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"THE WALLS" THAT SEEM
INSURMOUNTABLE.



NOW THAT it's November, those of you with kids in school may feel like you're hitting "the wall" in a marathon. "The wall" is that point in the race where you are still far from the finish line, but your aching body wants to shut down and pull the plug for lack of energy. The freshness of the beginning of a new school year has worn off, and now it's down to business!

The holidays aren't quite here yet, and there might be a "wall" of activities, sports, tests, extra curriculars, and social events that fill up every day on your calendar. If your children can't drive themselves yet, perhaps you feel like you have a second full-time job as a chauffeur. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming, but maybe for your family the holidays aren't an automatic time of relaxation.

It's no surprise that families are busy. Even with our smart phones, smart homes, and smart cars, it can feel like we have less and less time instead of more and more. How often do we say, "Wow, the last week just flew by!?" By the way, have I told you yet about the great new book on time management I bought? I wish I could give you some highlights, but I haven't had time to read it yet!

When families "hit the wall," families should pray

One of my favorite verses from the psalms comes from Psalm 18. This psalm is a song of rescue. God delivers the psalmist from his enemies and grants him strength to be victorious. Verse 30 breaks into a praise of God's strength: "With you I can break through any barrier, with my God I can scale any wall." The author is using battle imagery, perhaps remembering a fortress that seemed impossible to conquer, but, for us, these "barriers" and "walls" can represent any of the obstacles facing us in life. The key to victory, the psalmist says, is that he was with God. He wasn't doing it alone. He broke through barriers and climbed over walls only by remaining with the God who was faithful and loving with him. "He brought me forth into freedom, he saved me because he loved me" (Psalm 18:20).

When families "hit the wall," families should pray. Praying together as a family opens the home to God's blessings in amazing ways. Praying as a family brings God's comfort. Praying as a family strengthens relatives to love one another. Praying as a family lifts us up over "the walls" that seem insurmountable.

Is there time to pray?

But is there time to pray? "How on earth can we fit prayer into everything else?" you may be asking. The key is not to fit prayer into everything else, but to let everything else fit into prayer.

I will always remember visiting the Abraham family many years ago in Pennsylvania. I met them through the nearby parish of Saint Joan of Arc. We had a delicious dinner, then dad took out his Bible at table. He read a little passage from the Gospel of John, and asked his children questions about what they just heard and what they thought it meant. Then he taught them a little message about Jesus being "the light of the world." Everyone went into the living room, and mom and dad led the kids in some songs, and everyone offered prayers for anyone or anything on their hearts. The whole thing took about 20 minutes. I was so impressed by the ease, joy, and love of Jesus that was palpable in that little liturgy of this domestic church. I asked the father, "How often do you pray like that as a family?" His response surprised me, "Every day, Father." At first I thought he was kidding, but he wasn't. For the Abrahams, praying together each day was as necessary as eating and breathing each day.



The recipe of prayer that the Abrahams use is actually very simple. In fact, any family can “cook something up” in their own home. It doesn’t have to be 20 minutes, it doesn’t have to involve the Gospel of John, and it doesn’t have to include singing. But there’s something essential nonetheless. So, what’s in the recipe? How can your family be a family of prayer? What are the essential ingredients?

A RECIPE FOR FAMILY PRAYER

Ingredient #1: Commit to pray

The first ingredient is commitment. Every relationship that is worth our time is worth commitment. A marriage, a friendship, a team of athletes, a parish, a ministry, an employer — all of these are relationships that involve commitment. Prayer is a relationship with God. Prayer is not a button to be pressed here and there for divine favors. Prayer is a way of life. Prayer is a walk of love. Prayer is a response to God who has committed himself to us through his Son, Jesus. As Christians, we believe that God is love itself, and that every other earthly love finds its origin and fulfillment in God’s love. Our life with God is our most important relationship. This relationship is built up by prayer. Therefore, we treasure and honor that relationship by committing ourselves and our families to pray.

The Abrahams made a commitment a long time ago to pray together, and they have had to sacrifice other things to make it happen. Certain activities, opportunities, wants, even TV shows and sports, etc., had to be left behind. The saying is true that until one believes prayer is the most important thing to make time for, one will never find time to pray. The Abrahams made a commitment to pray together, and so can your family. What might it look like for you and your family to commit together to a life of prayer?

Ingredient #2: Make a plan

The second ingredient is a plan. At the Mass, our Eucharistic worship has a structure, or plan, that helps all of us to pray together as a parish family. Each Sunday has the same plan: (1) we gather together in song, (2) we listen to the scriptures, (3) we offer the sacrifice of Christ on the altar and receive from the table his Risen presence in Holy Communion, and (4) we are sent forth to be Jesus’ love to the world.

Family prayer also needs a plan. A plan helps everyone to feel united and to be receptive to how the Holy Spirit is moving in their hearts. For the Abrahams, the plan was simply: (1) reading the Gospel at table and talking about what it means, (2) singing songs of praise together, and (3) offering intercessory prayer for

people and events. What kind of plan would work for your family? What kinds of ingredients would be most age appropriate for your children? Should we read scripture? Should we say certain prayers together? Sing? Listen to the Lord in silence? Pray the rosary? Use a guided meditation book? The possibilities are endless. How could you ask your family for input? Another important factor is the when and where: What days are we going to pray? When and where? For how long? What in our schedule needs to change in order to honor our family’s commitment to pray?

Ingredient #3: Focus on Sunday

The third ingredient is Sunday. Just like a ship without an anchor floats away, our family prayer will float away unless it is anchored in the Sunday Eucharist. The Mass is the most important prayer of the Church; Jesus, risen from the dead, meets us there. Each weekend in our common worship we are intimately united with the Holy Trinity and with one another. We encounter the presence and love of Jesus as in no other way. In the Mass, God refreshes

us, heals us, feeds us, and empowers us with the Holy Spirit to be disciples on a mission! It is for this reason that the Church still obliges all to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days “to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2041).

For the Abrahams, Sunday Mass was a non-negotiable each week. Like family prayer, they didn’t fit Eucharist into “everything else;” instead, they made “everything else” fit into Eucharist. Each Sunday they allowed Christ to welcome them, speak to them, feed them, and equip them – for their mission in the world. Christ will do for the same for our families. That family that prays will discover a new joy, a new energy, and a new love in their life together. Even when we hit “the wall” in our lives, the Lord will lift us up and bring us over it! My prayer is for you and your family to experiment with a recipe for family prayer in your home, so that you “taste and see the goodness of the Lord!” (cf. Psalm 34:8)

OUR LIFE WITH GOD IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP. THIS RELATIONSHIP IS BUILT UP BY PRAYER. THEREFORE, WE TREASURE AND HONOR THAT RELATIONSHIP BY COMMITTING OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES TO PRAY.

DISCIPLES ON A MISSION AND CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

I WAS a college student when Vatican II was in progress. It was eye-opening to most of us when the major changes to our Eucharistic celebration were implemented: English instead of Latin, the celebrant facing us instead of away from us Eucharistic ministers. No more "mystery." Similarly eye-opening were the newly created parish councils, and I was privileged to be asked to contribute in my parish in Illinois. After this appointment, there was very little 'mystery' about how a parish functioned for me.

Then came this statement from the Vatican: "The laity, however, are given this special vocation: to make the church present and fruitful in those places and circumstances where it is only through them that it can become the salt of the earth. Thus, all lay people, through the gifts which they have received, are at once the witnesses and the living instruments of the mission of the church itself "according to the measure of Christ's gift" (Eph 4:7)." (V-II, *Dogmatic Constitution of the Church*)

As disciples of Jesus Christ, this defined our mission. For most Catholics at the time, this was very different; this was harder; this had still too much mystery.

As disciples, we are active followers of Jesus Christ and teach others about Him. How? Mostly by example. From Mt 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers or sisters, you did it to me."

We disciples are also learners as we grow in our faith during this earthly journey. As Edward Hahnenberg wrote in Theology for Ministry:

We must become a neighbor to others so that we can begin to hear their concerns, feel their needs, and see the world from their point of view. Like the Samaritan, we must cross over to the abused and neglected one on the side of the road. Where we stand determines what we will see...

As individual Christians and as a church, we must become present to those on the margins.

In our diverse and deeply-divided world, ministry demands a good deal of listening. We have so much to learn from those who suffer. We have so much to gain by attending to those who are overlooked or ignored. Those at the very beginning and those at the very end of life, those on the periphery of pain, those on the edge of belief, those on the boundaries of what we find acceptable—all are children of God, and all have something to teach us.

This is another example of Christian hospitality, which we've discussed in previous articles. To me, the sentence "Where we stand determines what we will see" is very powerful. What am I seeing? Am I standing in the proper place?

We disciples are followers as well as leaders; teachers as well as learners; listeners as well as talkers; spiritual beings as well as corporal.

In summary: Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to contribute what you can (your unique set of talents) whenever you can and for whomever you can. Good luck, and Godspeed!"

Written by Dave Putrich, Member Engagement Steering Committee.





COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2017-2018

Top Row (left to right): Wayne Ward, Fr. Marc Paveglio, Bruce Koehn - Trustee, Sandy Towey, Fred Baumer, Dave Wagner, Phil Trovato, Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Bob Martinka, Mark Rabogliatti, Fr. Bill Murtaugh - Pastor **Bottom Row** (left to right): Jeff Schuh, Laurie Ritz, Sara Byerley, Shari Steffen - Trustee, Jack Kegel

LEADERSHIP AT PAX CHRISTI

WHEN PAX CHRISTI was founded over 35 years ago, Fr. Tim Power, the founding pastor, was instrumental in guiding the vision with the intentional hope that this new parish would need a high level of engagement of the laity in order for it to be faithful to the call of breathing forth the peace of Christ to all who enter and go out from the doors of its gathering. This meant a movement from being observers in the pew to being full, active, and conscious participants, not only in the liturgy of the church, but also in its leadership structures and decision-making. As a parish founded after the Second Vatican Council, it was clear that the laity, together with the ordained, bear the responsibility

together for the work of the Church, for the renewal of the church, and for the future of the church as a response to our baptism of being claimed for Christ. In the *Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People* from the Council documents, we read in chapter 10:

Participants in the function of Christ, priest, prophet and king, the laity have an active part of their own in the life and action of the Church. Their action within the Church communities is so necessary that without it the apostolate of the pastors will frequently be unable to obtain its full effect...Nourished by their active participation in the liturgical life of their community, they engage zealously in its apostolic works; ...they ardently

cooperate in the spread of the Word of God, particularly by catechetical instruction; by their expert assistance they increase the efficacy of the care of souls as well as of the administration of the goods of the Church.

As a parish, the task of discerning the needs of the present which leads to the future is being guided by a Strategic Planning Team of parishioners, who are assisting the Community Council in looking to where the parish's energy and focus should be for the next three to five years. This involves determining key issues the parish is facing, understanding the core values specific to the parish mission, reviewing the mission and vision statements, and recommending long-term (3-year) overarching

goals. The work of the Strategic Planning Team will be completed in late winter/early spring of 2018, with acceptance of the Team's recommendations by the Community Council in the spring.

We are a church that continues to grow, be challenged to live the gospel message of love, and bring Christ's peace to a world in desperate need of healing. We travel together on this earthly pilgrimage, trying our best, failing some, and making choices that open our minds and hearts to the world in the service of the gospel of Christ. We are grateful to those who have said "yes" to being formed by these values and take on the role of leadership in this faith community.

*Written by Jane Schmitz,
Parish Director*



ARTS, CAMPUS, AND GARDENS COUNCIL

Mission: To create and maintain an environment that encourages our community to flourish and grow.

Top Row (left to right): *Mark Lanners, Ken Reineccius - Director of Operations, Dave Franzen

Bottom Row (left to right): Dave Schacht, Jodi Ramirez, Jeff Schuh - Chair

Not Pictured: *Emily Bruner, Dione DeMartelaere, Steven Olinger, Maureen Olofson

** New to the Arts, Campus, Gardens Council.*



CARE AND SUPPORT COUNCIL

Mission: To serve as a model and resource to individuals and families and to respond to their spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs.

Top Row (left to right): *Gerri Baumgartner, *Becky Debol, *Cindy Schuh, *Diane Scott, Laurie Ritz - Co-Chair

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Not pictured: Alyson Armstrong - Co-Chair

** New to the Care and Support Council.*



FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL

Mission: To nourish the spiritual hunger within all members of the parish community by providing a broad range of faith formation opportunities, thus deepening the Eucharistic celebration experience and strengthening the faith of all parish households.

Top Row (left to right): Bob Martinka - Chair, Jim O'Laughlin, Mark Huschke

Bottom Row (left to right): Makayla O'Laughlin, Lynn Schelitzche - Director of Faith Formation, *Karen Lamberty

Not Pictured: Ben Brandt, *Judy Owens

** New to the Faith Formation Council.*



FINANCE COUNCIL

Mission: To provide financial advice regarding: the annual operating budget, the long term strategic plan, the parish's financial condition including its investment portfolio and debt obligations, Internal controls, and communication of financial information.

Top Row (left to right): *Gary Lybeck, *Michael Evans, Dennis McCormick, Greg Halvorson, Trisha Schirmers

Bottom Row (left to right): Jerry Marick, Sandy Towey - Chair, Maurie Weiler

Not Pictured: *Chris Lebens

** New to the Finance Council.*

JUSTICE COUNCIL

Mission: To discern the most pressing needs of society and utilize our community's resources to promote the dignity of the marginalized and change the forces and structures that create injustice.

Top Row (left to right): Joan Howe-Pullis - Justice Ministry Coordinator, Neil Heikkila, *Ricardo Ortiz Nava, Jack Kegel - Chair

Bottom Row (left to right): Peg Musegades, Bridgid Kozik, Jessica Huber

Not Pictured: *Nick Litfin * New to the Justice Council.



LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Mission: To affirm, cultivate, and strengthen community leaders for collaborative leadership in the parish and its ministries.

Top Row (left to right): Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Phil Trovato, *Eduardo Zimmermann-Ayala

Bottom Row (left to right): Maria Bliss, *Mary Testin, Mary Beth Buckman, *Jerry Kotsmith

Not Pictured: *Mary Jo Jeppesen * New to the Lay Leadership Council.



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mission: To help our community identify individual gifts of time, talent, and treasure, develop opportunities that foster the sharing of gifts, and provide stewardship education.

Top Row (left to right): *Aleata Madison, John O'Connor, Russ Grundhauser, Lisa Cox

Bottom Row (left to right): Mary Kennedy - Director of Stewardship and Development, Sara Byerley - Chair, Jenine Anderson

Not pictured: *Mike Larson, *Joe Michels, *Mark Cox * New to the Stewardship Council.



WORSHIP COUNCIL

Mission: To foster the community's praise of God and service to the world by mobilizing our gifts of word, song, hospitality, environment, and more and by guiding the preparation and design of its worship.

Top Row (left to right): Mark Rabogliatti - Chair, *Roger Hawkinson, Christian Ramirez, Kelly Schacht, Donna Kasbohm - Director of Worship and Liturgy

Bottom Row (left to right): *Peg Martin, *Phyllis Olson, Danielle Trovato

Not Pictured: Cecilia Cervantes, Donna Ricco * New to the Worship Council.



OUR YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Saint Benedict calls monastic communities to seek counsel from the youngest members, for “the Lord often reveals to the younger what is best” (*Rule of Benedict 3*). The community at Pax Christi is wise to heed the ancient monk’s advice! Our youth are offering thoughtful ministry inside and outside the parish. In the last year, four young people received Lay Leadership Development Grants to pursue further ministry formation. Read more about this year’s grant recipients below.

CATHERINE MCCOMAS-BUSSA

Catherine McComas-Bussa is a lifelong parishioner at Pax Christi. The high school junior attended Faith Formation classes growing up, but described herself as “kind of a bystander for a long time.” Catherine’s engagement changed when her youth minister called out her strong leadership skills and invited her to represent Pax Christi at the Youth in Theology and Ministry (YTM) institute this summer at Saint John’s University.



“Since attending YTM, I’ve had this jumping off point of having a deeper understanding of my own faith and the role faith can have in community,” says Catherine.

She dove right into the college-level theology classes offered during the two-week institute, finding a special connection with the course on feminist theology. “We talked a lot about women in the parish, women in the Bible, and how women have been portrayed in faith. There were many good conversation in class about how faith can be a vehicle for empowerment.”

Students participate in YTM for two summers. In between, they create a project to serve their home parish. Catherine is working to develop a community sing program that will incorporate messages for peace from a variety of religious traditions. She is also serving as a leader for the fall Confirmation retreats. Catherine believes young leaders like herself have a lot to offer to the Pax Christi community.

“We offer insights that are valuable even if they aren’t heard the loudest. We also offer new energy and excitement!”

MAKAYLA O’LAUGHLIN

If you have been around Pax Christi for any length of time, there is a good chance that you’ve seen Makayla O’Laughlin in action. Makayla is a dedicated high school junior, serving Pax Christi as an acolyte, Eucharistic minister, mission trip participant, YTM delegate, and member of the Faith Formation Council.



“I wasn’t at my house for a full month this summer thanks to YTM and the mission trip!” she exclaims.

Last spring, Makayla developed a lesson about water for seventh and eighth graders as her YTM project. The fun day included a water walk around the campus.

Makayla continues to be an advocate for Pax Christi youth as she enters her second year on the Faith Formation Council. Her father, Jim, also serves on the council. “When I first started, I was really, really shy and didn’t talk much,” says Makayla. “Now I’m starting to share more. My focus is on youth involvement in the church.”

Makayla already has plans to major in theology and youth ministry, along with elementary education, when she gets to college. She said excitedly that one day we may see her back at Pax!

CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ

Whether he's behind the board running the slides for Mass, serving on the Worship Council, decorating the main worship space, singing in the choir, playing the handbells, or accompanying the children's choir on piano, high school junior Christian Ramirez is another young person you're almost sure to have seen around Pax Christi.



For two summers, Christian has taken part in the Music Ministry Alive (MMA) program held at St. Catherine University. "MMA is a huge boost for my spirituality," Christian says. "I feel like I'm glowing for three weeks afterward."

Youth in MMA spend a week learning, praying, and making music together. Each day includes morning and evening prayer, peer group conversations, and rehearsals for the closing concert. There are specific tracks ("I did the keyboard track, so we learned skills on accompanying a choir and improvising") and private lessons, as well as special liturgies and speakers.

Christian's passion for music and his faith shines through. "I'd do music even without church, but it gives me an opportunity to connect my faith and my music. It helps me see how I can use my gifts as a way to enrich myself and others."

He hopes his experience can make a difference back here at Pax Christi, and encourages other youth to get involved. "I think young people keep our Catholic faith really fresh," he says. "It's important that youth are part of the liturgy, because they help the community come alive."

AMANDA TAHNK-JOHNSON

Amanda Tahnk-Johnson has been very involved with Pax Christi's liturgical ministries for most of her life, first as an altar server and then as a member of the Adult Choir. Two years ago, Donna Kasbohm asked Amanda if she knew of anyone who would be interested in directing the Children's Choir. "I was interested!" says Amanda.



This part-time job directing the Children's Choir is actually a paid internship for the Minnetonka senior. "I really like the responsibility I have as the director. I get to pick when we rehearse and the music we do. This is the second job I've ever had, and I'm learning a lot!"

The Children's Choir, which rehearses most Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the chapel and provides music once a month at the 11:00am Mass, is a chance for Amanda to share her passion with kids.

"This year we have a lot of first graders who hardly know how to read at all, let alone read music!" she explains. "I get to teach them about music for the first time. It's really cool to have this kind of influence in giving kids a future in music...maybe even in liturgy!"

Amanda is grateful to the Pax Christi community. "There are so many pieces to the Mass, and everyone cares so much and works together to make it happen. I'm glad there are so many opportunities to get involved here!"



LEGACY OF OUR GIFTS

A GENTLE NUDGE from heaven bearing the reminder of the blessings in giving selflessly was sent my way at a funeral that my brother and I attended for an "aunt." We shared a convoluted familial connection with the deceased, so "aunt" was the easiest way to define her. We chatted with our relatives and helped define connections to their offspring. Jeanne and Jerry, the brother and sister of the deceased Aunt Pat, were in attendance at the funeral, and when we were introduced, my brother and I knew we had definitely waded into the realm of "shirttail relatives." We may have been related through marriage, and several times removed, but the moment we shared that we were the son and daughter of Arne and Shan, a nod and a smile lit up their faces and I knew that we were about to be treated to a special story about my parents. Sure enough, though our parents have been gone for two and three years now, these shirttail relatives brought them to life as they shared the story of the summer of 1963, when my parents loaned them their northern Minnesota cabin for an extended vacation. Jeanne and

Jerry drove up from the Deep South, picking up Aunt Pat, Uncle Robert, and their children along the way for the group to visit, fish, relax, and enjoy summertime in Minnesota.

Now most of us lifelong Minnesotans know that an invitation to visit a cabin in Minnesota is a seldom-shared treasure. To take possession of the cabin for an extended period of time in the summer without the owners around? Well, that just doesn't happen. They giggled and hugged one another as Jeanne and Jerry shared the tale of the wonderful adventure they had enjoyed due to my parents' generosity. That kindness shared all those years ago still warmed their hearts, and they said it was the "best vacation they had ever had." Neither my brother nor I had any recollection of the event, of course; we were only two and four at the time. But hearing of the welcoming hospitality provided by our parents was a lovely gift for us to receive. Our parents offered the cabin with no strings attached. Their selfless gift touched the hearts of the recipients, and continued to make an impact 50 plus years later.

What do we treasure? Our faith, our family, the relationships we share with those we love; all of these are treasures. In news coverage of many of the recent natural disasters time and time again, you see people clutching photo albums and searching for mementos. The "things" that we possess can be replaced, but the people and our memories of loved ones are what matter most. That moment captured may be stored away in a tattered photo album, but it never loses its impact in the heart and soul of the recipients. It is said, "You cannot take it with you." That statement is absolute truth. However, your actions can make a lifelong impact. I am sure that my parents had no idea how much that offer of a cabin up north would affect this family. Watching brother and sister hold one another as they shared a prayer and a goodbye in front of the casket, I knew that once again this long past gift had brought blessing and joy to the recipients, and its grace filled us too. We may never know how our actions will touch the lives of others, but rest assured, your gifts make a difference.

With THE gratitude holiday of Thanksgiving right around the



corner, this is the perfect time to give thanks for the people who made a difference in your life. How can you show gratitude for these treasures in your life? Writing a letter to acknowledge gifts you have received can be a powerful expression of gratitude. Passing on the stories of seminal moments can be as heartwarming as it is instructive. I felt the power of my parent's generosity in that unexpected nudge from heaven, and it reminded me to be open to opportunities that may be in front of me right now. If the person is no longer around to thank, perhaps you are called to honor gifts received in the form of a memorial tribute? Consider a gift of an engraved paver brick on Pax Christi's walking path, making a contribution to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund, or naming Pax Christi as a beneficiary in your estate plans. Pay it forward from the gifts received to the gifts you share. Be the **DISCIPLE ON A MISSION** of thankfulness. *Written by Mary Kennedy, Dir. of Stewardship and Development.*

THE 2017–2018 PAX CHRISTI GUIDEBOOK IS ONLINE AND ONLY 1 CLICK AWAY!

Head to the Pax Christi website, www.paxchristi.com/serve, and click on the Guidebook button to read or download your own copy today. The Pax Christi Guidebook is chock full of information, including a 2017–2018 calendar, the Sacramental Preparation schedule for the year, staff contact listing, information about the Pax Christi Leadership Councils, and job descriptions for all of the Pax Christi shared ministry offerings. Use the Guidebook to learn about the shared ministry opportunities available and either utilize the sign-up form in the back of the Guidebook or sign up under the SERVE tab on the Pax Christi website. One thing that is missing this year from previous years is the Pax Christi Directory section. In a nod to the changes in landlines, and the fact that many of our members prefer NOT to have their cell phones listed in a directory, we no longer are posting member contact information. If you do not have access to a computer/printer, we have hard copies of the Guidebook available upon request at the Parish Office.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

LET US LOVE, NOT WITH WORDS, BUT WITH DEEDS: **NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

POPE FRANCIS has declared November 19 the **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** as “a way to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Luke 16:19-21) there can be no justice or social peace.” Francis calls us to reach out, encounter, and touch “all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity.”

In his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia Misera*, Pope Francis tells us that “the Day is meant above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discord and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter.” We are being called to deep and meaningful relationships with the poor and marginalized among us. “If there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favorable moment to encounter the God

we seek,” he says. “Following the teaching of Scripture, let us welcome them as honored guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more consistently.”

Francis cautions us all to be mindful of our own perceptions of the meaning of these encounters, saying, “We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience.” He reminds us that these acts may be good for putting other's needs more clearly before us, but what they should ultimately do is “lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life.”

We become grounded as true disciples of Christ, when we authentically engage with evangelical authenticity in the sort of charity and sharing that comes from real encounter. In this mindset, with great appreciation for the

opportunity of encounter, we discover ourselves newly, and re-imagine true solidarity. Each encounter is an opportunity to know a love as Jesus did. Indeed, each encounter is an opportunity to know and love Jesus.

Frank Cordaro, our guest from the Des Moines Catholic Worker Community will speak about **Living Radical Hospitality: Honoring the World Day of the Poor** as we kick-off our Social Justice Speakers Series on November 19 at 12:30pm, in room 212. (Additional information on page 17.) This is the first of a monthly series of speakers who will share their experiences as people who are living to encounter and honor the life and dignity of the human person. Each of our speakers has been called in different ways. As we gather to listen and learn, we are encouraged to discover what our own call may be as disciples on a mission of encountering our Christ in the world.

It is in this same spirit of encounter that Pax Christi will be opening our doors on Thanksgiving Day to anyone in the community who wishes to share a community Thanksgiving Meal together. We invite neighbors that we know, and neighbors that we don't know, to come, to talk, to eat, to give thanks together as one community seeking to know and love one another. We are asking all who participate to register as we need to know how much food to prepare and how many tables to set! Anyone wishing to help prepare food, set-up tables, welcome guests, assist guests who are physically challenged, clean-up, please register your intention on the Pax Christi website at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

YOU CAN MAKE THANKSGIVING SPECIAL FOR ANOTHER FAMILY!

The Annual Thanksgiving Meal Drive DROP-OFF weekend is November 18/19.

There are THREE ways you can help:



1. Purchase a Thanksgiving meal for another family.

It's easy — just pick up a flyer at any of the ministry tables (near doors 1, 3, or 4) and go to the grocery store with the suggested shopping list provided. Buy some or all items on the list — you decide and drop them off at room #111 on the weekend of **November 18/19**. Donations will go to families served through two Minneapolis Agencies: Northside Extension Services and Little Earth of United Tribes.

I appreciate the basket and gift card, otherwise we wouldn't eat. I love the decorated boxes with turkeys and leaves. —Cheryl



2. Purchase a Grocery Store Gift Card

Purchase a gift card in any amount (\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, or choose the amount) from Cub Foods. These stores are convenient for shoppers from either Northside Extension or Little Earth. In the last couple of years, cards were also gifted to some Eden Prairie families in need. Drop cards off at the parish office anytime before **November 18/19**.

I appreciate the food and gift card more than anyone knows, we struggle to put a thanksgiving dinner on the table nearly every year. Without the help from Pax Christi, I don't know what we would do. I honestly don't think we would have a complete meal without the help, which is much appreciated. Thank you. —Nancy



3. "Early Bird Grocery Cards"

Let us do the shopping for you. Donate a Cub Foods gift card in any amount on November 4/5 or 11/12 (before our meal collection on November 18/19), and Twelve Baskets volunteers will shop for the meal items listed on the flyer. In recent years, we have collected less food and more gift cards, and this option helps those recipients who have a difficult time getting to the store and carrying a large meal home using public transportation.

The food and gift card helped our family out a lot. It sure makes our dinner nice! —Pam

START YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A GIFT FROM THE HEART – AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Written by Pam Schmitz, Twelve Baskets Ministry.



SHARE-THE-JOY!

AS I SIT down to write this magazine article, I gaze out the window at the still lush green trees and grass, and it's hard to think about Christmas giving. But, by the time you read this article in the November PaxChristiNews, Twelve Baskets will have held its Book and Hat and Mitten Drives. We are busy getting ready for our annual Thanksgiving Meal Drive and our Share-the-Joy Christmas Drive. As we give thanks and count our many blessings, please keep our brothers and sisters in mind, many of whom, including children, are living in great need.

As we have done for the last few years, we will be partnering with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie to supply toys to furnish the Holiday Store at the Center for Changing Lives in the Phillips neighborhood of South Minneapolis. The clients who come to the store pay a nominal fee for each gift that they shop for at the store. This gives the client a sense of dignity knowing that they purchased and picked out the gifts for their children, and did not receive them for free. **We will be collecting toys for the store starting November 4/5 and continue until November 26.** The store runs on Saturday, December 2. There will be a big red sled at Door 3 to accept your generous gifts.

The remainder of the Share-the-Joy Drive will remain the same as it has been the last several years, with many opportunities for you to share with those less fortunate. We will be supporting St. Stephen's Men's Shelter with a variety of items. We will be providing Christmas gifts for Kateri House, a halfway house for Native American women. These women are trying to remain drug and alcohol free so they can regain custody of their children. We will also provide gifts for Blessed Kateri Church's Faith Formation Christmas Party.

We will provide laundry baskets full of personal and household care items for the American Indian Center, Cabrini Partnership, and Youth Link. These baskets have been very popular with individuals lucky enough to receive them. We will also be collecting bingo prizes for Little Earth seniors and young mothers Christmas Party. Finally, we will also support Risen Christ Catholic School in south Minneapolis. The manner of their support this year is yet to be determined.

Twelve Baskets Ministry tables with detailed information will be in Dorothy Day Social Hall after each Mass starting November 18/19 and run through December 2/3. Twelve Baskets will be available to help you select a giving opportunity. Sharing Christmas with the less fortunate in our community is a great way to add to your participation in the real meaning of Christmas.

Written by Judy Olmsted, Twelve Baskets Ministry.



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
 Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36



PARISHIONER NEWS

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

Felix John Johanneson	9/3/2017
Garlington Adley Scott	9/3/2017
Grace Amari Scott	9/3/2017
Emmitt Samuel Eicher	9/10/2017
Greta Anne Oldenburg	9/10/2017
Claire Caroline Rusin	9/10/2017
Ashton Christopher Case	9/17/2017
Hunter Alexander Case	9/17/2017
Justin Thomas Case	9/17/2017
Parker James Case	9/17/2017
Landon Thomas Schelitzche	9/17/2017
Thatcher Dennis Leopold	9/23/2017

SEPTEMBER FUNERALS

Terrance A. Beauchane	9/12/2017
Mary Dombrock	9/25/2017
Marnie Ann McGough	9/29/2017

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

Joelle Jaros & Zachary Holland	9/30/2017
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SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Nayely Becerra Balbuena
 Riley Boese
 Paul and Patti Christensen
 Donald and Linda Demers
 Jessica Fujita Ruivo
 Rebecca Galindo
 Sheila Hannon
 Judith Jacobson
 James and Karen Johnson
 Matthew Kilanowski
 Jennifer and Justin Langstraat
 Kenneth and Barbara Schrupp
 Gerald Smith and Susan Hunziker
 Mary Jo Surges
 Shirley VandenHoek



THE MISSION CONTINUES

At the start of fall, we at Pax Christi celebrated the beginning of our new annual theme: **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**. In the narthex, we displayed the theme and invited Pax Christi members to place themselves together on the mission by filling out a "disciple-card" and putting themselves on the mission-wall. Our mission-wall has been moved to the Dorothy Day Social Hall. Pax Christi members are invited to continue to discern what you wish to declare as your place on the mission. We invite you to come and spend some time reading the hundreds of statements by fellow Pax Christi members who are intentionally connecting our community liturgical life with mission in the world. We invite you to consider joining with other Pax Christi members who have found their passion and are currently working in various ways for justice. Take the chance to engage in conversation after Mass with someone you know, or someone you don't know, about what they are up to. Give yourself permission to share your hopes and dreams with fellow travelers. Who knows? Maybe, in bringing forward the calling of your own heart, you may even bring together a community of Pax members who share the same passion and will develop a mission around the shared passion! We are Pax Christi. We are **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**.



BOOMERS AND BEYOND
PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- November 3:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation
- November 15:** Lunch and Theater Outing
- December 16:** Holiday Party

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 12:30PM, ROOM 212

LIVING RADICAL HOSPITALITY:

HONORING THE INAUGURAL WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Frank Cordaro will share with us his life experience in the Des Moines Catholic Worker Community.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 12:30PM, ROOM 212

TRANSFORMING YOUR LIFE, PARISH, AND THE WORLD THROUGH "LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME"

Marybeth Lorbiecki offers a path to understanding the opportunities for us in Pope Francis's new encyclical, *Laudato Si*, with stories, science, and practical actions to start integrating key elements into our lives, parish, and world.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 12:30PM, ROOM 212

HONORING THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON: A MOTHER'S STORY

Television writer/producer, Joan Rater, will share her experience as the mom of her transgender son, Tom.

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

THE JOURNEY HOME:

HONORING COMMUNITY AND THE COMMON GOOD

Claire Housing will be here to tell us about their extraordinary mission of providing affordable, supportive housing and compassionate care for people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 12:30PM, ROOM 212

FOSTERING HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: THE FOOD GROUP

The Food Group will be here to talk about how equity work is fundamental to their mission to fight hunger and nourish the community.



NEW FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18–39

WEST METRO YOUNG ADULTS THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Tuesdays, October 24–November 28, Champp's Bar, Mtka
Doors open at 6:30pm, speaker starts at 7:30pm**

Pax Christi is excited to partner with the West Metro Young Adults, a group dedicated to supporting ministries for young adults ages 18–39 in Catholic parishes in the West Metro area. The WMYA coordinates outreach events like a weekly sports night, monthly service activities, and seasonal Theology on Taps. For more information on WMYA events, visit their website, www.westmetroya.com. Contact Jessie Bazan, Youth Formation Minister, jbazan@paxchristi.com, with ideas or interest in young adult ministry at Pax Christi.

UPCOMING EVENT:

MORNING PRAYER AND MIMOSAS

**Saturday, November 4, 10:00, at the parish rectory,
14218 Chestnut Drive, Eden Prairie**

Attention Pax Christi Young Adults! Join us for our first event of the year. Young adults ages 21–39 are welcome. We will pray together, enjoy some social time, and discuss ideas for young adult ministry going forward. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. The event is free but space is limited! Register today by emailing Jessie Bazan, jbazan@paxchristi.com.

NOVEMBER

CENTERING PRAYER

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

Opportunities for Centering Prayer, in a group setting on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Third Thursday of the month, 3:00–4:30pm RSV

The Compassionate Care Listening Circle gathers monthly, and is open to anyone who finds themselves at a crossroads in life. The listening circle provides a safe place for reflection and meaningful conversation as one strives to find an awareness of God in the face of life challenges. These challenges can include loss, caregiving responsibilities, mental illness, grief, chronic illness, or any life transition. In this small group setting we will have time for ritual, prayer, and sharing around a monthly topic. For more information, or if you would like to join this group, contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, 952-405-7211, or jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS CLASS: FALL SESSION

Wednesdays, November 1–December 13, 6:30pm, Fee \$17 RSV

Instead of concentrating on your shortcomings, wouldn't it be nice to learn how to make the best use of the things at which you excel? What are your God-given strengths? Gallup (the poll people) has developed an online assessment tool that can tell you what your top five strengths are out of thirty-four 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 or 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. For additional questions, contact Mary Kennedy, mkenedy@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7220. Register online today!

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION FALL SESSION

Thursdays through November 9, 5:30–7:30pm

The Southwest Grief Coalition is a partnership of local churches working together to provide support and education for those who are grieving. The evening will include a light meal followed by speaker, and then small group supportive sessions specific to your type of loss. There is no cost to attend and you do not need to attend all sessions. For more information, look for the Fall 2017 *Living and Growing Through Loss* brochure in the kiosk by the reception desk or visit www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry. Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, November 3, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

Come and join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and pastries in the Chief Joseph Room. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. All are welcome! After fellowship, please stay for a bit and join us as we plan upcoming Boomers and Beyond events. New ideas are welcome!

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 4, 5:00pm Mass

In November, it is the church's tradition to celebrate the All Souls Day, which commemorates all those who have died. As a parish community we set aside this time to especially honor those whose funerals we celebrated here at Pax Christi from November 2016 to October 2017. At the Memorial Mass we will honor their memories by reading each of their names during the Prayers of the Faithful. All those who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to join us at this special Mass. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one for our prayer table in the Sanctuary.



A LABYRINTH WALK

LETTING GO AND OPENING TO GUIDANCE

Monday, November 6, 6:30–8:30pm

Letting go can be hard to do whether it be a relationship, circumstance, or attitude. The first step is opening to divine wisdom within. It's always available. Our challenge is to stay focused and trust that we will be guided. Mediation and prayer can help. Walking the labyrinth is a form of prayer, of meditation. It quiets the mind, opens the heart, and grounds the body. Some find answers to questions long asked, some find healing and a sense of wholeness. Join us for a brief workshop and candlelit labyrinth walk. An introduction to the labyrinth will be available to those new to the labyrinth. Contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher at Carrie@cycleofwholeness.com to register.

WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

Rev. Chris Wheatley, Director of Christian Ministry at Presbyterian Homes, will be with us to explore the many forms of grief that can be especially present over the holidays. This year, some of us will grieve the loss of a family tradition such as gathering at grandma's house with her heirloom china and favorite foods because she has moved to a care center. Some of us will have to adjust to a slower pace of life due to an illness or disability in the midst of all the holiday chaos and hurry. Some of us will suffer the spiritual pain of loneliness or depression and search our faith for comfort. This talk is for everyone who is entering into the Thanksgiving or Christmas season in need of words of comfort, not expectations of sugarplums dancing. Rev. Wheatley will address these forms of grief and also share tools for those of us who minister to family, friends, and neighbors in need of our support. No need to RSVP.

THEOLOGY DAY AT PAX CHRISTI

Thursday, November 9, 6:00–9:00pm, Hall of Martyrs **RSVP**

Discernment and Self-honesty: Wisdom from the Benedictines

Becky Van Ness is an adjunct faculty at Saint John's University where she serves as the Director of the Spiritual Direction Program and is an oblate of Saint Benedict's monastery. Van Ness earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian Spirituality and the Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction and directed retreats at Creighton University. Registration is required at www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day or call 320-363-3560.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Saturday, November 11, 6:00–8:30pm

Celebrate Your heritage at Pax Christi's International Potluck. We are glad to have you here at Pax Christi! Now, let's celebrate your family heritage! Dust off that family recipe that makes you think of home, whip up a batch, and bring it over to Pax Christi as we celebrate the diversity of this community of faith. Feel free to bring whatever favorite ethnic food you like to make that represents your heritage, whether it's an appetizer, vegetable, salad, snack, bread, entrée, or dessert. We'll gather after the 5:00pm Mass and gobble our way around the world without leaving Eden Prairie. If you have a special image, statue, or icon representing your faith heritage, feel free to bring it in to display.

MAKE PLANS NOW

TWELFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 2, 9:00am–3:00pm

Start your holidays in style at our annual boutique and bake sale! This shopping extravaganza is for the whole family. It will feature a variety of handcrafted items from over 50 quality crafters and artisans, a bake sale, and luncheon. Come and shop for the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list. This event is free, and there is plenty of parking available. Don't miss out on this annual holiday tradition!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT LOCAL CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 10, 2:00–4:00pm, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Room 111

Come join the fun and brighten the day for our senior friends and neighbors. Faith Formation and Care and Support Ministries are joining together to go Christmas caroling and distribute handmade cards at local senior care centers. Singing on-key is optional! Songbooks provided. ALL ages are welcome. You provide your own transportation for this event but all care centers are close by and you will be grouped with other joyful singers. Creative holiday attire is encouraged! Meet at 2:00pm in Room 111 (park in the lower level parking lot by door 6). We'll return to Pax Christi for hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and an opportunity for a family photo. It's important to RSVP online by December 6 so we can plan for an adequate number of care centers to visit. Questions? Contact Jean Thoresen, 952-405-7211, or jthoresen@paxchristi.com, or Renee Dignan, 952-405-7212, or rdignan@paxchristi.com.

HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

APRIL 16–27, 2018 **RSVP**

Travel to the Holy Land and Jordan with Fr. Bill Murtaugh and walk in the footsteps of Jesus throughout this special pilgrimage. To learn about this special pilgrimage, please visit www.magitravelinc.com.

NOVEMBER

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or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.

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5 FAITH FORMATION	6 BAPTISM PREP CLASS LABYRINTH WALK	7 WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT	8 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION	9 CENTERING PRAYER THEOLOGY DAY SOUTHWEST GRIEF	10	11 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK
12 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND FAITH FORMATION	13 CASTING INTO THE DEEP ADULT FORMATION	14 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	15 FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION FAITH FORMATION	16 COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE	17	18 FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION THANKSGIVING DRIVE
19 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR THANKSGIVING DRIVE FAITH FORMATION	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING MEAL	24	25
26	27	28 MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE ADULT FORMATION	29 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION	30	1	2 HOLIDAY TEA HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE SHARE-THE-JOY HOLIDAY DRIVE BEGINS





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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

**November 11/12
 following all Masses**

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

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE NOVEMBER'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE FEATURES **WORSHIP.**

Did you know that approximately 375 members of Pax Christi take a leadership role in our worship each and every weekend? Almost all of these shared ministers are volunteers under the umbrella of the Worship Council. We are music ministers, lectors, altar servers, Mass coordinators, greeters, Eucharistic ministers and much more. Our mission is to use our gifts to prepare, design, and enhance our community's worship experience and to inspire others to do so as well to ensure that "All are welcome." Visit the Worship Ministry Showcase the weekend of November 11/12 (following all Masses) to find out more information and to sign up to serve in this vital ministry.

