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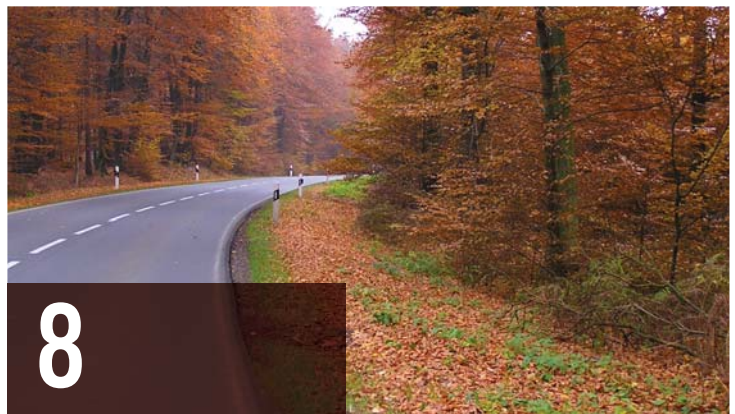
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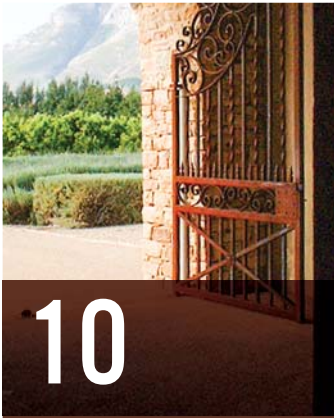
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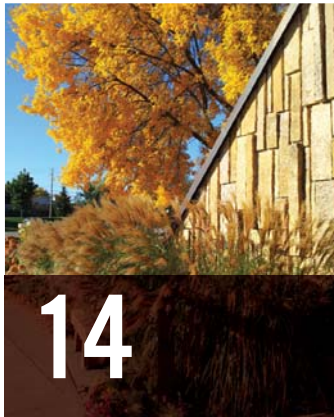
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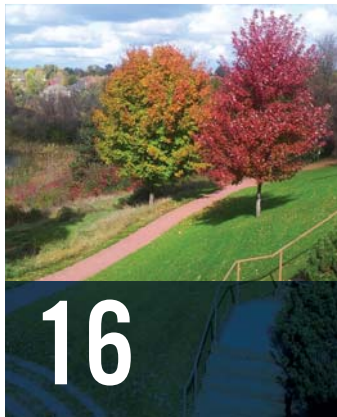
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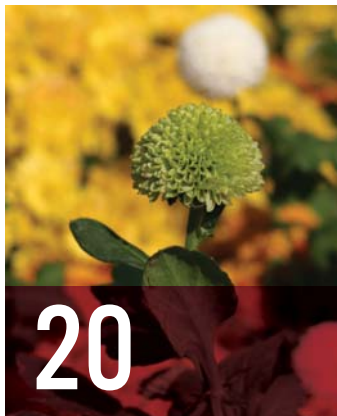
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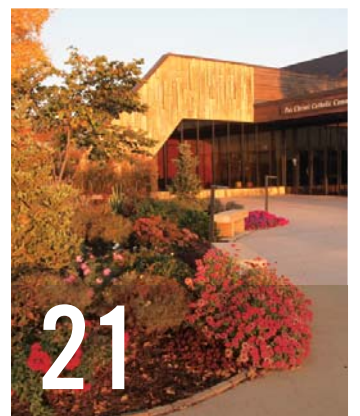
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WAITING, WATCHING, LISTENING FOR...



Fr. Herb Hayek, O.P.
Sr. Associate Pastor



It is a cliché to say that when going on a trip, no matter how short or long, kids often ask: "Are we there yet?" It isn't much consolation to a child to quote the Chinese proverb: A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. Although this is true, it really doesn't offer much comfort to a child for whom several blocks from home is a long way off! But I myself haven't gotten better over the years. I frequently ask: "Why aren't we there already?" I don't ask this when going on a trip since I've learned the joys and perils of modern day travel. Where I do find myself asking this question is oftentimes at meetings or working with others, when I already have solved the problem or seen the solution. Let's get on with it! Let's get the project done! Why is it taking so long to come to an agreement? If they could only see through my eyes!!! Waiting for others can be a real form of penance in today's contemporary society. But then I wonder what others are thinking about me. Am I the one who is missing the boat, holding up the program, not really seeing what needs to be done? It's really hard to imagine that! But if I learned to wait, watch and listen more, would I (possibly) see the progress that is being made. But that is so hard in today's fast-paced society.

When do we have the opportunity to slow down? I recently returned from my vacation and annual retreat. It was nothing exotic or different. I went to Colorado where I had lived for seventeen years. (Only Iowa can claim more of my time, and I'm beginning my thirteenth year in Minnesota.) It was very much like past family vacations that I remembered where we visited relatives and friends and renewed old friendships. But it was also a time to do some new "old" things. One warm afternoon I was sitting in the botanical gardens in Denver. It had been years since I had done this anywhere. A friend later asked if I had gone with someone. I hadn't. It was just time to be alone, to wait, to watch, and to listen. There were many people there that day taking advantage of the weather, but it wasn't crowded. As I walked around slowly, I could enjoy the many sections, each with their own color and beauty. Often I would sit on a bench or rock and just be still. There was a gentle breeze that day, and I could listen to it blow through the trees, bushes, and grasses. It was such a gentle almost imperceptible sound but soothing — refreshing the soul. As I sat in a grape arbor in the middle of the herb garden (no pun intended), I could smell the mint, basil, and all of those wonderful plants that

add so much to our food. I had forgotten how even these smells can bring peace and calm to one's spirit. Maybe there is something to aromatherapy? As I moved quietly through the gardens, I remembered the old adage: Take time to smell the roses.....and even the parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme!

To judge what I was doing from the outside seemed like nothing significant. But to stop, listen, and smell things that we fail to appreciate is something we often overlook. Just slowing down helped me appreciate all the gifts God has given to us. Surrounded by such natural beauty is a powerful expression of God's love for us. Sometimes we wait too long to come to this realization. Maybe we don't think that we can justify doing something like this. As if our daily work (drudgery or not) is essential for the continued survival of our society and world!

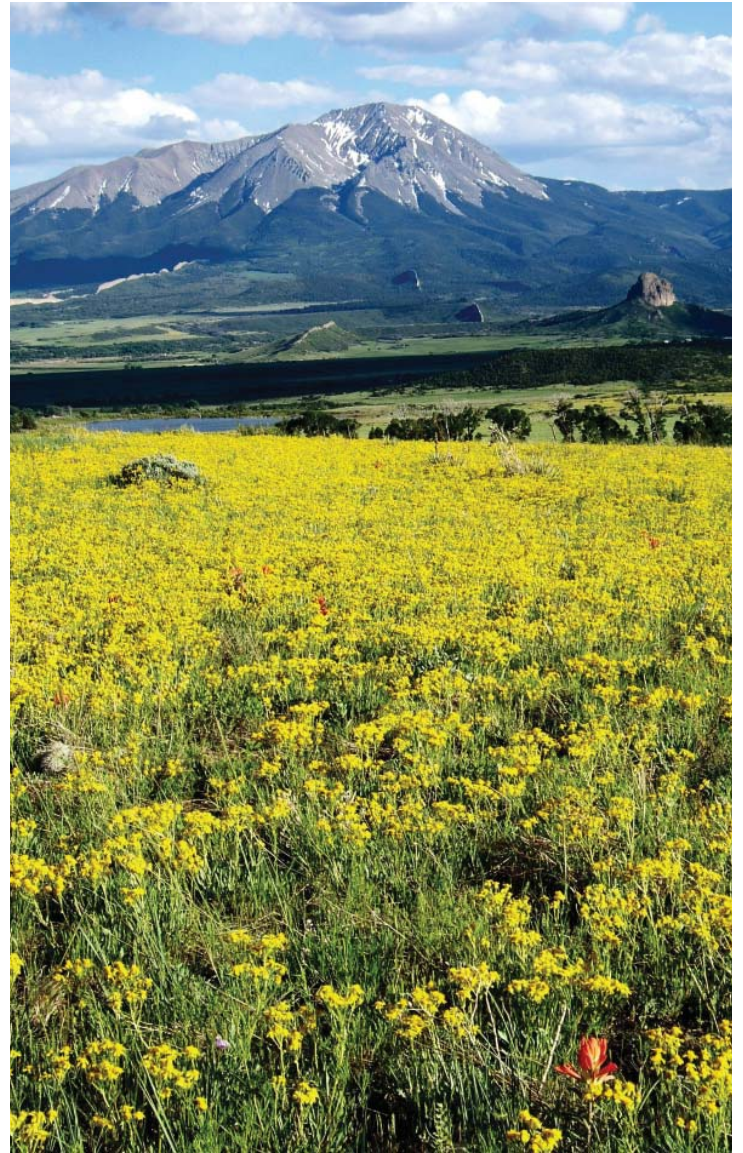
Then it was off to the mountains. I have been making my annual retreat at a Trappist monastery at Snowmass since 1988. It's not the better-known ski resort with its tony shops and ski-in, ski-out condos. Old Snowmass is a blink in the road. You turn off the main road and go back into the valley where most people never go. Why would they? There's no place to shop!



Time always seems to stand still for me when I am there. I join the monks twice a day for prayer. Otherwise I am free to do whatever I want. For some people the task of cooking for yourself would spoil everything. I love it. There are hiking trails around, which I have explored over the years. But having less oxygen at nine thousand feet altitude, carrying a few more years, and having seen the sights many times over, I found myself in a more reflective mood. I was also able to enjoy my hermitage (cabin) where I was staying. It was at the end of the road, and from there I could see no other building. Even the monastery, nearly a mile away, is lost in a grove of trees. I could sit on my small porch and forget about the rest of the world. Was I the last man alive? For as far as you could see, there is landscaping by Mother Nature. Sagebrush, scrub oak, and other hardy plants speak of a rugged area that redefines our definition of beauty, at least as we know it here in

Minnesota. The mountains surround the valley and are covered with pine trees and the golden splash of the aspens. As I sat there I often found myself looking up from my reading and becoming enchanted with the mountains. They were almost hypnotic. Many a time I have found myself just watching the sun and clouds play on the mountains, casting ever changing shadows over them. Then I would realize that I had been watching them for a long time. But it didn't matter when time moves so slowly. Much of the time there is no sound to be heard. Even a breeze blowing through the trees seems loud. Even the occasional car driving on the gravel road, though unseen, breaks the quiet of the valley. It is at times such as these that I think that I would use the word "awesome."

When we are so often waiting for someone or hurrying to our next appointment, it seems such a special gift, even a luxury, to be able to just be still and allow



the silence to surround you. And as I sit and watch, I try to clear my mind. Still events or ideas often pass through my mind, as if I were channel surfing. Even in their randomness they are somehow connected. But eventually I find that I can "turn off the tv." Then I go back to watching the mountains and waiting for the mule deer and rabbits to scamper by. There is so much surrounding me, but it is so simple and complete. If only I could stay there forever or, at least, for a few more

days. But in those minutes and hours of being, I seem to both empty myself of "busyness" and prepare myself to return to my daily routine — always remembering that I can find time, if I try, to quiet myself and go to that space where there is only the present moment, and my mind is focused and clear.

As we begin the season of Advent in several weeks, we might try to wait, watch, and listen a little more as we await the mystery of the Incarnation.

WAITING, HOPING, REJOICING, AND CELEBRATING ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 29



Unless one was born this year, we have been through Advent before. The signs and symbols of Advent remain important ones to ground us to the personal and collective reflections appropriate for this time of year. Advent wreaths are lit to mark the four weeks, special prayers are prayed to try to provide a focus for our hopeful hearts, the readings in our liturgies help us to reflect on the "state of affairs" as one anticipates the promises of God. We've been through this before. How are we different from last year?

We are entering the darkest time of the year in the northern hemisphere which helps to offer a contemplative mood if we dare to allow this season to wash over us. We are awaiting the Light of the World, but we live in darkness. The world has war, famine, refugee crises, abuse, poverty, disease, and natural disasters. This is the world we live in. This is the world that God desired to set foot in through the Incarnation of the Light.

Thomas Merton, a great contemplative and prophetic voice that transcends time, wrote in his essay "Advent: Hope or Delusion?" published in *Seasons of Celebration*, which helps us to wrestle with the dynamics of this holy season:

Our task is to seek and find Christ in our world as it is and not as it might be. The fact that the world is other than it might be does not alter the truth that Christ is present in it and that His plan has been neither frustrated nor changed: indeed, all will be done according to His will. Our Advent is the celebration of this hope. What is uncertain is not the "coming" of Christ but our own reception of Him, our own response to Him, our own readiness and capacity to "go forth to meet him." We must be willing to see Him and acclaim Him, as John did, even at the very moment when our whole life's work and all its meaning seem to collapse.

If there is one thing we can do during this short season of reflection, may we be blessed with the grace to receive the Light so that we may be living light to others. *Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director*

OPEN WIDE THE DOORS! PAX CHRISTI 2015 VIRTUAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Open Wide the Doors to the Lord at home, in your office, in school, wherever you are. Make the most of this Advent Season. This interactive calendar will help you to slow down and discover the quiet moments of the season. The first door opens on November 29 at www.paxchristi.com/advent.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.*

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

*The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":*

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;

bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"





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Bottom Row (left to right): Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Peter Rasumussen, Joan Paré, Pat Kelly, Mary Beth Buckman

* New to the Community Council.

2015-2016 THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council is the guiding body of Pax Christi Catholic Community. The role of the Community Council is to facilitate the periodic formation and revision of Pax Christi's Vision, to nourish an environment that will encourage achievement of the Vision, and to conduct regular evaluations of its progress.

LEADERSHIP AT PAX CHRISTI

This issue of the monthly magazine highlights the Ministry Area Councils and the lay leaders who have discerned that they are willing to share their time and talents in a way that guides this faith community in a direction faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for their willingness to be present, in an intentional way, to the mission and values that identify this faith community and its particular ministries.

The mission of Pax Christi, although not long in length, is large on vision, depth, and possibility:

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.

The name, our name, is **Pax Christi**, meaning "Peace of Christ," helps to identify the many travelers on their journey of faith as members and as visitors who have walked through its doors since its founding in 1981. The doors are still open wide, and we are glad that many find this faith community as their spiritual home. We travel this faith journey **in company with God**, empowered by the spirit of the Risen Christ, to bring the very good news of God's creative love

and mercy to all, and to bring about the reign of God in this place and time. **Guided by the Spirit of Vatican II**, a defining event in the global church, and imbued by the spirit that directed the energy of the founding pastor, visionaries, and members of the parish, the concepts of collegiality in identified roles in the church, the laity as leaven for the world, and the grace surrounding the celebration of the sacraments was renewed. As a church that **welcomes all**, it takes a concerted effort to look around and see who we are, diverse in age, ethnicity, and ecclesiology, and it is a constant endeavor to open our hearts so that all are welcome in this spiritual place in this holy time. **As leaders in faith**, leaders who have learned from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, have suffered sufficiently, have gained wisdom from the challenges of life, and are empowered to be ministers **for service to the world** where life's journey takes them.

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 sorely in need of healing. We travel together on this earthly pilgrimage, trying our best, failing some, and making choices that help to **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** to all the known and unknown that is before us.

Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director



FACILITIES COUNCIL

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

Top Row (left to right): Vince Kelly, *Dave Franzen, Matt Kleffner

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Not Pictured: *Stephen Olinger

** New to the Facilities 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): Lynn Schelitzche - Dir. of Faith Formation, Ann Boulay, *Grace Curtiss, *Mark Huschke

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Not Pictured: Ken Robinson, *Ben Brandt

** 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.

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Not Pictured: Mark Niederluecke

** 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.

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LAY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Mission: in support of Pax Christi's commitment to collegial parish leadership, to affirm, cultivate, and strengthen community leaders for collaborative leadership in the parish and its ministries.

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Not Pictured: Joe Mabee, *Marcia Rippenger, *Dick Thomas

** New to the Lay Leadership Council.*



PASTORAL CARE 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.

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** New to the Pastoral 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.

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Not Pictured: Katie Donohue

** 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): Marlene Fischer, *Kelly Schacht, Mary Skenzich, Mike Kennedy - Chair, *Ruth Jansen

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Not Pictured: Joelle Tannehill

** New to the Worship Council.*





OPENING CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:00PM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and 50th Anniversary of Closing of Second Vatican Council

Be a part of this historic year-long celebration taking place around the world! The Church has called jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300. From time to time, special jubilee years are called (2000) known as extraordinary jubilee years. In regard to the upcoming year, Francis writes:

Mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond with his mercy and forgiveness.

In our celebration on December 8, we will be invited to open our hearts and minds to the global church of which we are a part, the church in this place and time which includes newcomers (sisters and brothers from other places), founding members, our children, youth and grandchildren, millennials, seekers of all ages. The evening will include our International Pot Luck Supper at 5:30pm, prior to the opening liturgy.

Pope Francis reminds us of the Fifth Beatitude: *Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. . . a beatitude that he invites us to aspire to during this holy year of compassion. He also asks that we live this jubilee year by "opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes modern society has created."* And having received such mercy, we in turn are called to practice acts of mercy.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "the works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in [his] spiritual and bodily necessities: instructing, advising, consoling, and comforting are *spiritual* works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The *corporal* works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and imprisoned and burying the dead. Among all of these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work of justice pleasing to God" (CCC 2447).

In Francis' words:

More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, without rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at (our) door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: 'Give them something to eat' (Mark 6:37).

Francis invites us as people of God to enter fully into dialogue with the world around us. On our pilgrim journey together, he invites solidarity, creativity, and compassion. His vision for the church:

I dream of a 'missionary option' that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for evangelization of today's world rather than for her preservation.

In addition, we are reminded of the words from Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) which declared that the church "is not tied exclusively and indissolubly to any race or nation. . . The church is faithful to its traditions and is at the same time conscious of its universal mission: it can, then, enter into communion with different forms of culture, thereby enriching both itself and the cultures themselves (GS 58).

Our dismissal from liturgy: "Our worship is ended; our service begins!"

Written by Donna Kasbohm, Director of Worship and Music

OPEN WIDE THE DOORS
OPEN WIDE THE DOORS,
LET THE SPIRIT IN.
OPEN WIDE THE DOORS,
LET THE WORK OF
CHRIST BEGIN.

LET THE POOR HEAR
GOOD NEWS!
LET THE
CAPTIVES GO FREE!
HELP THE LAME TO DANCE,
THE SILENT TO SING,
THE BLIND TO SEE.

MAKE JUSTICE FLOW
LIKE A RIVER,
PEACE AN
UNSTOPPABLE STREAM.
THE SPIRIT WILL
ANOINT ALL PEOPLE,
FULFILLMENT
OF THE DREAM.
OPEN WIDE THE DOORS!

-JOHN ANGOTTI AND LARRY DORSCH



OPEN WIDE THE DOORS: THE QUALITIES OF MERCY

*Boomers and Beyond Opening Session, September 14, 2015:
A message of hope from Patricia Hughes Baumer*

It was a beautiful sunny fall day in September — not a cloud in the sky — and a most positive beginning to a wonderful Boomers and Beyond event. To get the day off to just the right start, Patricia Hughes Baumer led a group of 93 Boomers and guests on a journey, called by Pope Francis in this Extraordinary Year of Jubilee, to reflect and understand the meaning of mercy. Asking us to “pay more attention to what you hear more than what I say,” Patricia started her talk with a question, “When you look at a set of closed doors, what do you see? Are you inside or outside? Are you going in or going out? Doors are more than architecture — they are also a threshold. Where are we going?” Pope Francis is calling us, as a church, to reflect on that same thing.

Weaving wonderful story telling and linking each story to qualities of mercy, each person present came to his/her own deeper understanding of mercy. Here are the qualities of mercy as defined by Patricia.



#1. Mercy is honest. We are unfinished business, and God loves us anyway.

#2. Mercy is active. When and how have we been rescued by mercy? From upside down to right side up, who has rescued us?

#3. Mercy is restorative. It calls for removing the labels that define one another; love doesn't play favorites.

#4. Mercy recollects. It has a memory, forever giving up the hope for a different past.

#5 & #6. Mercy is practical and creative. It allows God to take us by surprise.

#7. Mercy is aware. We don't just observe suffering and pass it by. It moves beyond images and comes face-to-face with suffering.

#8. Mercy is mutual. It is diagnostic, therapeutic, philanthropic, empathic.

#9. Mercy is social. Often we focus on the personal, but we also need to look at the 'isms' in our society that contribute to hopelessness and a lack of mercy.

#10. Mercy is powerful. God the Father of mercies has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins.

It started with a question: *Where do we begin when you hear the word mercy?* It ended with the answer “God loves us.” That's where mercy starts and ends.

Patricia Hughes Baumer has been a leader in promoting greater female involvement in the renewal and expansion of women's roles in the church. In 1991, with the call of the community council, she and her husband Fred began their pioneering ministry of liturgical preaching. She and Fred are the authors of a new book published by 23rd Publications called Pocket Prayers for Married Couples. Find additional information about the Boomers and Beyond group at www.paxchristi.com/boomers.

Written by Maret Ryan, Pax Christi Parishioner



HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT

On a mild, mid-October night, almost thirty 7–12 grade youth from Pax Christi and Immanuel Lutheran slept outside in cardboard boxes and tents to raise funds for PROP and to raise awareness for youth homelessness in the Southwest Metro. The event took place in the Pax Christi parking lot and included making s’mores around the Ring of Jordan bonfire pit, an interactive game called the Justice Web that helped the group identify root causes of homelessness, a prayer walk around the pond, and of course, a cold night out under the stars! Our young people came away from this event with a greater understanding of homelessness in our community and what we can all do to help people find housing and community. *Written by Peter Bierer, Youth Formation Minister.*



YOU CAN MAKE THANKSGIVING SPECIAL FOR ANOTHER FAMILY!

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE IS NOVEMBER 21/22.
There are three ways you may choose to help:

1. Purchase a Thanksgiving meal for another family.

It’s easy — just pick up a flyer at any of the three ministry tables near doors 1, 3, or 4, and hit 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 21/22. Donations will go to families served through two Minneapolis Agencies: Northside Extension Services and Little Earth of United Tribes.

2. Purchase a Grocery Store Gift Card

Purchase a gift card (\$25, \$50, \$100, or you 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, some cards were also gifted to Eden Prairie families in need. Drop cards off at the parish office anytime before November 21/22.

3. NEW last year! “Early Bird Grocery Cards” — Let us Shop for You!

Donate a Cub Foods gift card in any amount on November 7/8 or 14/15 (before our meal collection on November 21/22), 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 the large meal home using public transportation. This option also provides our donors the convenience of giving a gift card while ensuring the recipients get a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Start your Holiday Season with a gift from the heart — and thank you for your generosity!



HOLIDAY SHARING

As I sat down to write this message, I gazed out at the trees that are still full of green leaves. It seemed a little early to be writing about holiday charitable giving. But by the time you receive this message, it will be the first of November. We will have had our Hat and Mitten Drive. Twelve Baskets members are busy planning for the Thanksgiving Meal Drive (information on page 12) and Share-the-Joy Christmas Drive. As you give thanks and count your blessings, may we also remember that so many of our brothers and sisters, including children, are living in great need.

As we have done for the past three years, we will again be partnering with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie to supply toys to furnish the Holiday Store in the Phillips Neighborhood of Minneapolis at the Center For Changing Lives. This is a special store in that the clients that come to shop for gifts for their children pay a nominal fee for each gift. This helps restore dignity to the clients by knowing that they chose and purchased the gifts themselves. The store will be held on Saturday the 5th of December. The toys need to be delivered to St. Andrews on November 29 so they have time to stock the store. In past years there has been a very short turnaround time to buy your gift and return it to Pax Christi. So, to improve the return time, this year we will be collecting toys throughout the whole month of November starting on the 7th and running until the 29th. Our red sled will be at door 3 to receive your gifts.

The remainder of the Sharing the Joy will remain the same as the last few years with many opportunities for you to share with those less fortunate. In addition to the Holiday Store, we will be supporting St. Stephen's Mens' Shelter, Kateri House, Blessed Kateri Faith Formation Children, Little Earth Seniors, Cabrini Partnership, Youth Link, American Indian Center, and Risen Christ School.

Sign-Up display tables will be in Dorothy Day Social Hall after each weekend Mass on November 21/22, 28/29, and December 5/6. Thank you for sharing this holiday season. *Written by Twelve Baskets Ministry members.*





Pax Christi is indeed thankful for those who have taken the time to REVIEW, RENEW, and RESPOND to our Annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't taken the time to return your Stewardship Intention Card and your Time/Talent and Gift Inventory forms, please do so as soon as possible. We rely on our members' commitments of prayer, service, and resources to serve the needs of all who come through the doors as well as those we minister to in the greater community. Annually, less than half of our community commits to sharing their gifts by returning their forms. We would love to see that percentage increase to reflect the accurate quantity of all the gifts shared. How are you called to **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** by sharing your gifts with this community?

LIVING THE THANKSGIVING MESSAGE EVERY DAY

One of America's favorite holidays is just around the corner – Thanksgiving Day. This holiday is a veritable cornucopia of tastes, smells, and memories. Most of us can quickly conjure up our favorite memory of a great Thanksgiving Day shared with family and friends gathered around the table. It might be the year the meal was "perfect," the company grand, or the year your favorite football team was most successful. Even the year that started with a visit to the emergency room can take on a rosy glow after a few years passage. This American holiday was started to give thanks for hardships endured yet survived by early immigrants to their new country. If not for kindness shared from the quarters of the indigenous people, those settlers would not have had anything to celebrate.

It's great that we pause and celebrate this national holiday of giving thanks. We have much to be thankful for: our lives, our faith, our family, our health, our jobs, our residences...the list is nearly endless with all the ways God has chosen to bless us. We should be thankful each and every day for the gifts we have been given. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of everyday living, saying "thank you" just doesn't get done. We laugh when Jimmy Fallon takes time each week during his show to write up absurd thank you notes addressed to people or organizations whose actions were most newsworthy. Besides making us laugh at the zany slant he finds to share his thanks, perhaps this is an idea worth recreating in our own lives as we consider Advent around the corner. What if you were to set aside a few minutes each week of Advent to send a few message of gratitude to the people who have impacted your life these past days, weeks, or years? The key is to make it genuine, taking the time to write it out or pick up the phone. The simple message of gratitude, arriving in a note, email, text, or phone call can not only help you relive the experience of feeling grateful, but it can speak volumes to the recipient. Besides, who doesn't like the "warm fuzzies" of appreciation — especially when they arrived out of the blue?

Sharing our thanks for acts of kindness rendered upon us can help each of us **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** and be the person who "goes forth" as the hands and feet of Christ. You could say "thank you" to the teacher who made an impact on your life — even if it was years ago, the co-worker who helped you with a demanding project at work, the neighbor who watched your house while you were on vacation last summer, the relative who gave a much needed helping hand, or that clerk at the store you frequent who always has a smile for you. All of these examples are people worthy of our gratitude as they have made an impact on our life, either great or small, but certainly deserving of being thanked. Start small, so it gets done, and by the end of Advent, you will more than likely discover that yes, you do have much for which to be grateful. Who knows, perhaps you will create a new habit of sharing thanks instead of letting the gratitude be "assumed" or forgotten? *Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development*

HELLO
my name is

HELLO, MY NAME IS...

Name Tag weekends will begin the weekend of November 14/15 and will occur the second full weekend of each month. As you arrive for Mass, greeters will be available to assist in the process.

"Guests" will be given an identifying color so that they can be easily welcomed by regular members.. This is one of the Worship Council's efforts towards our goal of engaging members. It is our hope that all who come to Pax Christi to worship will be a part of our outreach to one another in this very large community of faith.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Approximately 20 per cent of our members are so-called "millennials" — those who came of age around the year 2000. If you are generally in this age group (18-34), you are invited to join others for hospitality on Sunday, November 22, after 9:00am or 11:00am Mass in Dorothy Day Social Hall. Look for the marked tables.

Fr. Bill, along with Worship Council members, will be there to greet you and welcome your input about what brings you to Pax Christi, what keeps you engaged here, and what concerns you might have. Your input will be appreciated as together we engage mind, heart, and faith in our conversations and thus together enrich our community life and worship. Please join us for a lively conversation.

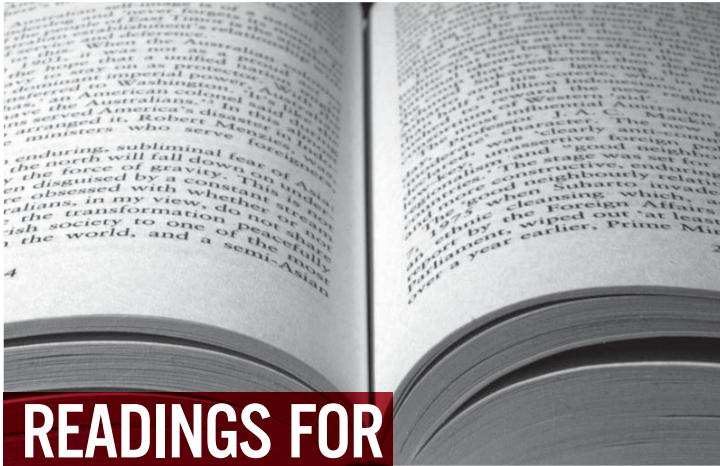


NOBODY LOVES ME. EVERYBODY HATES ME. GUESS I'LL GO OUT AND EAT WORMS!

That's the way I felt one day recently when I wanted to participate in an activity at Pax Christi and had no way to get there. It was too far to walk, the weather was inclement, and at my age (I live at a senior residence, so go figure. . .ok, I'm 94), "thumbing it" is no longer an option.

As a person with transportation needs myself, I am now "on the other side of the fence." Before my husband died and my failing eyesight forced me to give up driving, I was on the greener side of the fence. We spent much of our spare time helping out wherever we could. We delivered Meals on Wheels, helped prepare meals for the homeless at St. Steven's, and on and on. I say this not to pat myself on the back but to say this was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lifetime. We met many interesting people who became good friends. We always came home feeling blessed and unexpectedly fulfilled.

Right now there are a number of Pax Christi members in the predicament I described in the beginning of this article, and this is my purpose in writing. I encourage you to offer "taxi service" to our fellow parishioners in need of a ride to Mass or other related activities at Pax Christi. Please contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7211, or jthoresen@paxchristi.com, to learn how easy it is and how fulfilling it is to extend a helping hand in the form of a ride. Chances are you have room in your car for at least one more person. Since you are going to Pax Christi anyway, why not turn your trip into an opportunity to share your blessings? "As you do unto the least of these . . ." Need I say more? *Written by Norma Anderson, Pax Christi Parishioner.*



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2015

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
 Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2015

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2015

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36



VOLUNTEER

WEEKEND SNOW REMOVAL

Help is needed to clear snow from sidewalks and the plaza. You can commit to a Saturday, a Sunday, a weekend, or several weekends. You can choose early hours, afternoon hours, early evening hours. Since the weather is unpredictable, you would be on call for the time frame you select. We have great equipment for clearing our walks. If you are interested in participating or hearing more about our Stewardship needs, contact Al Haider, 952-405-7232, or aahaider@paxchristi.com.

PARISHIONER NEWS

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

William Santiago Monzon	9/19/2015
Brinley Victoria Koesters	9/20/2015
Wyatt Welles Vieyra	9/20/2015
Emerson Lyle Peterka	9/27/2015

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

Amy Hill and Jon Beckius	9/12/2015
Sarah Rickert and Trevor Poppler	9/19/2015
Shyla Boley and Nicholas Hanson	9/26/2015

SEPTEMBER FUNERALS

Joseph Mrofchak	9/2/2015
Johnathon Martiny	9/18/2015
Michele Studt Hastings	9/19/2015
Robert W. Law	9/23/2015

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Guadalupe Becerra	Dustin and Andria Pfeffer
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William and Shannon Calice	Joy Schoemaker
Michael and Sally Habig	Richard and Sherry Staat
Andrea Miketa	Lloyd and Christel Stephen
Kiran Kumar Palisetty	Rita Texidor

NOVEMBER

FALL ART EXHIBIT: CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION

CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY, ROOM 247

Celebrating God's Creation is the theme of the show, and watercolor is the medium. Complete details at www.paxchristi.com/artexhibit.

CHRISTMAS STORE TOY DROP OFF

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Additional information on page 13.

LIFE PLANNING SAMPLER

SUNDAYS, 10:00–11:00 am, NOVEMBER 1 AND 8, ROOM 245

This sampler will enhance planning for your future throughout the life span. On November 1 we will introduce ways we can be a *Dementia-Friendly Community* and our session on November 8 will be *Navigate the Senior Network*. Please join us for one or all of these topics; no registration is required.

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION

CONTINUES THROUGH DECEMBER 7, FAMILY OF CHRIST CHURCH, CHAN.

The Southwest Grief Coalition is a partnership of five local churches who are 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. If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one, you are invited to participate. You are welcome to attend any or all of the speaker presentations; small group support sessions are closed to new members after the second week. There is no cost to participate. For more information visit our webpage at www.paxchristi.com/bereavement, or contact Jean Thoresen, 952-405-7211, or Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

November 2 - *Grief: A Natural Disaster of the Heart*

November 9 - *The Transformative Nature of Grief*

November 16 - *Remembering our Loved Ones*

November 23 - *Grief Story*

November 30 - *Rituals & Grief*

December 7 - *The Journey Continues*

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am

Join other parishioners for Mass followed by coffee and rolls in the Chief Joseph room. If you wish, stay for cards or board games following the social. Sponsored by Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome.

BOOMERS AND BEYOND: SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 11:00am RSVP

Join the Boomers and Beyond group for a hands-on workshop exploring the many benefits of the four popular social media apps used at Pax Christi: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. You'll receive an overview of these apps, including information on security and privacy, and how to view all the information Pax Christi posts on these platforms. You never have to "post" any personal information; you can just view what Pax Christi posts/communicates to its followers. Basic computer skills are a plus but not necessary. Bring your smart device and/or laptop to class with you. This event is in conjunction with the Pax Christi senior high youth as part of their social media retreat. Pax Christi youth will join the group for lunch and assist with the hands-on learning portion of the day. The event fee is included in the Boomers and Beyond annual membership dues. A fee of \$5.00 for non-members will be collected at the door.

SR HIGH YOUTH: RETWEET RETREAT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 10:00am–2:30pm RSVP

Social Media, Technology, and Faith - What does it mean to be a Christian in the digital age? How should Christians behave online? How do we "love our enemies" or "turn the other cheek" on Snapchat, Twitter, and other social media? We'll explore these topics together as well as work with the Pax Christi Boomers' group to help seniors set up online profiles for social media. Lunch is included; friends are welcome! Open to youth in grades 9-12. Register online.



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.paxchristi.com/event-registration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



A NEW LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS JOURNEY STARTS SOON

I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. –John 17:4

Are you a list maker? Do you yearn for that sense of accomplishment and that warm, fuzzy glow you get when you can check off a completed task? If so, perhaps you have the Achiever strength, one of the strengths identified by the Clifton Strengthsfinder in the Living Your Strengths book by the Gallup Institute. If you are the type who prefers to “go with the flow” and enjoys the fact that every day is different, then Adaptability may be one of your strengths. Perhaps you are one who can be counted on to make sure that everyone you encounter is treated equitably. If so, Consistency could be a dominant theme for you. These are just three of the 34 strengths identified in the Strengthsfinder Online Assessment. Whatever your top strengths are, each of us is unique, and the strengths God has blessed you with can help you in your career, your relationships, and your faith journey.

Perhaps it's time for you to find out what talents/strengths you bring to the table. To date, over 950 members of the Pax Christi community have taken the Living Your Strengths assessment and continue on their strengths journey.

The small group sessions run for six weeks. The next class will start Wednesday, November 4, 6:30–8:00pm, and class continues November 11, 18, December 2, 9, and 16.

The cost for participation in the Living Your Strengths Seminar is \$17.00. Participants will receive a copy of the Living Your Strengths book, a journal, and an online talent assessment code. Each group works with one of our certified facilitators in a small group environment to learn about strengths and how we can harness our strengths to be the person God calls us to be.

To register, please contact Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development, mkennedy@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7220.

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 7, 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 2014 to October 2015. At the 5:00pm 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 and place it on prepared tables in the gathering space.

NAME TAG WEEKEND

Beginning Weekend of November 14/15

Additional information on page 15.

PAX CHRISTI'S +55 GROUP SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 15, 11:00am, Redstone American Grill **RSVP**

Are you a 55+ single? Join other area singles for food and fun. This month's site is Redstone American Grill, 8000 Eden Road, Eden Prairie. RSVP by Wednesday, November 11 to Stevie at 952-941-9295.

BOOMERS' LUNCH AND THEATER OUTING

Wednesday, November 18, 12:30pm **RSVP**

Love, suspense, and murder all wrapped up in one musical performance – sound exciting? Come join the Boomers for an afternoon of mystery and romance. We will start with a light lunch at Pax Christi at 12:30pm and then carpool to Eden Prairie High School (carpooling is necessary since parking is at a premium during school hours) where the drama students will perform the play *Curtains* at 2:30pm. The musical's plot is of a backstage mystery, set in 1959 Boston, Massachusetts, and follows the fallout when the supremely untalented star of Robbin' Hood of the Old West is murdered during her opening night curtain call. The event fee is included in the Boomers and Beyond annual membership dues. The fee for non-members will be \$6.00. Reserve your spot for this event by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251, or visit the event registration page at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration. Please RSVP by November 10.

THANKSGIVING MEAL DROP-OFF WEEKEND

Weekend of November 21/22

Additional information on page 12.

SHARE THE JOY: HOLIDAY SHARING DISPLAYS/SIGNUP

Weekends of November 21/22, 28/29, and December 5/6

Additional information on page 13.

MILLENNIAL GATHERING – AGES 18-34

Sunday, November 22 FOLLOWING 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

Additional information on page 15.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 26, 9:00am in the Sanctuary

MAKE PLANS NOW

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

We Prepare for the Jubilee Year: Open Our Hearts!

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00pm

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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 5, 9:00am–4:00pm

Start your holidays in style at Pax Christi's Annual Holiday 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 Boutique!

BAKED GOODS NEEDED: Bake your favorite cookies, breads, pies, and bring them to the bake sale. Proceeds benefit our youth! Baked goods can be dropped off at the church in Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Room 111, in the lower level on Friday, December 3, 4:00–8:00pm, and Saturday, December 4, 7:30–8:45am.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT LOCAL CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 6, 2:00–4:00pm, Meet in Dorothy Day Hall **RSVP**

We are Christmas caroling at local senior care centers. Families provide their own transportation for this event. Meet in the Dorothy Day Hall to get directions to care centers and details about the event. Watch for further information and registration details in our weekly eNEWS and bulletin.

OPENING CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Tuesday, December 8, Beginning with Mass at 7:00pm

Complete details on page 10.



BOOMERS' HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 12, 12:00pm **RSVP**

The Holidays are upon us and Boomers and Beyond are hosting their annual Holiday gathering for members and guests. There will be toe tapping, hand clapping, and maybe even some sing-along music. A traditional meal of ham, cheesy potatoes, veggies, and a special secret dessert will be served. We'll start with registration beginning at 11:30 with lunch at noon. At 1:00 the Glory Land Gospel Band, a dynamic Christian musical group will add sparkle and inspiration to our afternoon entertainment. As a bonus, there will be a drawing for door prizes after the entertainment. You must be present to win. The fun will end around 2:30. The event fee is included in the Boomers and Beyond annual membership dues. A fee for non-members will be \$15.00 and collected at the door on the day of the event. Cash or check only please. Reserve your spot for this event by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251, or visit the event registration page at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration. Please RSVP by December 4.

EARTH DAY RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 23, 8:30am–2:30pm

Additional information on back cover or online at www.paxchristi.com/earthday.

SCOTLAND IRELAND TOUR WITH FR. BILL MURTAUGH

June 13-23, 2016 **RSVP**

Immerse yourself in the beauty, the history, and the many sites in these two special countries. We are extending Fr. Bill's 70th birthday celebration to include this tour. Be one of those going. Space is limited! To learn more about this special pilgrimage, please contact Magi Travel at 952-949-0065 with questions.

NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 LIFE PLANNING SAMPLER FAITH FORMATION	2 SW GRIEF COALITION	3	4 FAITH FORMATION RCIA LIVING YOUR STRENGTH BEGINS	5	6	7 RETWEET RETREAT SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP MEMORIAL MASS
8 LIFE PLANNING SAMPLER FAITH FORMATION	9 SW GRIEF COALITION	10	11 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	12	13	14
15 55+ SUNDAY BRUNCH NAME TAG WEEKEND FAITH FORMATION	16 SW GRIEF COALITION	17 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	18 BOOMERS' EVENT FAITH FORMATION RCIA	19	20	21 THANKSGIVING MEAL DROP-OFF WEEKEND SHARE THE JOY SIGN-UP
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Earth Day

Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home

PARISH RETREAT AND SYMPOSIUM : SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016, 8:30AM-2:30PM

Reflecting on Francis' Encyclical: Laudato Si', the call to integrate concern about the planet into our commitment to faith... in itself a work of mercy toward the human family.

We are challenged to hear the "cry of the poor" and the "cry of the earth" at the same time. We are formed in the image and likeness of the Creator God and are interdependent with all of creation and the environment. Francis calls us to "accept the urgency. [I]t seems clear to me also that climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to our future generations." He connects environmentalism with social justice by emphasizing

how disproportionately the poor are affected by climate change. He ask us "What kind of world do you want to leave your children?"

The day will include prayer, reflection, keynote speaker Fr. Larry Snyder, Vice President for Mission at University of St. Thomas and past president of Catholic Charities USA, plus a panel of experts, breakout sessions, suggestions for action plans (personal and communal). We will conclude our day together by planting a tree in one of Pax Christi's gardens.



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