chair in Rural Social Ministries. Evans taught courses on Christian social ethics, environmental theology, and ministry in rural communities. His most recent publications include the books *Lazarus at the Table: Catholics and Social Justice* (2006), *Vote Catholic? Beyond the Political Din* (2008), and *Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call* (2014), all published by the Liturgical Press.

Registration is required at www.csbsju.edu/sot/theologyday or call 320-363-3560. There is no fee, but gifts to support the mission of the School of Theology and Seminary and to ensure the continuation of Theology Day are gratefully accepted.

JUST5DAYS: JR HIGH MISSION TRIP

June 19–23; APPLETON, WI; \$400 (REGISTER WITH \$50 DEPOSIT) RSVP

JUST5DAYS is a week-long mission experience of hands-on service, faith learning, prayer, community building, and summer fun.

2017 SUMMER SERVICE AND JUSTICE TRIP

June 25–JULY 1, DETROIT, MI; \$500 (REGISTER WITH \$50 DEPOSIT) RSVP

Work in Detroit's inner city service with agencies and organizations that are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in need, meet other Catholic teens from across the country, and be inspired to live a life of justice and service!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP WEEK — SAVE THE DATE!

Week of JULY 24–28, 9:00am–12:00pm — REGISTRATION OPENS IN APRIL

Complete details on page 15.

MARCH

See pages 16-19 for details
or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.

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| 5 BEING MORTAL BOOK DISCUSSION FAITH FORMATION | 6 LABYRINTH WALK | 7 BAPTISM PREP CLASS | 8 FAITH FORMATION LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS BEGINS | 9 BEING MORTAL BOOK DISCUSSION | 10 STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 11 NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE |
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**March 11/12
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How are You Called to Serve? Your gifts can be put to great use at Pax Christi Catholic Community when you participate in our Monthly Ministry Showcase. This program year of 2016–2017 we are changing it a bit, and in lieu of one large Ministry Fair showing all the 110 ministries available for participation by members of Pax Christi, we will be focusing on a different program area each month. By highlighting a single program area, we can focus on telling the story of Pax Christi and what we do from the perspective of the individual ministry areas.

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

MARCH'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE IS 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 11/12 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.

