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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Nursery available at all weekend Masses. Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am.

Weekday Masses

Mondays 8:30am

Tuesdays 8:30am with Rosary to follow

Wednesdays 6:00pm Thursdays 8:30am Fridays 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (private)

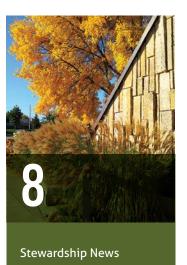
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COVER PHOTO: Come and visit nature's beauty in Pax Christi's backyard. We are grateful for the loving care provided by Maureen Olafson, Maret and John Ryan, and Larraine and Steve Nau.























Parishioner News and Readings for the Month of November







HOW TO REST IN PEACE



Fr. Marc Paveglio
Parochial Vicar

FOR US WHO HAVE
LOST A LOVED ONE,
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HOPE.

WHEN JESUS would pass through Bethany in his travels, he would love to stay with Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. Jesus, the eternal Word of the Father, took our humanity and became flesh and blood. Isn't this amazing? Jesus had flesh and blood friends when he walked this earth, and Lazarus was very dear to him. When Lazarus was on the verge of death, his sisters sent word to Jesus: "Master, the one you love is ill" (John 11:3).

By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus was dead. In fact, four days had passed. The eyes of Mary and Martha were bloodshot from crying. The faces of their relatives and friends were contorted with grief. Jesus' presence, which usually brought joy, was now met with numbness – what could he offer now besides weeping?

Jesus did weep. He wept for his friend. He wept for Martha and Mary. He wept out of love. I sometimes wonder what was going through his heart as the tears streamed down our Savior's face. The wellspring of the water of life itself gazed into the desert of sin. The creator of the sun's warmth felt the chill of death.

But Jesus did not only weep. He commanded the stone to be rolled away, and he spoke: "Lazarus, come out!" (11:44).

And Lazarus came out — alive again.

For us who have lost a loved one, the tears of Jesus comfort us, and the word of Jesus gives us hope. When faced with death, we need both His tears and His word.

Our faith reveals to us a God who is not remotely immune from human suffering and death. Our God sheds tears. Christ draws close to us in our sorrow because he loves us, he shares our burdens, and he understands our hearts. Christ is different from the gods and cosmic powers of the Gentiles, who remain stone-faced when confronted with man's grieving heart.

Our faith also reveals to us a God who, in the face of death, is not content to accept it. Christ weeps for Lazarus, but he does not let him stay in the tomb. Jesus is the victor over eternal death because he himself is "the Resurrection and the Life" (Jn 11:25). From Jesus' mouth erupts a word of power. Come out, Lazarus! Come out from the grave! Leave behind the tomb and live again! In Jesus' word is the echo of Genesis: "God spoke, and so it happened!"

At a funeral we receive Jesus' comfort and hope. Just as he wept for Lazarus and then miraculously brought him to

life, so we desire Jesus to do this for the one whose funeral we celebrate. We ask the Lord to weep with us, to love our deceased brother or sister, to embrace us tightly. We also ask the Lord to have mercy on those who have died and to resurrect them from the grave on the last day. We believe that the love of Christ is stronger than death. We confidently hope that Jesus will speak his powerful word over the tombs of this earth and that the friends of God will be restored and awakened to eternal life. That is why our tradition has often referred to dying in Christ as "falling asleep." Saint Paul writes the Thessalonians: "For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep" (1 Thess 4:14). When we die, we fall asleep to the pain and affliction of this world, but we are awoken by the Lord on Easter morning in heaven – free to rejoice, to love, to run, and to embrace!

As Catholics we have so many opportunities to receive the hope of Jesus Christ into our lives when death strikes close to home. One of the most important moments of the year is our celebration of All Souls Day. On November 2 every year we pray for all the faithful departed who are asleep in Christ. The previous day of November 1

commemorates All Saints — those who, having been purged of every attachment to sin (hence purgatory), are perfectly united to God in heaven. Many people not formally canonized by the Church are surely already living in the joy of heaven. How and when all this works is shrouded in mystery, yet we do know that on All Souls Day we offer prayers for all those still awaiting this heavenly union.

This year Pax Christi celebrates All Souls Day with a special Memorial Mass at 6:00pm Wednesday, November 2. As we worship the Father through the perfect self-offering of Christ, we remember all our beloved dead, especially our brothers and sisters who have died in the past year. During the intercessions the names of the faithful departed from our community will be read aloud. When you arrive, feel free to bring along a picture of whom you are remembering. Places will be set up for you to display your photo frame or picture along with many others from our community.

In addition to our Memorial Mass on All Souls Day, here are some other ways we can allow the love of Christ to touch us in the midst of loss:

First, consider going to the funeral of a stranger. It might sound odd, but when we let



our hearts be touched by the death of any of God's children, whether we knew them or not, we give God and the deceased person a beautiful gift of selfless love and prayer. Among the works of mercy are burying the dead and praying for the dead — and it's especially merciful when we don't have an obvious connection. If you see the family before or after the service, tell them that you didn't know their loved one, but you really wanted to come and pray for the deceased and for the family.

Second, consider connecting with someone you know who recently experienced loss. Invite him/her to share a special memory about the person, even

if it's a year or two later. People will be touched that you wanted to enter into that memory. Make him/her a meal, send him/her flowers, or help him/her with the yard. Little acts of kindness and remembrance express the presence of Jesus for him/her and his/her mourning.

Third, consider offering a plenary indulgence in this Jubilee Year of Mercy for someone who has died. Pope Francis has designated "Mercy Doors" at both the Basilica and the Cathedral of the Twin Cities. When we prayerfully make a pilgrimage to these locations and walk through the doors, we can pray and obtain special graces for the souls in purgatory.

Lastly, consider praying for the dead when you say grace before meals. Some families add to their usual meal blessing a little prayer like the following: "...and may the souls of faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

All of these prayers and works are ways that we can experience both the comfort of Jesus when he mourns with us and ways that strengthen our hope in the promise of Jesus that death is a falling asleep until he awakens us with His word of new life.

Eternal rest, O Lord, grant unto all of the dead! Dry our tears. Strengthen our hearts. Increase our faith. Bring us back to life.



UNITED IN FAITH

It's fitting that November is the time in our Catholic tradition that we celebrate two important liturgical celebrations: the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. As the leaves begin to fall and the earth grows quiet, we have visual reminders all around us of the cycle of death and rebirth. We know during these cold and barren months that life continues right below the surface. We, too, know that while grief and sadness may be hovering on our surface, much healing is happening deep within our souls. As a faith community, we are offering several opportunities to come together in prayer and to support one another as we journey through many types of loss and many stages of grief that are mutually universal and personal.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses will be at 8:30am and 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

The Solemnity of All Saints remembers all holy ones, known and unknown to us, who are now in the presence of God and intercede for us here on earth. Saints are our Christian sisters and brothers who provide us examples of how to live a life of faith. These holy people come from all parts of the world, from every culture, and from every century. Many of us are drawn to a saint with a similar life story as our own, with a specific charism we wish to emulate or a heritage that matches ours. This time of year is a reminder to us to search out a saintly role model and partner in heaven to walk with us on our earthly journey. It's fitting that this year we will hear the Beatitudes in the Gospel reading as a reminder of how to live lives of holiness in this life and in the next.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 BLUE CHRISTMAS: WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

7:00pm in the Thomas Merton Chapel, Presented by Rev. Chris Wheatley

Please join us following the 6:00pm Mass as Reverend Chris Wheatley, Director of Christian Ministry at Presbyterian Homes, explores the many forms of grief that can be especially present over the holidays. This year, because she has moved to a care center, 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. 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 holiday 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 minster to family, friends, and neighbors in need of our support.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY AND MEMORIAL MASS

Mass at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

All Souls Day commemorates all who have gone before us, many of whom we would call saints in our own lives. We know that there is continuity between our earthly life and our eternal life, yet we struggle to give words to it, to understand. Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for those we have lost knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken.

The Memorial Mass will honor the memories of those who have gone before us. All members of the parish are invited to come and support these families. All who have experienced a death are encouraged to bring a framed picture of their loved one to be placed on our table of remembrance. During the month of November you are also invited to sign the Book of Remembrance in the back of the church.

Henri Nouwen shares this beautiful reflection on remembrance:

When we lose a dear friend, someone we have loved deeply, we are left with a grief that can paralyze us emotionally for a long time. People we love become part of us. Our thinking, feeling and acting are codetermined by them: Our fathers, our mothers, our husbands, our wives, our lovers, our children, our friends ... they are all living in our hearts. When they die a part of us has to die too. That is what grief is about: It is that slow and painful departure of someone who has become an intimate part of us. When Christmas, the new year, a birthday or anniversary comes, we feel deeply the absence of our beloved companion. We sometimes have to live at least a whole year before our hearts have fully said good-bye and the pain of our grief recedes. But as we let go of them they become part of our "members" and as we "re-member" them, they become our guides on our spiritual journey.

We hope you can join our parish community as we come together to celebrate the lives of the saints, our deceased loved ones, and each other as we walk in the mystery of faith.

Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care.





...IT IS SOLVED BY WALKING. -ST AUGUSTINE

WE ARE SEEKERS looking for answers to questions: "Who am I? What is my purpose? What is my passion?" But first we must quiet our minds and listen. With many things to do, places to be, commitments to fulfill, we feel tired and depleted. We need a place to unwind and get in touch with our deepest self.

When I tell people I walk labyrinths, most have no idea what I'm talking about. Some think it's a maze with many paths, a puzzle to solve. A labyrinth has only one path to center and back out again. It engages the spiritual and quiets the thinking mind.

A labyrinth is a walking meditation. It has one circuitous path. Walking in, we release the stresses of the day. Reaching the center, we find a place of meditation which can sometimes provide insight into our lives. Feeling renewed, we journey the same path out with the opportunity to integrate our insight in the world.

Labyrinths were embedded in the Christian tradition in the 4th century. At Pax Christi we walk the 11-circuit Chartres style labyrinth which was popular in the Middle Ages. Facilitated walks are regularly offered on this canvas labyrinth. There is also a seven-circuit outdoor paver labyrinth where children often play. The labyrinth draws people for a variety of reasons. It is a tool for transformation.

In 2007, while searching for my 'what's next,' I came across an announcement for a sacred pilgrimage at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. This was no coincidence. Walking their labyrinth, I found a still place inside. I ventured to Chartres, France, to learn more about the labyrinth and to walk the 13th century Chartres Cathedral Labyrinth. I encountered something that continues to change me.

Since 2007, I have offered labyrinth workshops and walks. I invite you to experience the labyrinth. Our next walk is Monday, November 7. For additional information about labyrinth walks, contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher at Carrie@Indigoorbis.com.

HOW IN THE WORLD CAN WE SERVE OTHERS?

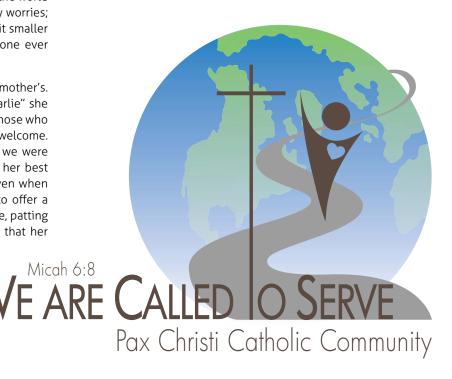
I LEARNED HOSPITALITY at the elbow of my mother, who made a home that continually provided welcome. With grandma in the garage apartment next door, our house often became the gathering site for any "To Do" - the family name for gathering, food, and fun. There were three families of cousins in town and one family that lived far away, and when they came to visit, there were "To Do's" nearly every day. I remember one hot and humid July day when at least 15 of the cousins were present along with all the requisite grownups. My grandma, mom, and aunt were gathered in the kitchen serving an ice cream sundae treat. Grandma loved naming off her grandchildren and always included their middle names as each one stepped up to receive the tasty treat: "Patrick James, Karey Ellen, George Thomas, Kelle Jane, Mary Lynette, David Bruce." Grandma named each child as he or she stepped up to receive, and then she came to a neighborhood child who had joined the line. Of course, she didn't know his middle name so she just called out, "and Charlie." "Charlie!" my aunt exclaimed. "Who in the world is Charlie?" My aunt looked at my mother with frustration. She had opened the doors to a stranger yet again! Mother merely shrugged her shoulders and laughed. The "Charlies" of our corner of the world were always welcomed in our home. There were never any worries; there was always "just enough." Perhaps someone got a bit smaller serving of a treat, but it wouldn't be the guest, and no one ever seemed to go without.

After that visit "Charlie" became a personal motto of my mother's. She made doubly sure that she made room for every "Charlie" she encountered, and my mother had that knack for gathering those who might otherwise be ignored and providing her personal welcome. Be it lunchtime, dinnertime, or a person in trouble when we were out and about, my mother rolled up her sleeves and did her best to provide hospitality and to make the situation better. Even when she was in the throes of Alzheimer's, she still managed to offer a space on the couch to another resident of the nursing home, patting the woman's hand and telling her that it would be okay, that her

husband might have been late for a visit (he had passed away the year before), but she could join her and her husband Arne and watch some T.V. while they waited.

Not all of us are able to welcome the stranger into our midst as easily as my mother did. Mother was an extrovert, loved meeting people, and hearing the stories each had to share. She relied on her strengths of cooking and conversation to open the door in welcome. Relying on her gifts helped my mother be the Ambassador of Hello. Rather than point to her example as one that only fit her situation, instead consider the gifts that you have been given. How can you use your gifts to serve others in your corner of the world? Find what works for you and take that step. Try not to get caught up in the worries that what you have to offer may not be "good enough" or whether there will be enough for everyone. There's always just enough of you and your gifts to make a difference. The holiday season is soon upon us. What better way to answer your Call to Serve than to offer up your gifts to family, friends, and the stranger you encounter. There is no gift too small to be considered and no minimum amount of time. Just accept the challenge to give the gift of YOU this Advent and Christmas season; your corner of the world will appreciate your gifts shared.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.





Top Row: Fr. Marc Paveglio, Mike Kennedy, John Mortier, Fr. Bill Murtaugh, John O'Connor, Jeff Schuh, Bruce Koehn - Trustee, Dave Wagner, Joe Stich - Chair **Bottom Row:** Mary Beth Buckman, Shari Steffen - Trustee, Brad Schleif, Joan Pare', Mary Lillicrap, Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Wayne Ward

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 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 laypeople, together with the clergy, 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:

Participators 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.

The challenge of leadership within a parish structure is to be faithful to the gospel in light of the mission of the faith community. In addition to the mission of Pax Christi as a people "in company with God and guided by the Spirit of Vatican II, who welcomes all as leaders in faith for service to the world," Pax Christi has six identifying values that enliven that mission for all its members. Those values are:

GOD-CENTERED: Guided by sacramental worship and prayer, we hold God as the center of our daily lives.

JUSTICE: We are advocates for the marginalized and champions for systemic change.

INCLUSION: We include all people who seek a spiritual home, without judgment.

HOSPITALITY: We nurture and build community through our attitudes, actions, and activities.

LIFELONG LEARNING: We are in a lifelong process of learning how to live out our faith.

STEWARDSHIP: We share our God-given time, talent, and treasure to meet the needs of the Pax Christi Catholic Community.

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 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.

Left to Right: Steven Olinger, Dave Schacht*, Maureen Olofson*, Dave Franzen, Jodi Ramirez*, Jeff Schuh - Chair, Hermes Cervantes, Matt Kleffner. Ken Reineccius - Staff

* 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.

Left to Right: Bob Martinka*, Caitlyn Shipp*, Ben Brandt, Lynn Schelitzche - Staff, Jim O'Laughlin, Brad Schleif - Chair, Mark Huschke

* 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.

Left to Right: Jerry Marick, John Mortier - Chair, Trisha Schirmers, Jessica Schmidt, Joby Pauly, Sandy Towey*, Maurie Weiler*, Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Mark Niederluecke

Not Pictured: Dennis McCormick

* 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.

Left to Right: Joan Howe-Pullis - Staff, Tom Scheller, Peg Musegades*, Neil Heikkila*, Bridgid Kozik, Jessica Huber*, Kristin Koeppl, Joan Pare' - Chair

Not Pictured: Kendall Johnson*, Jack Kegel, Sharon Moeller

* New to the Justice Council.

LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 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.

Left to Right: Dick Thomas, Kevin Larabee, LuAnn Polejewski*, Maria Bliss, Mary Beth Buckman - Chair, Phil Trovato*, Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Joe Mabee

Not Pictured: Al Miller*, Rita Texidor*

* 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.

Left to Right: Anne Kieser, Dottie Lynch, Diane Hansen*, Alyson Armstrong*, Mary Lillicrap - Chair, Jean Thoresen - Dir. Pastoral Care

Not pictured: Joann Brennan, Laurie Ritz

* 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.

Left to Right: Sheila Danielson, Erin Wetmore, Sara Byerley*, Jenine Anderson*, Lisa Cox, John O'Connor - Chair, Mary Kennedy - Staff, Russ Grundhauser*

Not Pictured: Peg Aguirre*

* 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.

Left to Right: Christian Ramirez*, Donna Ricco, Mike Kennedy - Chair, Donna Kasbohm - Staff, Kelly Schacht, Mary Lanners, Danielle Trovato*, Marlene Fischer, Cecilia Cervantes*

Not Pictured: Mark Rabogliatti*

* New to the Worship Council.



THANKSGIVING DRIVE '16 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN MAKE THANKSGIVING SPECIAL FOR ANOTHER FAMILY!

THE Annual Thanksgiving Meal Drive prop-off weekend is November 19/20.



Decorated boxes

by Pax Christi youth.

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 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 19/20. 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 in any amount (\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, or you choose the amount) from Cub Foods. There are Cub Foods 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 19/20.

3. It's BACK! "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 19/20) 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.

Start your Holiday Season with a gift from the Heart – and Thank you for your generosity!



SHARE THE JOY!

AS I SIT down to write this magazine article, I gaze out the window at the still lush green trees and lawn. It can't be time to write about Christmas giving. But by the time you receive this message, it will be the first of November. Twelve Baskets will have held its Book and Hat and Mitten Drives and will be hard at work getting ready for the Thanksgiving and Share-the-Joy Drives. As we give thanks and count our 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 last four years we will be partnering with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie to supply toys to furnish the **HOLIDAY STORE** in the Phillip's neighborhood of South 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 Holiday Store is being held on December 3. The toys need to be at Pax Christi by noon on November 27 so they can be delivered to St. Andrew's so they have time to stock the store. Because of the early delivery date, we will be collecting toys throughout the month of November starting the weekend of November 5/6. Your contributions can be placed in the sleigh at Door 3.

The remainder of the Share-the-Joy Drive will remain the same as it has been the last few years with many opportunities for you to share with those less fortunate. We will be supporting **ST. STEPHEN'S MEN'S SHELTER** with various items. Another recipient is **KATERI HOUSE**, a half-way house for Native American Indian women who are trying to remain free of drugs and alcohol so they can regain custody of their children. **BLESSED KATERI CHURCH** will receive children's gifts for their Faith Formation Christmas Party.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER, CABRINI PARTNERSHIP, and **YOUTHLINK** will receive laundry baskets full of personal and household cleaning supplies. These have been very popular with those lucky enough to receive one. The **LITTLE EARTH** seniors and young mothers will have fun at their Christmas Bingo Party because of the prizes you will contribute. 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 19/20 and run through December 3/4. Twelve Basket ministers will be available to help you select a giving opportunity. We thank you in advance for your generosity during this season of holiday sharing.

Written by Judy Olmsted, Twelve Baskets Ministry.



WHAT'S YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME?

HAVE YOU thought about your Confirmation name recently? Probably not. Now might be the time.... All Saints Day is November 1. The Art Committee is hosting the exhibit "Drawings of Saints" by Christopher Santer.

My Confirmation name is Katherine. With this upcoming exhibit "Drawings of the Saints," by Christopher Santer, I thought I would do a little investigating. I learned that the medieval genre of writing about the lives of the saints is called "hagiography." Most "lives" were written by priests, the learned elite of the time. In many cases the purpose of the writings were to promote political and social agendas of the church, by "legendizing" their lives. These stories defy modern reader's sense of historical accuracy. In fact they were written many centuries after the actual life of the protagonist saint. No doubt some embellishing went on to fit the audience and the needs of the time.

That isn't to say that the saints lives were not inspirational. There are religious truths embedded in the genre of hagiography, that saints strived to live a life of holiness modeled on the life of Christ. But many of the details were filled in by the imaginations of the writers of the time. Karen Winstead likens the medieval genre of hagiography to contemporary media works like "James Bond movies, slasher flicks, bodice — busters and whodunits." Both then and now, literature and media are filled with familiar plots and motifs. Who would have thought?

So now on to Saint Katherine. Her legend exemplifies one of the most popular formulas; virgin martyr; an account of trial and execution of a beautiful Christian who defies authority to uphold her faith. Her legendary martyrdom is set in the 4th century, but her hagiography

was not fully composed until the 11th Century — 700 years later. Katherine was the young Christian queen of Alexandria, or maybe not. Emperor Maxentius challenged her to a debate against 50 pagan philosophers. Paganism vs. Christianity. Guess who won? Katherine ended up converting the 50 philosophers to Christianity. She also converted the emperor's wife and his best friend. Frustrated, Maxentius resorted to violence. He starved Katherine. He scourged her. He tried to mangle her with his torture machine. At every step of the way, angels intervened to save her. Finally Maxentius had her beheaded. Legend has it that milk gushed from her severed head—a sign of her purity.

You may recall that Katherine is often depicted with a wheel- the torture machine.

So what is our take away message? Our take away truth in Katherine's story? She was counter cultural, she defied the pagan authorities of the time to live a life modeled after Christ. She served as a model for the little guy (woman) going up against a big shot emperor. She sounds like "social justice" to me. She also served as a role model for women. Lay women saw her as a responsible woman with property to manage and obligations to discharge.

Come and view "Drawing of the Saints." Examine the emotions of the drawings. Do you see determination, frustration, sadness, wisdom? Do you see a role model for yourself in living the Christian life? Find your favorite saint at the exhibit and do a little Google search.

The exhibit is on display October 29 through November 14. Opening reception is October 30 following the Sunday morning Masses.

Written by Susan Hulbert, with contributions from Karen Winstead, University of Rochester.

AN END AND A BEGINNING!



WE COME to the end of another liturgical year and the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy (November 19/20) on the Feast of Christ the King, the culmination of the liturgical year — often called "Little Easter." And we begin a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent (November 26/27) — *Walking in the Light*.

Endings and beginnings are moments to assess our own growth and the opportunity to recommit ourselves to faithful discipleship. We are reminded that we are living in God's kingdom now. We are called to be self-giving rather than self-serving. As we celebrate who we are and who God is for us, we are reminded that all have been called to enter the kingdom of God...including those treated as outcasts. Pope Francis reminds us that "there is a place in the heart of God and in the heart of the church for all."

The closing of the Year of Mercy at Pax Christi will include our International Potluck on Saturday, November 19, following the 5:00pm liturgy. More info on page 19.

ADVENT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Advent Reconciliation: Walking in the Light Tuesday, December 6, 7:00pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm (holy day of obligation)

Written by Donna Kasbohm, Director Of Music and Liturgy.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WE ARE PROUD to introduce to you the launch of an exciting new way to participate in worshipping at Pax Christi. It's called Breaking Open the Word. B.O.W. is a new Facebook group we've created for our parishioners. Every Monday we will post the reading for the following weekend's masses and ask you to comment on it. We want you to share with us how the scripture speaks to you and to your family. How does the reading relate to what is happening in your daily life, in your community, in the world? Does it remind you of a story you'd like to



share? Has something occurred in your life that reinforces the message in this passage? We want to know about it and share it with Father Bill and Father Marc and other worshippers at Pax Christi. You can find the B.O.W. Facebook group link on paxchristi.com under the "Worship" tab. You can also find a link to join on Pax Christi's Facebook page. We are launching B.O.W. in time for Advent. Please look for our first posted reading on Monday, November 21, 2016. It will be a great way to connect with other church members, exchange thoughts with each other, and explore for yourself how the bible is still relevant and meaningful in our times.

Written by Danielle Trovato, Worship council.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS FOR 3RD AND 4TH GRADE YOUTH

This year we have a NEW SCRIPT and an EARLIER TIME!

Each year, Pax Christi's young people take the lead in being ministers of the word and music for a special Children's Christmas Eve Mass. This is one of our most treasured traditions here at Pax Christi and we are very excited to announce that this year, we have a new script, a new format, and a new time for this very special opportunity to lead the community's Christmas Eve Children's liturgy.

Third and fourth-grade students are invited to participate in telling the Christmas Story in word and song for the 2:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

The Pax Christi Children's Choir, whose members are 2nd through 6th graders, will support the music for this special Children's Christmas Mass.

Rehearsal is Saturday, December 17. Christmas Eve Mass is Saturday, December 24, 2:00pm.

Participants and their parents will be required to attend the one and only dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17, 9:00am–12:00noon.

In order to successfully create this special liturgy, we are in need of parent volunteers. Registration is required no later than December 6. Visit www.paxchristi.com/childrenschristimasmass for online registration or contact Joan Howe-Pullis, 952-405-7247. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



PARISHIONER ART EXHIBIT

EXHIBIT: December 4–18
APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 14

Artists interested in having their work considered for the exhibit are encouraged to submit an application by Monday, November 14. All fine art and fine craft media accepted, including sculpture, pottery, and photography, with the exclusion of film and/or video. Three-dimensional entries are encouraged. Guidelines and application forms are available online, www.paxchristi.com, or in the parish office. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Sunday, December 4, 10:00am–1:00pm. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

PARISHIONER NEWS

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

William Francis Freitag III	9/3/2016
Travis John LaClair	9/3/2016
Caleb Timothy Peters	9/4/2016
Eliza Alfia Trovato	9/4/2016
Elise Josephine Smith	9/10/2016
Hansel Romeo Pliego-Zarate	9/11/2016
Evan John Solon	9/11/2016
Maya Grace Bjork	9/18/2016
Oliver Marshall Loving	9/18/2016
Nolan Thomas Wooner	9/18/2016
Corinne Loretta Greywitt	9/25/2016

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

Sara Lesnau and Shaun Johanneson	9/3/2016		
Emily Knoll and Trevor Lund	9/10/2016		
Natalie Stoll and Benjamin Hahn	9/17/2016		
Lauren Ferrara and Jacob Eveland	9/24/2016		

SEPTEMBER FUNERALS

John Bernard Kerber	9/1/2016
Sara Joy Funari	9/6/2016
Teresa (Mrozka) Shelton	9/7/2016
Mary L. Gonyer	9/8/2016
Christina Pauline Stolz	9/19/2016
Fr. Tim Power	9/28/2016

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS

John Anthony Paul and Melissa Moskalik Aaron and Kayla Antony Julie Pfieffer Thomas and Kristi Corless Terry and Kristen Power William and Marlene Dolan Mary Schad James and Sue Gruver Irene Span Natalie and Benjamin Hahn Daniel and Lynn Virata Austin Vockrodt and Whitney Mark and Karen Kammer Mary and Ronald Laska Graff Caitlin Wold Laura S May Matt and Melissa McCalley



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/

Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10 Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:3-6, 8, 11/1 Cor 3:9c-11,

16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/

Lk 19:45-48/ Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/

Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/ Rm 13:11-14 Monday: Ps 124/Gn 8:1-19/Rm 6:1-11 Tuesday: Ps 124/Gn 9:1-17/Hb 11:32-40 Wednesday: Ps 124/Is 54:1-10/Mt 24:23-35

Thursday: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19/ls 4:2-6/Ac 1:12-17, 21-26
Friday: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19/ls 30:19-26/Ac 13:16-25
Saturday: Ps 72:1-7, 18-19/ls 40:1-11/Jn 1:19-28

NOVEMBER

CHRISTOPHER SANTER EXHIBIT

October 29-November 14, Pacem In Terris Gallery

You are invited to attend the opening reception for *Bringing the Saints to Life* exhibit with artist Christopher Santer on Sunday, October 30, following the morning Masses. Christopher will be in the Gallery to help us celebrate All Saints Day by discussing his drawings, his inspirations, and his research into the lives of the saints. Additional details on page 14.

ALL SAINTS DAY: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, November 1, Masses at 8:30am and 6:00pm

Additional details on page 6.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

Presented by Rev. Chris Wheatley
Tuesday, November 1, 7:00pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

Additional details on page 6.

MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday, November 2, 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Additional details on page 6.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, November 4, Beginning with Mass at 8:30am



SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION FALL SESSION

Mondays, Beginning November 7 at Immanual Lutheran Church, EP

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 7: Grief: It's All about Love

November 14: Grief: The Re-identification of Self

November 21: The Holiday Blues

November 28: Oasis & Deserts: Walking with God on the Road You Never Wanted to Travel December 5: Taking Care of Yourself while you Grieve

December 12: Coloring Our Grief

LABYRINTH WALK

Wenespay, November 7, 6:30-8:30pm

Additional details on page 7.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SHOWCASE: WORSHIP

Weekend of November 12/13 in the Dorothy Day Social Hall

Additional details on back cover.

BOOMERS AND BEYOND LUNCH AND THEATER OUTING

Wednesday, November 16, 11:30am

"Fiddler on the Roof" is a musical that has been on and off Broadway for years. Come and join the Boomers for an afternoon of music, dancing and singing. We will start with a light lunch at Pax Christi at 11:30am 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 "Fiddler on the Roof" at 1:30pm. The play, set in Russia in 1905, centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives. Members of Boomers and Beyond can enjoy this event for free, as part of your yearly membership, but you must register so we can plan accordingly. Non-Boomer members are encouraged to attend for a fee of \$6.00 per person, with reservation. Payment will be collected at the time of the event. Both Boomers and Beyond members and non-members must register for this event, either online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration or by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251 by November 8.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Closing of the Year of Mercy Celebration Saturday, November 19, in Dorothy Day Hall Following Mass

Celebrate your heritage and our community as we close the Year of Mercy, gathering for our annual International Potluck. We are *Called to Serve*, and that includes your favorite food item that honors your heritage. Dust off that family recipe, the one that makes you think of home, whip up a batch, and bring it over to Pax Christi as we celebrate the melting pot that is this community of faith.

TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DRIVE

DROP-OFF Weekend of November 19/20

Additional details on page 12.

MAKE PLANS NOW

THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday, November 24, 9:00am

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day. The parish offices and building will be closed following Mass.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 3, 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!

A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

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

BOOMERS AND BEYOND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 10, 11:30-2:30am

Silent night, holy night, Jesus' birthday is near. Hark the herald angels sing; soon the New Year will ring in. The Holidays are upon us, and Boomers and Beyond is 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 and all the fixings will be served. Come, all you revelers for fun and fellowship. The fun will start with registration at 11:30am with lunch at noon. Our entertainment will begin at 1:00pm. 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. Fee: Members of Boomers and Beyond can enjoy this event for free, as part of your yearly membership, but you must register so we can plan accordingly. Non-Boomer members are encouraged to attend for a fee of \$15.00 per person, with reservation and payment in advance. Registration: Both Boomers and Beyond members and non-members must register for this event, either online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration or by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251 by December 3.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT LOCAL CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 11, 2:00-4:00pm, Dorothy Day Social Hall

Come join in the fun and brighten the day for our senior friends and neighbors. Faith Formation and Pastoral Care are joining together to go Christmas caroling and distribute handmade cards at several 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 in the Dorothy Day Hall to get directions to care centers and details about the event. We'll return to Pax Christi for hot chocolate and treats and an opportunity for a family photo. RSVP by December 7 online at www.paxchristi.com or by calling the RSVP line, 952-405-7251.

2017 SUMMER SERVICE AND JUSTICE TRIP

June 25-July 1, 2017; Detroit, MI; \$500 (\$50 Deposit)

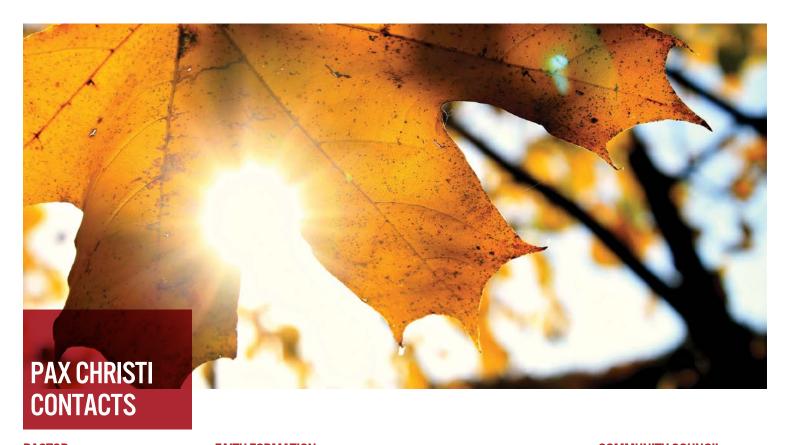
Teens in grades 9–12, you are invited to join the 2017 Summer Service and Justice Trip (AKA Mission Trip) to Detroit, MI. Work in Detroit's inner city service with agencies and organizations that are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in need, meet other Catholic teens from across the country, and be inspired to live a life of justice and service! Each summer Pax Christi sends a group of teens and adults to Young Neighbors in Action, and each summer they return energized and changed for the better! Do something BIG this summer and join the group to serve in Detroit! For more information contact Jessie Johnson, Pax Christi's Sr. High Youth Formation Minister, jjohnson@paxchristi.com.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
FAITH FORMATION		ALL SAINTS DAY- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION BLUE CHRISTMAS		BITAT FOR HUMANITY BU SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT PREP MTG	FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	
6	SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION SERIES BEGINS LABYRINTH WALK	8	9 FAITH FORMATION	10	11	NAME TAG WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE: WORSHIP
13 NAME TAG WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE: WORSHIP FAITH FORMATION	14	15	16 BOOMERSTHEATEROUTING FAITH FORMATION	17 CAREGIVER SUPPORT GRP.	18	CONFIRMATION RETREAT FIRST RECONCILIATION INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK THANKSGIVING DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
20 CONFIRMATION RETREAT THANKSGIVING DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND FAITH FORMATION	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 BAPTISM PREP CLASS	30 FAITH FORMATION	1	2	HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE
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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

November 12/13 following all Masses

How are You Called to Serve? Your gifts can be put to great use at Pax Christi Catholic Community participate in our Monthly program year of 2016-2017 we are changing it a bit, and in lieu of one large Ministry Fair showing all the 110 ministries available for participation by members of Pax Christi, we will be focusing on a different program area each month. By highlighting a single program area, we can focus on telling the story of Pax Christi and what we do from the perspective of the individual ministry areas.

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

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