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Mondays 8:30am
Tuesdays 8:30am
Wednesdays 6:00pm
Thursdays 8:30am
Fridays 8:30am
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Sacrament of Reconciliation (private)
Saturdays 4:00–4:30pm

Mission Statement: As a community of faith nourished by the Eucharist, we are committed in our discipleship with Christ to act for justice, be of generous service, and authentically welcome all to Pax Christi Catholic Community.

Values: God-Centered, Justice, Inclusion, Spiritual Growth, Stewardship, and Lay Leadership.

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DEAR FRIENDS...



Fr. J. Michael Byron
Pastor

WHAT DO YOU MEAN
THAT I'M SUPPOSED
TO GIVE UP 'MY'
RESOURCES FOR THE
BENEFIT OF 'YOU'...



SOMETIMES important life lessons come in the most unlikely of circumstances. Here's a story about one of mine.

Many years ago I was a chaperone for a parish youth group summer mission trip to the Red Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota. I was prepared to learn many things up there, but not from the dogs. On the reservation there are lots of dogs who roam about. Big and scary ones of mixed breed. At first they frightened me. I had been warned that the first instinct of the dogs when a stranger arrives is that they will bark and charge at you. And indeed they did. But I also was told that if you don't act aggressively toward them they will not harm you. They just want to get to know who you are while protecting their turf. I found that also to

be true. I vividly recall being seated on the grass at a work site for a picnic lunch one day, and a couple of those dogs were seated on either side of me, just watching me eat. The previous day I had personally witnessed one of them literally dismembering another dog who had the bad fortune of straying into their territory uninvited. I knew these creatures could kill me if they so chose, but thankfully they chose otherwise.

But the real lesson I learned was that there is no such thing as private ownership of pets on the reservation. The dogs belong to everybody in the community, not just any single person or family. This is why they feel free to move from house to house, person to person, and pretty much act as if they own the place. And every member of the tribe feels an obligation to provide for the well-being of these four-legged creatures—and they do. It was such a different experience from any sort of animal encounter I've ever had. Even the word "pet" may seem inappropriate, because these dogs weren't domesticated in any sense that we tend to think of. They are just part of the community there, and they know it. We coexist as long as we understand each other.

At this point you may be forgiven for wondering where this story is going. Here it is. This month's Pax Christi magazine focuses on stewardship, as it does every October. Stewardship means something very particular in the church, and something that is often quite different than what we would otherwise think of. In many parts of our life we are accustomed to thinking of things as "belonging to me," e.g. my house, my kids, my church, my stuff, my money, my pets. These are imagined to be our private property in a sense. Often our first instinct is not to think of "us" when we think of the good things that we have, but that is what stewardship is about when we Christians speak of it. The dogs of Red Lake taught me that. Why should animals have to belong to anybody in particular when they can simply move about in the community as part of "us" and expect to be taken care of? What a radical reconsideration of what it means to "own" something or to be responsible for it.

The call to true Christian stewardship summons us to something that can at first seem just as strange: "What do you mean that I'm supposed to give up 'my' resources



for the benefit of 'you' or of the whole?" This is not the language with which we are accustomed to speaking or thinking in other everyday interactions with our fellow human beings, because we are in the habit of believing that our blessings are ours to do with as we wish. We believe that we have somehow "earned" the right to share or to dispose of them according to our preferences, and that our decisions about looking out for the common good are acts of generosity (rather than responsibility) on our part. That's something other than Christian, and it's not true, and we ought to know that.

St. Paul was particularly adamant in his biblical letters that wherever there is personal blessing of any kind it comes with a requirement to put it at the service of everybody. That's not an instinct that seems immediately obvious to us, living as we do in a culture that is fundamentally transactional (i.e. one that sees self-sacrifice as prudent only to the extent that we get something back for the effort). In contrast, Christian stewardship calls us out from the cocoon of "me" and "mine" and into the rich community of "us together." The dogs of Red Lake and their tribe taught me that. The goods belong to all of us.

The simple fact is that a parish like Pax Christi could not survive apart from a dedication to stewardship, and a conviction among us that the gifts we have are given to be shared. Nor could the many, many other communities and ministries in our part of the Twin Cities who depend upon us for regular help to accomplish their good work without our commitment, together. I've been among you as pastor now for a little more than a year, and I am bowled over by your/our readiness to place our talents in service to the greater mission of making God's reign present in the here and now, whether on our

own campus or in the broader community. Nobody "owns" his or her own good fortune solely for one's own benefit. The dogs taught me that. (Well, Jesus and a few others did, too, along the way, but a refresher lesson is always a good thing.)

Thank you for keeping us vital, faithful, fruitful, and impactful because of your care for the common good.



PAX CHRISTI VALUES

GOD-CENTERED ~ We hold God as the center of our daily lives and provide a place for spiritual rest and rejuvenation.

JUSTICE ~ We advocate for the marginalized and act as catalysts for systemic change.

INCLUSION ~ We build relationships and create an inclusive culture through our attitudes, actions, and activities.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH ~ We engage in a lifelong process of spiritual growth and continually learn how to live out our faith.

STEWARDSHIP ~ We acknowledge our God-given gifts and put them into action as we pray, serve, and share.

LAY LEADERSHIP ~ We co-lead and share in the responsibility of upholding the mission of the church.

STEWARDSHIP

We acknowledge our God-given gifts and put them into action as we pray, serve, and share. God’s plan for people lies within the hearts of people, and through careful stewardship of its gifts, our community strives to discern and live out God’s plan. The Finance and Development Council exists in part to ensure that Pax Christi is a careful steward of the financial gifts that have been shared.

Our community operates almost entirely on the financial gifts of our members, so it is imperative that you feel assured that your gifts will be managed and expended wisely. Each spring the Finance and Development Council reviews the operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Monthly, the Finance and Development Council reviews the actual financial statements. Every three years we hire an independent accounting firm to review our internal control procedures. We are confident that the information presented to you in this annual report is accurate and that all expenditures have been made in the interest of supporting the overall mission of our community.

Your financial gifts are used to create a community that is welcoming to all and encourages belonging. Your gifts enable us to open the doors to our beautiful sanctuary for weekend liturgies, baptisms, funerals, and weddings, welcoming both members and visitors alike into a space that is comfortable and inviting. Your gifts allow our dedicated staff to organize and mobilize a team of countless shared ministers who implement the many programs throughout the year. Your gifts provide a means to communicate through our website, video screens, and magazine.

The Finance and Development Council ensures that the expenses of this community do not exceed our revenues. By implementing energy saving practices, utilizing shared ministers for much of our work, and investing wisely, we have been able to create a healthy operating reserve. By no means does this mean that all of our objectives have been met. A reserve allows us to expand our mission by growing relationships with people outside our doors. As long as hunger and injustice exists in our world, there is more work that needs to be done.

Each fall we ask all members of our community to reflect on the gifts that God has given to them and commit to sharing those gifts with our community by returning a stewardship intention card to the parish. Knowledge of your intentions assists us in budgeting for the next fiscal year. We are grateful for every gift and believe that together we can do more to live out God’s plan for justice in the world.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30

	2019	2018
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 363,939	\$ 453,388
Other Current Assets	9,927	6,433
Total Current Assets	373,866	459,821
Solar Energy Subscription	111,656	40,500
Fixed Assets		
Land and Land Improvements	773,202	741,733
Building	9,655,425	9,652,909
Furniture and Equipment	3,027,702	2,987,113
Total Fixed Assets	13,456,329	13,381,755
Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund	486,115	351,782
Long-Term Investments		
Capital Reserve Fund	1,611,125	1,760,562
Leadership Development Fund	473,592	460,337
Cash Management Account	1,875,296	1,760,912
Total Long-Term Investments	3,960,013	3,981,811
Total Assets	\$ 18,387,979	\$ 18,215,669
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 61,923	\$ 45,931
Other Liabilities	93,570	82,752
Total Liabilities	155,493	128,683
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	16,259,108	15,970,900
With Donor Restrictions	1,973,378	2,116,086
Total Net Assets	18,232,486	18,086,986
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 18,387,979	\$ 18,215,669

2018 statements have been restated in accordance with FASB ASU-2016-14 and to write-off \$424k of outdated equipment.

FINANCIAL POSITION:

Cash balance was \$363,939 on June 30, 2019 with another \$1,875,296 in the Cash Management Account. The sum of these two balances equals nine months of operating reserves. The Leadership Development Fund—dedicated to supporting the development, formation, and ongoing growth of parish leaders (clergy, staff, and members)—had a balance of \$473,592. The Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2014 with a \$1.5 million gift restricted for the maintenance of our church building, had a balance of \$1,611,125. Capital Reserve Fund expenditures during the year included parking lot repairs, consultant fees to develop a master plan for our outdoor spaces, security cameras, LED lighting upgrades, and a second payment on the solar energy subscription (the final \$40,000 subscription payment will be due

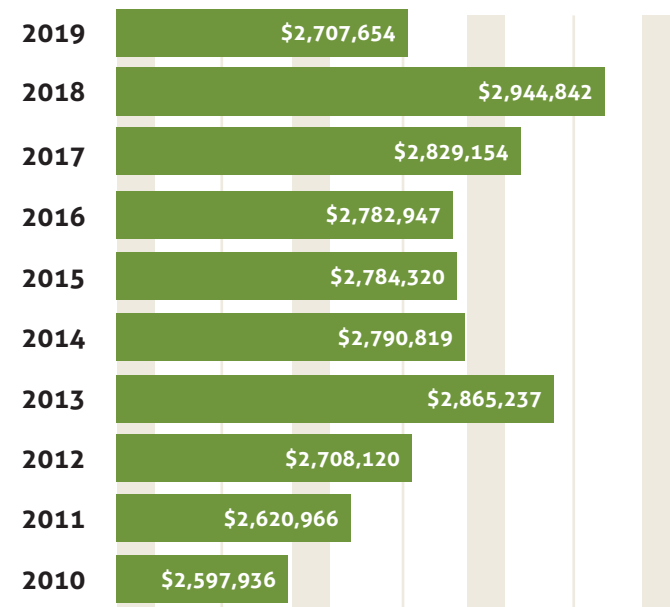
next fiscal year). All equity investments (17% of total long-term investments) were liquidated in June and transferred to Vanguard to be reinvested over the next 12 months in a socially-conscious index fund. The remaining long-term investments continue to be managed by a third-party investment manager and invested solely in bonds and money market funds. The Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund has grown to \$486,115, with additional contributions from members of Pax Christi and a \$50,000 transfer from unrestricted assets. The endowment fund is managed by the Catholic Community Foundation using a pooled investment approach. All payables are current and Pax Christi is free of long-term debt.





REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular contributions include weekend basket collections, online credit card and eCheck giving, gifts of appreciated stock, grants from donor advised funds, and gifts of retirement assets. The 2019 regular contributions of \$2,707,654 were down 8% compared to 2018. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 has had a significant impact on both the timing and method of contributions. In order to maximize charitable deductions before the law went into effect, parishioners accelerated at least \$100,000 of contributions into December 2017, increasing fiscal 2018 contributions and decreasing 2019 contributions. Others have switched from weekly or monthly giving to annual gifts from donor advised funds or retirement accounts. Parishioners at least 70.5 years of age who make a direct transfer of their IRA required minimum distributions to Pax Christi are able to exclude that amount from their taxable income, which reduces their tax liability. Reactions to the archdiocesan bankruptcy settlement and worldwide abuse scandal also contributed to the decrease in 2019 contributions.



ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF PAX CHRISTI MEMBERS

Range of Amount Given	Number of Households	Percent of Households	Amount Given	Percent of Total Given	
REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS:					
\$0	1,629	47%	\$0	0%	
\$1 - 500	700	20%	\$160,286	6%	
\$501 - 1,000	375	11%	\$271,367	10%	
\$1,001 - 1,500	277	8%	\$345,918	13%	
\$1,501 - 2,000	134	4%	\$237,405	9%	
Over 2,000	349	10%	\$1,444,536	53%	
Total Registered Households	3,464	100%	\$2,459,512	91%	
			Gifts from Non-Registered Households	\$125,335	5%
			Loose Cash	\$122,807	4%
			Total Regular Contributions	\$2,707,654	100%

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30

	2019	2018
Operating Revenues		
Regular Contributions	\$ 2,707,654	\$ 2,944,842
Program Fees	81,406	77,295
Other Revenue	168,963	252,217
Total Operating Revenues	2,958,023	3,274,354
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	1,677,901	1,724,298
Programs	205,022	204,508
Administrative	197,782	223,899
Building Expenses	270,876	256,719
Parish Outreach	203,996	160,886
Archdiocesan Assessment	265,090	298,152
Total Operating Expenses	2,820,667	2,868,462
Operating Revenues Over Expenses	\$ 137,356	\$ 405,892
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Parish Contribution to Bankruptcy	(150,000)	0
Investment Income	179,537	52,115
Restricted Income	91,565	40,885
Expenditures of Restricted Income	(112,958)	(15,412)
Non-Operating Revenues	8,144	77,588
Total Revenues Over Expenses	\$ 145,500	\$ 483,480
Other Sources (Uses) of Cash		
Invest in Endowment Fund	(134,333)	(82,598)
Long-Term Investments	21,798	(355,212)
Solar Energy Subscription	(71,156)	(40,500)
Capital Expenditures	(74,574)	(57,663)
Change in Other Assets and Liabilities	23,316	34,293
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash	\$ (89,449)	\$ (18,200)

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OPERATING EXPENSES:

Pax Christi works diligently to be wise stewards of the assets entrusted to us. Operating expenses of \$2,820,667 were down 2% compared to 2018. Salaries and benefits account for 59% of those expenses. Salaries were flat from 2018 to 2019, but open positions and reduced hours resulted in an overall decrease in expense. A savings in administrative expenses (auditor fees, copier lease, and postage) was offset by an increase in building expenses (snow removal and natural gas). Parish outreach of \$158,000 in justice grants were given to local organizations addressing homelessness and childhood development, including \$19,000 in meals for YouthLink, Launch, and Loaves & Fishes, and \$27,000 in support to Church of the Assumption for their Hispanic ministry. The archdiocesan assessment is equal to 9% of assessable income. The assessment was higher in 2018 due to assessment on a \$500,000 special gift received in 2016.

CONTRIBUTION TO BANKRUPTCY:

Parish leadership discerned to join with other parishes and voluntarily contribute \$150,000 to the archdiocesan bankruptcy settlement. Pax Christi stipulated that 100% of this amount be given to the victims and none to lawyers on either side. The funds came from operating reserves and not from the regular operating budget.

IN GRATITUDE

The Finance Council thanks all members of Pax Christi Community and visitors for your ongoing support. We are blessed at Pax Christi in our prayer together, in our service together, and the sharing of our faith as we welcome all to joyfully experience the peace of God's love and mercy.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pax Christi
Finance Council:

- Mark Chronister
- Mike Evans
- Mike Kennedy (chair)
- Bruce Koehn (trustee)
- Jeff Schuh
- Sue Fier (staff)
- Jerry Marick
- Renee Stapleton
- Mike Larson
- Gary Lybeck
- Dave Faulise





GENEROSITY ABOUNDS

The Twelve Baskets Ministry is dedicated to building a bridge between our Pax Christi Community and people in need to provide opportunities for individuals to share their time, talents, and resources in the service of others as taught by Jesus. Thank you, Pax Christi parishioners, for answering this call, living out your faith with generous hearts, and giving abundantly to the giving drives throughout the year. **Christ is Alive!**

TWELVE BASKETS GENEROSITY REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2018–2019

• AUGUST 2018: BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

A total of 204 backpacks and 3,313 school supply items were distributed to Risen Christ School, Blessed Trinity School, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, Church of Gichitwaa Kateri, and PROP.

• SEPTEMBER 2018: BOOK DRIVE

Our parishioners donated/purchased 114 new books from the school's wish list to replenish Blessed Trinity's library. Cash donations of \$1,713.99 were used to purchase additional books, with money left over for Blessed Trinity to buy more books.

• OCTOBER 2018: HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

Eighty-one scarves, a box of hand warmers, 317 adult hats, 171 adult mitten/gloves, 300 children's hats, and 121 children's mittens/gloves, were sorted and distributed to Risen Christ School, St. Stephen's Men's Shelter, Loaves and Fishes program, Cabrini Partnership, Blessed Kateri Church, Small Sums, and Holy Rosary Church.

• NOVEMBER 2018: THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

Parishioners donated food (food donations by parishioners supplied about 30 percent of the items contained in the meal boxes), gift cards, and money totaling over \$9,000, to create 160 meal boxes, valued at \$8,800 (\$55 each). Each meal was accompanied by a Cub gift card (\$25 to \$35) to cover the cost of a turkey or other groceries.

• DECEMBER 2018: SHARE THE JOY — A VARIETY OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Gichitwaa Kateri Faith Formation Party

145 wrapped gifts @ \$25–30 per gift

Holiday Store partnering with St. Andrews in Eden Prairie

245 gifts (\$20 value), \$595.00 in Target giftcards, 89 rolls of wrapping paper

Launch Ministry Chaska-Men's Shelter

\$345 in gas gift cards, 104 pairs of socks, 275 hand warmers, \$545 in Target gift cards (for undergarments), and 35 miscellaneous items

Laundry Baskets

90 laundry baskets filled with household items given to Minneapolis American Indian Center, Cabrini House, and YouthLink

Little Earth Bingo Party for Seniors and Young Mothers

275 gifts

Risen Christ Catholic School

Twelve uniform polos/pants and \$980 cash

St. Anne's Place

Nine duffel bags, 15 laundry bags, 55 flashlights, and 16 sleeping bags

St. Stephen's Men's Shelter

Ninety-three hats, 67 gloves, 210 pair of wool socks, 75 complete sets of long underwear, 872 hand warmers, 39 sleeping bags, and 45 brown tarps

• FEBRUARY 2019: BLANKET DRIVE FOR BRIDGING

One hundred-eighty blankets of all sizes and six miscellaneous items, towels, and pillows collected and given to Bridging

• MARCH/APRIL 2019: EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Two hundred eighty-five Easter baskets given to Extension Services, Holy Rosary, East Side Learning Center, St. Pascal's, and PROP

• MAY 2019: BABY DRIVE

Eighty-five boxes/packages of diapers, 85 packages of baby wipes, 22 containers of formula, 203 clothing items, 62 blankets/towels/crib sheets, 220 miscellaneous items including toys, bottles, bibs, hats, lotions/shampoo, etc. given to Tandem (formally Tapestry Pregnancy), Life Care Center Minneapolis, Holy Rosary Church, Southwest Options for Women, Healthy Beginnings Program (formally Health Partners' mother/baby program for at risk mothers), and PROP

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pax christi catholic community

I am the vine, you are the branches, he who lives in me and I in him, will produce abundantly.
—John 15:5

OUR FAITH is living, growing, and evolving. We are most alive when we live in Jesus Christ. The proclamation that **CHRIST IS ALIVE** is not an abstract idea. We believe that God is within us and works through us to heal the world.

Just as a tree relies on God for nourishment from the sun, rain, and good soil, so do we. We rely on the Eucharist and Mass to feed our souls and nourish our imaginations with the possibilities of our baptismal call.

Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches" in John 5:15. Jesus offers us a life of vitality, transformation, and healing. We are the living embodiment of the Word in the world.

During the month of October, we will be celebrating stewardship at Pax Christi. This is an opportunity to renew your commitment to the Pax Christi Community.

We are a Christ-Centered, **believing** and **belonging** community where **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Thanks to your generosity, we steward sacred spaces to encounter Christ in our beautiful sanctuary, chapel, labyrinth, and 25-acre campus. We engage Pax Christi and make an impact on our community with over 200 vibrant ministries.

Pax Christi believes that we are called to **Stewardship as a Way of Life**. God has blessed us with many gifts. When we share our gifts, financial resources, and prayers, we enter into the holy work of our community.

We no longer need to be discouraged about the world, because together we are changing it. We walk alongside youth, families, and adults, sharing our faith and hope.

We inspire leaders in our community to seek justice. Pax Christi raises awareness about the high price of hunger, poverty, and homelessness. We build pathways out of poverty.

Our shared ministers change lives every day when they show up with a smile, groceries, quilts, backpacks, hot meals, and hand written cards at non-profits and care centers.

We answer calls from grieving families and offer words of hope and consolation. We enter into grief, joy, and friendship with an eye on the bigger story, the God story of which we are a part. **We welcome all** to experience mercy and peace. We show up in large and small ways.

Pax Christi is on a mission to share the message that **CHRIST IS ALIVE!** Imagine what is possible with your generous financial stewardship, service, and prayer. We are grateful for everything you share.

Written by Maura Schnorbach, Director of Development and Engagement



GENEROSITY IS A RADICAL ACT OF LOVE.

It is at the heart of worship. We are each called through baptism to the life of discipleship. We are invited to share the joy of the Gospel with our gifts, prayers, service, and financial resources.

WE ARE CO-CREATORS WITH GOD.

Pax Christi Catholic Community is inspired by the life of Jesus Christ. We celebrate Eucharist and sacraments, we work for justice, we feed our hungry neighbors, we visit the sick and homebound, we hold spacious conversations, we make music, and we teach our Catholic faith.

WE LEAD WITH FAITH.

We recognize that each member has gifts to share. We celebrate our call as leaders through discernment, reflection, and prayer. We lead with a spirit of collegiality.

WE WELCOME THE STRANGER.

We welcome all, recognizing that strangers become friends and companions on our journey.

WE LIVE IN HOPE.

We believe that people of faith can change the world. We steward our gifts and work towards the beloved community.

YOUR GENEROSITY BLESSES OUR WORK.

Your generosity makes it possible for Pax Christi to flourish. Thanks to our shared ministers who make a difference every day. Last year, shared ministers gave over 73,500 hours of service to Pax Christi and our community. We are grateful!

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE.

Thanks to your financial gifts and shared ministry support, we are an oasis in the city. We steward a 25-acre campus with sacred spaces and art. We invest in solar energy. We preserve our prairie with pollinator and bee gardens.

BE PART OF THE MISSION OF PAX CHRISTI:

PRAY for our work. Celebrate Mass with us. Pray as a family.

RECOMMIT to serving in one of our shared ministries. Explore ways to share your talents/passions online at www.paxchristi.com/serve.

RENEW your annual pledge to financially support the ministries at Pax Christi. We are grateful for each gift. Turn in your pledge card at Mass or by mail.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

Thank you for your generosity to the Annual Stewardship Drive at Pax Christi. Please turn in your pledge card today. It's easy! You can put it in the Saturday and Sunday collections at Mass. You can drop it off at entrance 3 in the secured box. You may send it to Pax Christi Catholic Community at 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347. We also have convenient, secured online giving at the Pax Christi website at www.paxchristi.com. We are grateful for every gift. Your gift makes it possible to offer almost 200 flourishing ministries.

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IN OUR MISSION... We welcome all to experience the love and mercy of Christ. We are a Christ-centered, belonging and believing community.

IN YOU... You gave over 73,500 hours of Shared Ministry service to Pax Christi and our community.

IN OUR MINISTRIES... We offer almost 200 vibrant ministries to share the joy of the Gospel, to reduce poverty and work for justice, to serve our community, and to inspire discipleship.

IN OUR IMPACT... This past year we served over 5,000 meals to Loaves and Fishes, collected over 17,325 pounds of groceries for PROP, grew and donated over 800 pounds of produce for PROP, and made 127 quilts for Cristo Rey.

IN OUR FUTURE... We created the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund in 2017 to create a forever investment in the mission, vision, core values, and ministries of Pax Christi.

IN OUR GENEROSITY... We donated over \$158,000 through regular giving to 15 non-profit agencies focused on reducing poverty and building capacity, self-reliance, and opportunity through the Pax Christi Grants Board.

IN OUR GRATITUDE... We offer our joy, gratitude, prayers, service, and financial support for the Pax Christi Catholic Community and to honor our blessings from God.

MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT TODAY!





MINISTRIES OF SUPPORT:

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE
Third Thursday of each month 3:00–4:30pm

The listening circle provides a safe place for reflection and meaningful conversation for those who find themselves at a crossroads in life, such as loss, caregiving responsibilities, mental illness, grief, chronic illness, or any life transition.

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION

Pax Christi partners with the Southwest Grief Coalition to provide support and education for those who are grieving. Three series are offered each year, hosted by local churches. Each series consists of a light meal, a speaker exploring some dimension of grief, and facilitated small groups specific to particular losses. Information on upcoming sessions can be found on our website or at www.swgriefcoalition.org.

ON-SITE 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Saturday Sisters AA for Women, Al-Anon/Prairie Peace, and Overeaters Anonymous. These support groups each meet weekly to offer listening, guidance, and hope for those working to overcome a specific addiction interfering with their lives.

RESOURCES

Written resources on prayer, grief, relationships, illness, aging, and education/support opportunities are available in the racks at the rear of the worship space and at the kiosk inside the main entrance. Offerings include *Living Faith*, a booklet of Catholic devotions, and *CareNotes*, informative and inspirational pamphlets on a wide variety of topics.

For additional information visit
www.paxchristi.com/careandsupport.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2019

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2019

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 -- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2019

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2019

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-1
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 -- 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

PARISHIONER NEWS

AUGUST BAPTISMS

Wendy Edna Welch 8/11/2019
 Darla Jo Schmit 8/18/2019
 Henry James Heimer 8/25/2019

AUGUST WEDDINGS

Kristin Fleischhacker & Todd Shneider 8/2/2019
 April Nault & Sebastian Briones Idrovo 8/9/2019

AUGUST FUNERALS

Constance "Connie" Hengel 8/1/2019
 Dolores "Dee" Nye 8/5/2019
 Carol LaVonne Stotesbery 8/6/2019
 Francis "Frankie" A Santos 8/8/2019
 Michelle (Mickey) Marie McGrath 8/21/2019
 Gertrude 'Dutch' Bryan 8/28/2019
 Janet Frances Foltz 8/29/2019
 Barney Hanson 8/30/2019

AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

Scott and Jamie Brazil	Matthew and Kristi Newby
Renè Buesgens	Karen Parsons
Todd and Gina Bunkers	John and Lindsey Perkins
Todd and Corynn Corcoran	Austin and Matalyn Pietig
Kerry DePalma	Doug and Elaine Scott
Richard and Andrea Feliciano	Samuel and Erin Tashima
Allan and Ro Giencke	Adam and Catherine Vortherms
Sue Kremer	



BOOMERS & BEYOND

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

Upcoming events include:
October 4: First Friday Coffee and Conversation
October 17: Feed My Starving Children Event

APPROVED OPERATIONS BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2019–2020

Revenue	
Regular Contributions	\$ 2,650,000
Program Fees	69,000
Investment Income	50,000
Other Revenue	98,000
Total Revenues	\$ 2,867,600
Expenses	
Salaries/Benefits	\$ 1,598,917
Clergy Services	103,000
Archdiocesan Assessment	281,533
Parish Outreach	201,500
Other General Operations	95,400
Business Office	75,900
Stewardship	17,300
Communications	17,800
Church Building	251,300
Rectory Building	12,100
Worship	38,600
Care and Support	20,300
Social Justice	2,100
Faith Formation	61,150
Community Life	69,550
Total Expenses	\$ 2,846,450
Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 21,150

OCTOBER

FALL BOOK CLUB

The Universal Christ by Fr. Richard Rohr **RSVP**

**Beginning Mondays, 6:30pm–8:00pm, September 30 OR
Thursdays, 10:00am–11:30am, October 3**

Join a study group and learn about a forgotten teaching on Christ that can impact everything we see, hope for, and believe. Experience the opportunity to learn and engage in Christian contemplative practices and participate in a community whose members are growing in their presence to one another. Groups will engage in group work, reflective lectio practice, contemplative sit, pair-sharing with another, and solo reflection. Groups limited to 15 people. Register online. The fee is \$21 and covers the cost of books. Questions? Contact Scott Brazil, Dir. of Faith Formation, sbrazil@paxchristi.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Seven Mondays through November 11, 5:30–7:30pm

The Southwest Grief Coalition is a partnership of area churches working together to provide support and education for those who are grieving. The fall series will be hosted at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Chanhassen. 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. There is no cost to attend and you do not need to attend all sessions. For more information, look for the fall *Living and Growing Through Loss* brochure in the kiosk by the reception desk or visit www.paxchristi.com/grief. Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, October 4, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

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

HOMECOMING TAILGATE CELEBRATION

Weekend of October 5/6

Join us for the celebration as we kickoff our Stewardship Month. We will be serving up hotdogs, chips, and refreshments after Saturday's 5:00pm Mass and Sunday's 11:00am Mass. Wear your favorite jersey and get your spirit on! Bring the whole family. Everyone is welcome!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5, 9:00am

Calling all llamas, lizards, guinea pigs, cockatoos, and, of course, dogs and cats! It is once again time for the annual Blessing of the Animals to celebrate St. Francis Day at Pax Christi. Bring your favorite furry, feathered, or scaled friend on a leash or in a carrier to the St. Francis Shrine (or Nazareth Hall if we experience inclement weather). We will have a short prayer service, bless each pet individually, and provide a photo opportunity with Deacon Al Schroeder. Feel free to enjoy a walk around the pond and treat yourself to some coffee and pastries. Visit our pet resource displays to learn more about Pax Pets Ministry and other animal resources available in the community.

MOMS ROCK: BALANCING ACT WITH ANGELA EIFERT

Wednesday, October 9, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

Life working as an international humanitarian worker and a mom of two small kids can get messy. Angela will share stories of becoming a mother while doing a job she loves—serving humanity in places like Africa. Moms ROCK welcomes all parents, parents-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining. Gatherings include brunch and relaxing social time, followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker. Complete details at www.paxchristi.com/momsrock.

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursday, October 17, 3:00–4:30pm RSVP

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

A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

If an event indicates **RSVP**,
you may register/RSVP online at
www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.
Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

THE WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST

Clergy Abuse Discussion Groups RSVP

**Four Tuesdays, beginning October 22, 6:30-8:00pm
OR Four Wednesdays, beginning October 23, 9:30–11:00am**

Have you ever had a desire to share your thoughts and feelings with others about the clergy abuse crisis in the Catholic Church? This crisis has left a deep wound in the Body of Christ. It continues to have a ripple effect in individual lives, our Church, and the broader community. The opportunity for you to be listened to in a safe, confidential, and compassionate environment is here at Pax Christi. In a small group setting, you are invited to come as you are to share your story and allow your voice to be heard. Four consecutive weeks of small group listening sessions will be offered by trained facilitators. Choose between a morning or evening series. Sessions will focus on a specific topic such as concerns, fears, forgiveness, transparency, and accountability. Each session will include time for prayer, reflection, and discussion questions. Let us join together in this important work of healing. The registration deadline is October 14. Contact Jean Thoresen, jthoresen@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7211, with any questions.

MOMS ROCK: MISBEHAVIOR AND THE GOD-GIVEN GIFTS BEHIND THEM WITH LYNNE JACKSON

Wednesday, October 23, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

Buried beneath the surface of children's selfish or impulsive behavior is the treasure of valuable raw talent, created for God's purposes. Because it is often used in hurtful ways, parents tend to punish the misbehavior without regard for the raw talent. In this workshop you will learn to identify and constructively build on your child's "gift-gone-awry" so he or she will be motivated to use it for more honoring ways. This grace-filled approach is both solidly biblical and highly effective in addressing misbehavior as you bring out the best in your kids! Moms ROCK welcomes all parents, parents-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining. Gatherings include brunch and relaxing social time, followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker. Complete details at www.paxchristi.com/momsrock.

TWELVE BASKETS HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Weekend of October 26/27

Help keep others warm this winter! New hats and mittens are needed for babies, kids, teens, and adults. We are especially looking for items for men. You can drop off your donations in the bins at Doors 1 and 3. Thank you for responding with generous hearts! This event is sponsored by the Twelve Baskets Ministry. If you would like to shop online, visit the Twelve Baskets Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/8DDP0A7>.

MAKE PLANS NOW

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, November 1, 8:30am and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

This is the time of year when our thoughtful remembrances belong to those whose lives have touched ours, yet no longer walk among us. May we never forget how blessed we are to have a heritage of saintly people, those officially proclaimed by the Church, and those whose sainthood lives within our hearts.

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 2, 5:00pm Mass

It is the church's tradition in November to celebrate All Souls Day, which commemorates all those who have died. As a parish community, we set aside this evening to pray with those among us who have experienced the death of a loved one these past 12 months. Names of those whose funerals we celebrated at Pax Christi from November 2018 through October 2019 will be read during the Prayers of the Faithful at this Memorial Mass. All members of this community, especially those who have experienced the death of a loved one, are welcome to join us at this special Mass. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one for our prayer table in the narthex.

LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, November 5, 6:30–8:30pm RSVP

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

WINE, WOMEN, & SCRIPTURE – SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 8, 7:00–9:00pm RSVP

Registration details coming soon on the parish website.

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT
ARTISTS NEEDED!

We invite you display your artwork at this year's Parishioners' Art Exhibit! The exhibit will run November 24 through December 15 in the Pacem In Terris Gallery. The guidelines and registration forms are available on the parish website, www.paxchristi.com/artexhibits. The registration deadline is November 20 and the drop-off date is November 24.

TEAR HERE

OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MONDAY BOOK CLUB BEGINS	FARE FOR ALL BAPTISM CLASS	TOT-TIME OPEN GYM	THURSDAY BOOK CLUB BEGINS	FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	BLESSING OF ANIMALS TAILGATE HOMECOMING WEEKEND STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TAILGATE HOMECOMING WEEKEND STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP		MOMS ROCK		CONFIRMATION RETREAT	NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP	LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	TOT-TIME OPEN GYM	COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP	P.M. WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST GROUP BEGINS	A.M. WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST GROUP BEGINS MOMS ROCK			TWELVE BASKETS HAT/MITTEN DRIVE
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
TWELVE BASKETS HAT/MITTEN DRIVE	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP		TOT-TIME OPEN GYM		ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS	MEMORIAL MASS

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



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October is Stewardship Month, a time when Pax Christi members reflect on the gifts that God has given them and how they'll share those gifts with the community. Watch your mailbox for materials and return your Stewardship Intention Card to the parish or drop it off at the Tailgate Homecoming Celebration October 5/6. Knowledge of your intentions assists us in budgeting for the next fiscal year.

Together we can do more to live out God's plan for justice in the world.

**WHETHER YOU WEAR THE PURPLE,
 OR THE GREEN AND GOLD,
 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Wear your favorite jersey of any color to the Pax Christi Tailgate Homecoming Celebration the weekend of October 5 and 6 as we celebrate the start of **STEWARDSHIP MONTH**. Details on page 18.

