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REPORT**

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#### 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)

Saturdays 4:00–4:30pm

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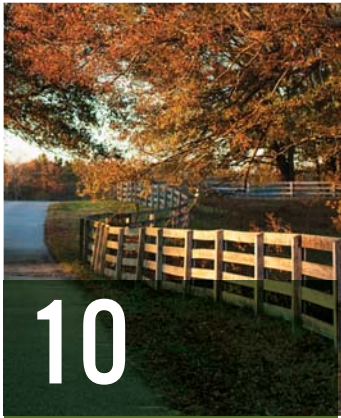
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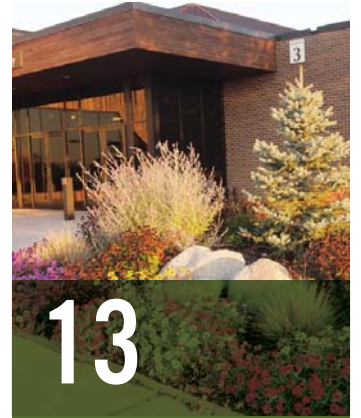
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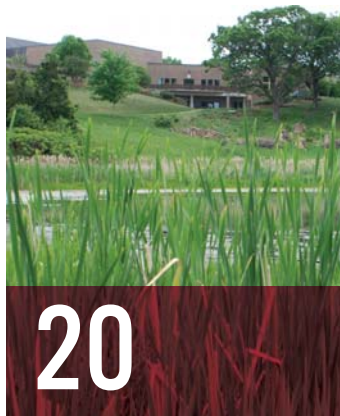
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# BEFORE I FORGET...



**Fr. Bill Murtaugh**  
Pastor

**TWO GUYS** are sitting in a bar when one of them casually points to a couple of old drunks sitting across from them. “That’s us in ten years,” one of them grumbles. But the other one corrects him. “Phil, that’s a mirror.”

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus challenges us to look at ourselves and our lives as if in a mirror. What do we see ourselves becoming? What is taking our time and energy at the expense of those who are most important to us? What do we hunger for? Do we embrace the blessings of our lives and let go of those things that obscure and diminish those blessings?

**A TRUE STORY:**

A man buys donuts at the local Dunkin’ Donuts every Sunday morning for his men’s bible study at Destin United Methodist Church. One morning the teenage girl who worked in the shop messed up his order, and, without thinking, the man snapped at her, demeaning her work ethic and character — something like, “How hard can it be to get a simple donut order correct?” and “How hard is it to find quality employees anymore?”

He barely noticed as the young girl’s lip began to quiver, or the tear that trickled down her cheek, or the fact that she was about six months pregnant.

But as he drove to the church with his donuts, he began to think about his exchange with this young teenager. He realized he made a terrible impression of his church and his own character. He just hoped she didn’t notice his bumper sticker that read, “Follow me to Destin United Methodist Church.”

So when he got to his bible study, he told them about his failing and that he decided to go back next Sunday and give that teenager a gift for her baby. It was an act of repentance but also the realization that this young pregnant teenager might be frightened out of her mind trying to figure out how to provide for the new life growing within her. He didn’t want to just feel repentance; he wanted to act on it.

He invited the other men to join him if they wanted. The next Sunday morning, forty-six cars lined up at the teenager’s drive-through window at Dunkin’ Donuts, each one of them with a baby gift for the teenager they didn’t know except for her need. One by one the cars filed by, emptying their treasures like the Magi of long ago at the feet of another young mother.

They most likely threw the only “baby shower” she would have. Once again her lip quivered, and tears ran down her cheeks, but this time they were tears

of surprising joy. And as the last car pulled away, she saw the bumper sticker, “Follow me to Destin United Methodist Church.” And so she did. She didn’t know what a Methodist was, and she didn’t care. All she knew is that it was a church that truly cared for a frightened unwed mother. And that was enough for her to want to know more.

Generosity is contagious. It’s the new evangelism.

Pax Christi Catholic Community is all about the *stories*: the great *story* of Jesus and his Church; the *stories* of Sacred Scripture; and the countless *stories* of human beings of all ages who make up this local faith community. There are stories that make you laugh and cry and pray and rage and help us shove the world two inches closer to the LIGHT. There are stories that will break your heart, stories filled with the grace of God, stories that make you realize how fragile, flawed, and finite all of us are. There are stories of frightened and hurting teenagers as well as stories of teens who are becoming passionate about their faith. And there are the stories of seniors who are lonely and who hurt like hell but also stories of seniors who are dynamic and radical and who still are working for justice, for the dignity of all, as well as they give their time and talent as volunteers.

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WHEN OF COURSE IT IS  
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—FLANNERY O’CONNOR,  
LETTER TO LOUISE ABBOT,  
1959

There are stories of new beginnings and endings, life and death, stories of love and affection and respect and reverence. There are stories of courage and humor and how healthy, loving relationships never end. There are millions of stories told to our outstanding staff and countless volunteers who take time to listen and who treat each person as if that person was Jesus Christ. People can come to Pax Christi and tell their stories without being judged.

Thanks for your generosity in the past; thanks for your support in the wild deep work we call service to the People of God, and thanks for whatever ridiculous generosity you bring to bear in the year ahead. With your support and help, we will continue to listen to the stories and bring the story tellers to the Light — Jesus Christ.

We are called to hand on the faith to the next generation by bringing them into contact with the good news of Jesus in such a way that they can begin to experience how a relationship with God, and with the members of this local faith community makes life much more meaningful by living compassionate lives in service to the dear neighbor. We who have been on earth a little longer have to speak and act out of the depths of our own

religious experience. We need to be a witness to faith creatively in word and action so that the young will be intrigued into a relationship with the living God.

I believe that our faith community, Pax Christi, is more important than ever as we live in challenging times and welcome a new generation of young people. They don't buy into a theology of division. As members of the millennial generation, they will not promote, justify, or sanction situations that create discrimination, exclusion, violence, or even death of any man or woman on the basis of his or her origin, ethnic group, socioeconomic condition, divorce and remarriage, sexual identity, or any other form of exclusion. They know that Jesus did not come for the healthy but for the sick and disposed on the periphery of society. They want a Christian community that is welcoming of all and a community that needs to be first to love those no one else wants to love. This young generation is not afraid to address exclusionary practices and divisions. The acts of love and compassion of young people today are so simple: treat other people the way you would want to be treated. The "old" ways of judging others do not speak to many of the millennials. They are watching us!



It's a tough assignment, the original assignment of Jesus. Love those you cannot love. Love those who are poor and broken and dirty and sick with sores. Love those who want to strike you on both cheeks. Love the pompous ass, the arrogant liar. It's easy to know all about the Christian faith, the rules, the customs. But it's not so easy to do what the Gospel invites us to do. Jesus didn't give us blueprints for building churches nor position papers on how to be an orthodox disciple. As we read the 25th chapter of Matthew's gospel, he is quite blunt about the hungry, the naked, the sick, and prisoners. The church is not a noun. It is meant to be a verb — **to be the Church** — to be a disciple, to live the Gospel, using words if necessary as Francis of Assisi reminds us.

Faith is saying "Yes" to God who is unspeakably close in Jesus Christ through the Spirit. Faith entails committing yourself to this mystery, risking a relationship that has the power to change one's life and

life on this planet. Faith means entrusting yourself to and falling in love with the God of Jesus and responding with your life's energies. This is normally done with the others in a community of disciples called Church.

I love being a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. But at times it drives me insane with its rules and control and power, its lack of humility, its way of trying to always have all the answers, and its lack of transparency. But I have never found anything else that would help me better understand the great realities of love, freedom, suffering, and death. My life has been enriched by so many people who have maintained their fundamental Christian faith within the Catholic Church.

Together, let's continue to be the Church, that community of disciples that lives the unreasonable teachings of Jesus.

Thank you for being a part of the community. I am in awe of the goodness I observe every day in the people of Pax Christi.



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2014 – 2015

## FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

### WE PRAYED AND SHARED: OUR GIFT OF TIME

Pax Christi members donate an incredible number of hours to all of the ministries here. Over 3,093 ministers gave in excess of 102,349 hours of time this past fiscal year.

**COMMUNICATION ARTS:** Avenues of communication in the tech world have evolved and expanded. In response, Pax Christi has developed new ministries to help us tell our story in word, video, and via social media.

**FACILITIES MINISTRY:** 122 engaged members shared 5,862 hours of time and service. Looking around the grounds of Pax Christi, it is difficult to NOT notice the beauty and workmanship of the gardens, the St. Francis's woods area, the walkways, and more which members gave minutes and hours to prune, plant, water, groom, and maintain. Many hands keep the inside bright, shiny, welcoming, and running in tip top shape.

**FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:** 503 ministers gave 20,054 hours to help our members of all ages move forward in their faith journey. Faith Interest Connectors drew a lot of attention as members shared their passions for sports, fitness, cooking, life skills, and more with our youth, and both learned how our gifts are tied to our faith and one another.

**FINANCE MINISTRY:** As difficult times in the Archdiocese reverberated in our own community, we made great use of the financial acumen of 47 members as they ably assisted the parish with moving forward with a strong financial vision sharing 802 hours of service.

**JUSTICE MINISTRY:** 5,569 hours of time shared by 186 engaged members to serve justice needs such as one of our Twelve Basket Drives, serving at Loaves and Fishes, or providing meals and shelter assistance at St. Stephen's Men's Shelter. Many hours were shared with one or more of our Justice Grant recipients in the greater community — tutoring, mentoring, and providing needed services.

**LAY LEADERSHIP MINISTRY:** In addition to assisting parishioners with discernment for Council membership, 30 volunteers spent 1,231 hours to keep the focus on engagement in the parish.

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY:** 524 ministers provided 23,764 hours of comfort, care, support, and education to members as well as those in need within the greater community.

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY:** 841 ministers found over 17,890 hours serving, welcoming, creating, and, most especially, sharing Pax Christi's unique and much-envied hospitality to members and guests of all ages. We celebrated great community building events and forged new relationships while learning about and serving one another.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY:** Pax Christi is known for providing excellent worship experiences, and this calls for support from our talented community. From cross and gift bearers to musicians, lectors, servers, and Eucharistic Ministers, 834 members gave 26,982 hours to create powerful worship experiences for all.

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## WE SERVED ONE ANOTHER: OUR GIFT OF TALENT

Many of our members selflessly contributed their talents to improve our faith community and help people from our broader community.

Hard Hat crews were kept busy on projects inside and out this past year. Teams assisted with installation of the two gifts: a dedicated sound system and a video projector, both for the Hall of Martyrs.

The Hard Hat crews also designed and remodeled the worship music area, allowing for a bit more breathing room and better access for our musicians, instruments, cantors, and choir.

The new Pax's Pet Ministry spent the last year getting pets and owners trained and certified and now will be launching a new ministry to use members' trained dogs in service to those in need of companion care.

We shared our talents not only at Pax Christi but in the greater community as well. The Pax Christi Giving Garden, formerly known as Crops for PROP, donated thousands of pounds of food that our members carefully tended to over the summer months. Pax Christi members were visible in the greater community assisting with the Tutor Network, Loaves and Fishes, Feed My Starving Children, among others. Our engaged members made a huge difference in the lives of grateful people throughout the Twin Cities.

Even an hour of time can make all the difference, and those individual gifts and short or long term projects also add up to one impressive result: an engaged community called Pax Christi.



## WE GAVE: OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

We continue to make improvements to our building and grounds through generous contributions to the Crossroads Fund. During the last fiscal year, we completed the Crossroads Fund, raising over \$4 million in gifts that helped us upgrade, renew, and revitalize our facility and grounds. A few projects are still being completed, utilizing the remaining funds, and, blessedly, there is a \$1.5 million reserve fund that will help us maintain the property and facility for years to come.

We enjoyed our best Stewardship Annual Renewal ever last year, and pledges have remained consistently ahead of budget. We hope to continue the forward movement with this upcoming year's Annual Stewardship Renewal for 2016.

### Time/Talent Shared by Ministry Area: Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Ministry	Active Ministries	Number of Volunteers	Total of Hours Given to Pax Christi	Your Gifts of Prayer and Service Open Wide the Doors of Pax Christi to Many
Communication Arts	2	6	195	<p>For the fourth year, Pax Christi has calculated the hours shared by engaged members of our community in service and prayer, and yet again, we have seen an increase of time shared over the previous year. From July of 2014 to June of 2015, over 3,000 instances of engagement were gifted to the parish in one of our 130 ministries/activities.</p> <p>We have crossed over the 100,000 marker that we hovered just below last year. If we were to compare your hours gifted to that of an average full-time employee of a business, your generosity resulted in the amount of hours of an additional 50 full-time employees! Your gifts have helped us Open Wide the Doors.</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your gifts in prayer and service. We encourage you to review and renew your commitment by returning your Time/Talent form and the Gift Inventory from the Guidebook and Directory or from the Annual Stewardship Renewal materials that will soon be arriving in member homes.</p>
Facilities	16	122	5,862	
Faith Formation	27	503	20,054	
Finance	3	47	802	
Justice	13	186	5,569	
Lay Leadership	3	30	1,231	
Pastoral Care	20	524	23,764	
Stewardship	25	841	17,890	
Worship	21	834	26,982	
<b>2014-2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>102,349</b>	
<b>2013-2014 TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>99,309</b>	



## REVENUE

Regular contributions of \$2,784,320 decreased 0.2% from last year. Other sources of revenue include program fees, memorials, and event income, as well as Capital Reserve and Leadership Development Fund's interest, dividends, and change in market value totaling \$228,725. Pledges fulfilled and other contributions to the Crossroads Fund totaled \$55,654 which is designated for capital improvements. Total revenues were \$3,068,699.

## EXPENSES

Operating expenses of \$2,767,840 decreased 7.2 % from last year due mainly to parish staff working hard in their efforts of reviewing proposed expenses for payback and holding costs in line to budget. 2015 was the first year of zero-based budgeting which did not depend on past significant contributions that supported operations through 2014. Total expenses were compared to budgeted amounts of \$2,874,000 for the same period.

## IN GRATITUDE

The Finance Council thanks all members of Pax Christi Community and visitors for your ongoing support. We are blessed at Pax Christi by the bountiful sharing of your time, talents, and treasure to help us grow as a faith community.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pax Christi  
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014	2013
<b>Revenues</b>			
Regular Contributions	\$ 2,784,320	\$ 2,790,819	\$ 2,865,237
Special Gift	0	1,500,000	0
Crossroads Fund	55,654	167,513	334,600
Program Fees	96,913	90,494	105,861
Catholic Services Appeal Rebate	0	0	0
Other Revenue	131,812	305,314	84,316
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,068,699</b>	<b>4,854,140</b>	<b>3,390,015</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	1,601,233	1,672,850	1,693,702
Programs	238,974	243,056	241,631
Administrative	290,458	394,211	283,545
Building Services	261,098	272,100	263,575
Interest	7,835	8,404	10,426
Justice Tithe	120,439	115,563	117,753
Archdiocesan Assessment	232,832	270,214	246,643
Dedicated Funds Expense	14,971	4,990	16,732
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,767,840</b>	<b>2,981,387</b>	<b>2,874,006</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>300,859</b>	<b>1,872,753</b>	<b>516,008</b>
<b>Other Sources (Uses) of Cash</b>			
(Invest in) Cash Out Designated Funds	(1,530,706)	(15,104)	(10,322)
Crossroads Fund Projects	(173,994)	(210,994)	(236,222)
Other Capital Expenditures	(39,740)	0	(7,471)
Change in Other Assets and Liabilities	11,530	(104,334)	89,460
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	7,300
<b>Noncash Activities</b>			
Disposal of Fixed Assets	15,669	131,584	15,457
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Before Financing Activities</b>	<b>(1,416,381)</b>	<b>1,673,905</b>	<b>374,210</b>
Scheduled Debt Payments	(247,782)	(66,144)	(69,122)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>\$ (1,664,163)</b>	<b>\$ 1,607,761</b>	<b>\$ 305,088</b>





## FINANCIAL POSITION

The positive trend in expense controls resulted in an increase in our cash and cash equivalents of \$83,619 prior to financing activities and investment in long-term funds of the Capital Reserve Fund gift of \$1,500,000 from restricted cash. This increase for the fifth consecutive year enabled Pax Christi to fund operations and pay off all outstanding bank debt. Pax Christi has set a goal of holding approximately six months in operating cash to provide for any negative fluctuations in future years.

Pax Christi again shared its gifts generously, contributing \$120,439 for Justice Grants.

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

A Capital Reserve Fund has been inaugurated to continue the work of the Crossroads Fund. It was started in 2014 though a substantial gift from a generous member. The fund is invested in investment grade medium term corporate debt and blue chip equities which are managed independently from Pax Christi staff. It is anticipated that this money will fund the church's capital expenditures for the next twenty years. At June 30, 2015, this fund had a balance of \$1,525,348.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2015	2014	2013
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 824,968	\$ 853,996	\$ 702,754
Restricted Cash – Crossroads Fund	155,862	290,997	334,478
Restricted Cash – Capital Reserve Fund	0	1,500,000	
Other Current Assets	11,258	51,363	27,943
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>992,088</b>	<b>2,696,356</b>	<b>1,065,176</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Land and Land Improvements	865,398	865,398	865,398
Building	9,839,169	9,839,169	9,970,753
Furniture and Equipment	3,271,958	3,073,892	2,862,899
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>13,976,525</b>	<b>13,778,460</b>	<b>13,699,050</b>
<b>Long-Term Investments</b>			
Capital Revenue Fund	1,525,348	0	0
Leadership Development Fund	289,948	284,591	272,232
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,783,910</b>	<b>\$16,759,408</b>	<b>\$15,036,457</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 37,422	\$ 64,404	\$ 163,265
Note Payable	0	247,782	313,926
Other Liabilities	29,064	30,658	15,455
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>66,486</b>	<b>342,843</b>	<b>492,646</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Unrestricted	14,783,646	14,346,806	13,870,613
Temporarily Restricted	1,716,435	1,852,416	435,856
Permanently Restricted	217,343	217,343	237,343
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>16,717,424</b>	<b>16,416,565</b>	<b>14,543,812</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$16,783,910</b>	<b>\$16,759,408</b>	<b>\$15,036,457</b>



## A SNAPSHOT OF PAX CHRISTI

	Members	Change
<b>Pax Christi Households:</b>	3,489	+46
<b>Members:</b>	10,068	+139

### Age Distribution of Current Members:

Age	Members	Change
Birth to 18 years old	2,332	-57
19 to 29 years old	1,730	+65
30 to 49 years old	2,004	-17
50 to 69 years old	2,948	+13
70 to 79 years old	569	+37
80 years and older	234	+20
Unknown birth dates	251	+44

### Gender Distribution of Members:

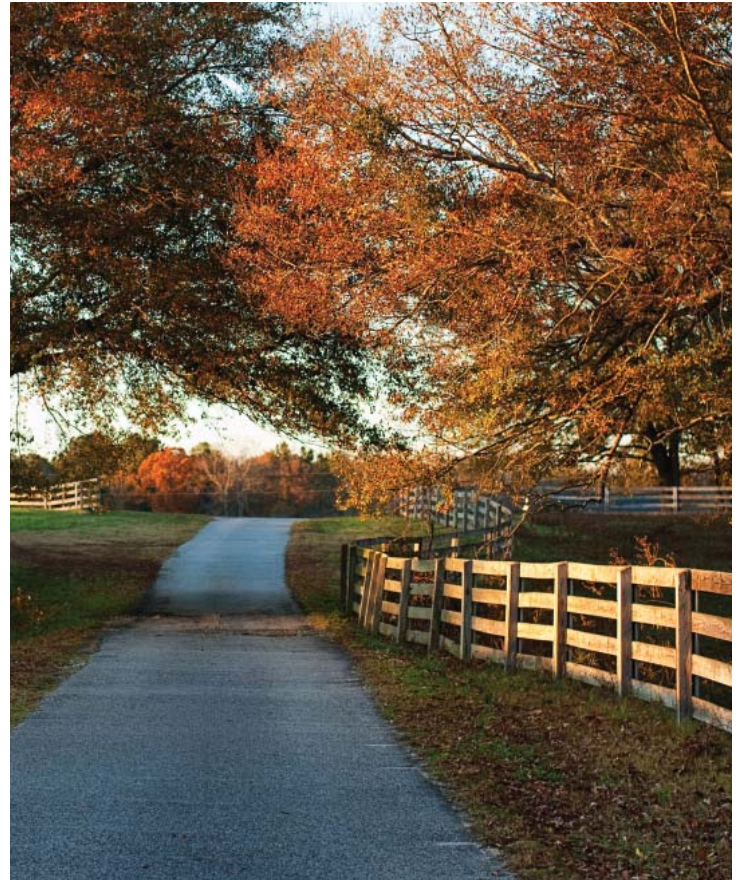
	Members	Change
Females	5,245	+55
Males	4,823	+84

### Sacrament of Initiation:

	Members	Change
Infant Baptisms	129	-15
Adult Baptisms	1	-6
Received into Full Communion	2	-6
First Communions	110	-5
Confirmations	99	-10
Adult Confirmation	1	-6

### Faith Formation Enrollment:

	Members	Change
Elementary Children	450	+32
J.H. and S.H. Youth	309	+11
Marriages:	20	+4
Deaths:	52	-2



## ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS BANKRUPTCY FILING

On January 16, 2015, the Archdiocese filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection due to the potential financial settlement of over 400 claims of sexual abuse by clergy. Pax Christi is a parish of the Archdiocese operating as a separate legal entity. The parish receives central services from the Archdiocese including payroll support, insurance benefits, accounting systems, and retirement plan administration. The parish pays an assessment each year for those services which are essential to its daily operations. The ultimate effect of the bankruptcy and settlement of these claims is unknown at this time. Pax Christi has experienced no claims in respect to this matter. The parish staff, council, and trustees, along with external legal counsel, are involved in the process and have no knowledge or expect any adverse financial or operational affect to Pax Christi at this time.

# GENEROSITY ABOUNDS

**PAX CHRISTI** is a generous faith community. This has been clear in the many ways this parish establishes outreach and in the ways members and groups dream about the possibilities of supporting those who are in need of the material things that so many times we take for granted. Numbers cannot measure the generosity of the heart, but they do tell us that Pax Christi is an engaged parish that goes outside of itself in order to reflect Christ's love to others. We have monthly opportunities, the 12 Baskets Drives, which provide parishioners points of generosity with organizations that Pax Christi has been in a relationship of service.

## DID YOU KNOW...

- in August of 2014, **5,555 SCHOOL ITEMS** were collected and distributed to a number of agencies?
- last November, **129 FOOD BOXES** and grocery items were donated to make a Thanksgiving dinner much brighter for families? The donation value was approximately \$9,675.00 and another \$5,027.00 in gift cards was generously given.
- in the Share the Joy outreach in late November and early December, over **1,000 ITEMS** were donated that benefited Blessed Kateri Faith Formation Children's Party, Cabrini House, YouthLink, the Minneapolis American Indian Center, St. Stephen's Men's Shelter, Little Earth, the holiday store in conjunction with St. Andrew Lutheran of Eden Prairie, Risen Christi Catholic School, Kateri House, and Extension Services?
- the towel drive for Bridging netted **284** complete sets of towels, **93** sets of bath towels and wash cloths, and **109** towels?
- in spring, the Easter Basket Drive gifted East Side Learning Center, Extension Services, and individual families with **283 BASKETS?**
- Pax Christi's Quilter ministry lovingly sewed and gifted **60 QUILTS** to the 2015 graduates at Cristo Rey High School, **26 QUILTS** to a homeless shelter in Minneapolis, and **16 QUILTS** to the Baby Shower Drive held in May
- the Book Drive, an annual opportunity to assist in the great gift of reading, collected **140 BOOKS** and **\$400.00** in cash to purchase books for Blessed Trinity Catholic School?

These are just a few of the ways that parishioners have given generously. Pax Christi members also involve themselves in the ongoing endeavor of the collection of food in the burgundy bags that support the local food shelf, PROP, servicing our neighbors in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen, and the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Thousands of pounds of food are collected and distributed each month to assure that our neighbors are fed with the basic needs of humanity.

What does it mean to be human? There are good, scientific answers to that question. But perhaps the way that Jesus showed us, in compassionate loving, generous serving, non-judgmental awareness that desires the good for our neighbor, gave us the most clear answer to the question. Thank you, members of Pax Christi, for sharing your humanity with others!

GIVING IS AN ACT OF  
GENEROSITY.

GIVING IS  
SOWING A SEED.

THE SEED WILL  
PRODUCE GREAT  
HARVEST OF FRUITS.

—LAILAH GIFTY AKITA



# ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF PAX CHRISTI MEMBERS

## FISCAL YEARS 2014-2015 AND 2013-2014

Range of Amount Given	Number of Households		Percent of Households		Amount Given		Percent of Total Given	
	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14
\$0	1,347	1,369	38%	38%	\$0	\$0	0%	0%
\$1 - 500	915	888	26%	26%	\$189,429	\$190,983	7%	7%
\$501 - 1,000	439	431	13%	13%	\$312,193	\$316,357	12%	12%
\$1,001 - 1,500	298	296	9%	9%	\$374,840	\$371,465	15%	15%
\$1,501 - 2,000	145	128	4%	4%	\$253,009	\$223,252	10%	9%
Over 2,000	345	331	10%	10%	\$1,432,882	\$1,444,517	56%	57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,489</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,562,353</b>	<b>\$2,546,574</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

This report is based on Regular Contributions (i.e. Sunday Offerings) that are donor-identified. In addition, \$221,967 (8% of Regular Contributions) was contributed by non-members in loose cash and checks, and anonymously by members, and therefore is not included above.



## REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS



## OPERATIONS BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR FY 2015/2016

Approved Budget 2015-2016

### Revenue:

Regular Contributions	2,735,000
Program Income	90,000
Other Income	73,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,898,000</b>

### Expenses:

Salaries/Benefits	1,577,000
Building Services	279,100
Admin Services	132,620
Communications	9,145
Nursery	1,300
Faith Formation	105,000
Stewardship	29,100
Community Life	45,750
Justice	3,600
Pastoral Care	24,500
Worship	38,400
Leadership Development	1,500
General Administration	175,840
Archdiocesan Assessment	279,500
Justice Tithe	115,000

<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>2,817,355</b>
<b>Revenue Over (Under) Expenses:</b>	<b>80,645</b>



# OPEN WIDE THE DOORS

Pax Christi Catholic Community

## PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

**POPE FRANCIS** challenges each of us to find ways to engage in our faith, sharing our gifts with one another. It is in this spirit of engagement that across all ministries we determined our theme for the upcoming year at Pax Christi: **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS!**

We will spend the next year asking our members to open doors in worship, justice, faith formation, stewardship, pastoral care — in every part and parcel of Pax Christi, as well as in the greater community. We want our response to Pope Francis' challenge to be heard loud and clear, to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. It is a call for each of us to get up, get out, and give of ourselves to further the Kingdom of God here on earth.

In the next few weeks you will hear at Mass from members about their personal stewardship stories as well as Fr. Bill's words on Stewardship as a Way of Life. In the mail you will receive a brochure, intention card, and Time/Talent form that we ask you to review, renew, recommit, and return to the parish on a timely basis. We present you with the opportunity to kick those doors wide open and share of your unique gifts to help Pax Christi be the leader in service to others, the community, and beyond.

### WHY DO WE NEED AN ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL?

When we were in school there were tests and report cards. We get the bank statement every month; most of us hope to receive an annual pay raise for merit or cost of living purposes, so it is with Pax Christi. It's good to sit down on an annual basis and review, renew, and recommit to this community of faith. What did you do at or for Pax Christi in the last year? Were you able to move forward on your faith journey? Did you make some new friends? Did you enjoy great homilies or moving worship celebrations? If you shared your talents, did you find it life giving? How about some of our community events such as Fr. Bill's birthday celebration, the International Potluck, the Blessing of the Animals, or the RunWalkPray 5K — any of these and many more helped open the door to our members, and, hopefully, people made new connections in addition to participating in an enjoyable event.

### WHAT SHOULD WE CONSIDER FOR THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL?

All we have is gift from God, and we are merely the stewards of those gifts. We are called to share all of our gifts generously. Give time in prayer, serve others with your unique gifts, and give of your resources as you can. Start with goals that you can achieve. Rather than committing to reading the entire bible each month, setting yourself up to fail, perhaps start with ten minutes in daily prayer. Instead of putting in a full time job of volunteering at the first thing you see, how about serving others for an hour a week/month in an area that interests you and see how that works. Perhaps you make weekly Mass a given instead of a maybe. If you gave a percentage of your household income last year, can you make an increase of 1 or 2%?

There is no such thing as a gift too small or a talent that isn't welcomed. How are you called to **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** of YOUR Pax Christi?

WE CANNOT KEEP  
OURSELVES SHUT UP  
IN PARISHES, IN OUR  
COMMUNITIES, IN OUR  
PARISH OR DIOCESAN  
INSTITUTIONS, WHEN  
SO MANY PEOPLE  
ARE WAITING FOR  
THE GOSPEL! TO GO  
OUT AS ONES SENT.  
IT IS NOT ENOUGH  
SIMPLY TO OPEN THE  
DOOR IN WELCOME  
BECAUSE THEY COME,  
BUT WE MUST GO OUT  
THROUGH THAT DOOR  
TO SEEK AND MEET THE  
PEOPLE!

—POPE FRANCIS

(07/27/13, MASS WITH  
BISHOPS)



# YOU ONLY GET OUT OF LIFE WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT

**IT HAS BEEN** said that “you only get out of life what you put into it.” It goes without saying in our crazy lives of today that sharing our time and talent with others through volunteering is one of the greatest gifts we can give to others as well as ourselves.

While pondering what drives us as individuals to volunteer in our church and within our communities, Susan Salzl was kind enough to share what inspired her to get involved in Pax Christi 30 years ago and the blessings that were bestowed upon her in return.

Initially when joining this large community, she and her husband James felt like just another number added to the list of parishioners to attend Mass on weekends and holidays. It wasn't until her children were old enough to be in the nursery that she volunteered for the first time at Pax Christi. Susan began meeting other families in the church, and that feeling of “being a number” started to dissipate. Susan's turning point came soon after her children became old enough to participate in Vacation Bible Camp during the summer, and she answered a request for some parent helpers for arts and crafts by saying, “I can do that, I'm a crafty person!” Susan showed up to help prepare for the various crafts and activities and all that it entailed for more than 250 kids participating in the week-long event. While initially it seemed overwhelming at first, her natural talents fit the volunteer opportunity perfectly, and it was during this time that she grew closer to our church and felt that she was part of a much bigger family. She found enjoyment and satisfaction by using her talents, which made her want to share more of her time.

Watching their kids grow up and be part of such a wonderful community and engaging in their own volunteer activities helping others, made it all even more special and fulfilling. Over the years Susan continued to give graciously of her time to a variety of volunteer activities, depending on her schedule and availability at that time. She's volunteered with Loaves and Fishes, Faith Formation, Meals on Wheels, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and countless other opportunities as they were presented, all of these gave her a great sense of belonging and fulfillment. As Susan and James take leave of Pax Christi to relocate to the Southwest, we say thanks for all the ways you have blessed Pax Christi and hope that you will find ways to make your next church a “home” as you did here.

The lesson here for us all at Pax Christi is that there is never a shortage of ways one can contribute his/her time and talent, no matter how crazy someone's schedule may be. All you need to do is take that first step like Susan did and open up your heart to being a part of something much bigger than us all...the gift of sharing one's TIME and TALENT by volunteering.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the HEART.” Let's all do our part to **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS** and open up our hearts to grow a more giving community here at Pax Christi.

*Written by Erin Wetmore, Stewardship Council Member.*

*Information on volunteer opportunities can be found on page 17 and online at [www.paxchristi.com/volunteernow](http://www.paxchristi.com/volunteernow).*

# PAX CHRISTI PRAYS

**MANY OF US** have had a family member or friend say to us, "I am so grateful that I'm part of a faith community that prays; I don't know how I would get through this difficult time if I didn't have my faith." I know this statement is true for me and, as I said in my article last month, prayer is the cornerstone of Pastoral Care here at Pax Christi. There are many wonderful opportunities available to request prayer or to pray for others.



**THE PRAYER CORNER** is found in the bulletin each week and is intended for long-term needs. Names are listed as needed. You are invited to pray with and for these specific people.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** began nine years ago by parishioner Inez Bugman. Inez shared that the prayers of others helped her get through the difficult pain of losing her son. On her hardest days she would wrap herself in a prayer shawl given to her from a friend and through this sign and symbol felt embraced by God's love. She then knew our parish needed this beautiful ministry and since that time a team of dedicated pray-ers have knit and crocheted over 1,000 shawls. Prayers are recited in sets of three as the stiches are done. If you would like to bring the work of your hands to the care and comfort of others you are welcome to join this ministry. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone just come to the front desk and ask for Maria. She will help you pick out the perfect one with a prayer card. A suggested donation of \$20.00 helps to defray the cost of yarn.



Our **ROSARY** group gathers every Tuesday from 9:00-9:30am in the chapel to recite the rosary and support each other in times of need and thanksgiving. Each week they offer private and public prayers of petition for individuals, our community, and the world. Members have said this time-honored prayer not only unites them to the Blessed Mother but also includes a sharing and strengthening of their faith and friendship together. You are welcome to join this group whenever you are able.

Prayer is our communication with God. As you can see, we are a praying community and have many avenues for you to be with others in their time of need. Prayer provides a way to be a compassionate presence to others when we can't be physically present. We hope that you inform us when you or your loved one needs to be supported in prayer and we ask that you pray for others whenever you are able.

*Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care, and Mary Ann Callahan, Pastoral Care Specialist.*



**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Our Pastoral Care Specialist, Mary Ann Callahan, receives the requests by phone, in person, or via email, then confidentially and prayerfully distributes requests to members of our prayer line ministry. Mary Ann says, "God knows the details," so we trust the prayers will be heard by our loving God. Members of our prayer line have said:

*I print the prayers out and take them with me on my daily walk.*

*When I receive names, I pray to God for peace to surround him/her and sometimes add a specific request. Then I add that name to my prayer jar for continual prayers.*

*I pray through the names, close my eyes, and immediately pray an Our Father and Hail Mary, placing them in the loving, caring heart of our God.*



**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** are for recently deceased family members and read during our weekend Masses. We always include the names of those who have funerals here at Pax Christi, but please let us know if you have experienced a loss and would like a family member mentioned. Also, each prayer request we receive during the week is placed into the **Prayer Basket** and offered to the community during this time.

**DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.**

**—PHILIPPIANS 4:6**



## READINGS FOR OCTOBER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2015

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
 Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2015

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46  
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2015

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45  
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2015

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16  
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

## PAX CHRISTI'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA HOSTESS PLANNING MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00pm and Tuesday, November 10, 7:00pm

Ten years ago, Pax Christi introduced the Holiday Tea as one of the celebrations during its 25th anniversary year. The theme for the tea was "Stillness in the Midst of frenzy." The ladies of the parish loved the tea and it has become an annual tradition with the original theme still intact. Attendees have often commented that the tea is the beginning of the holiday season and really helps get them in the spirit. Each year the event is held on the same day as the holiday boutique so participants have two events to attend.

Planning for the tea begins in earnest in October when all interested hostesses gather at church to learn about the event and select their table. There is an additional meeting in November to finalize all the details.

Each hostess invites up to 8 people to be at her table. She provides the table decorations and the dishes. The tea food, beverages, and entertainment are covered by the cost of the table which is \$120.00.

This year's Annual Holiday Tea will be held on Saturday, December 5. If you are interested in hosting a tea table, plan to attend the hostess meetings. If you cannot attend the first meeting but want to host a table, please contact Beth Halverson, 612-272-5234. Table placements will be determined by a drawing at the October meeting.

If you have any questions please call the co-chairs Michelle Donahue, 952-479-7338, Becky Jensen, 952-941-2887, or Beth Halvorson, 612-272-5234. We hope to see you at the tea!!

JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS WHO WILL BE  
 SHARING THEIR ARTISTIC GIFTS IN THE

## 8TH ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT

DECEMBER 6-20, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Artists interested in having their work considered for the exhibit December 6-20 are encouraged to submit an application. All fine art and fine craft media accepted, including sculpture, pottery, fiber, and photography, with the exclusion of film and/or video. Three-dimensional entries encouraged. Guidelines and application procedures are available at [www.paxchristi.com/artexhibit](http://www.paxchristi.com/artexhibit).





## VOLUNTEER

### SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

This is an Adult, family, and/or youth opportunity. On Sundays mornings from 6:00–8:00am, help is needed to make coffee and perform other preparations for Sunday morning hospitality. The time Commitment is apx 2 hours per weekend.

### SUNDAY EVENING MEAL SET UP HELP

Assist on Sunday afternoons, 12:30–2:00pm, with setting up chairs and tables for the evening meal on Faith Formation nights. The time commitment is 1–2 hours per week September - May.

### MONDAY VOLUNTEERS

Help put Pax Christi back in order after a busy weekend of services and events. Duties would include vacuuming classrooms and hallways, cleaning classroom tables, whiteboards, removing trash, dusting the Sanctuary, Sacristy, and various rooms. Pick a time slot between the hours of 6:30am and 2:00pm, usually a 1 1/2 to 2-hour commitment.

### THURSDAY CLASSROOM CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help clean classrooms following Faith Formation sessions. Duties would include vacuuming classrooms and hallways, cleaning classroom windows, tables, whiteboards, and removing trash. Pick a time slot between the hours of 6:30am and 8:00pm, usually a 1 1/2 to 2-hour commitment.

### SET UP ROOMS FOR VARIOUS EVENTS

Assist with vacuuming, setting up/taking down chairs and tables. Pick a day/time slot that works for you, Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, between 6:00am and 9:00pm.

### ALTAR SERVER HELP IS NEEDED

This ministry is open to adults, teens, and youth (4th grade and older). Prayerfulness while serving, knowledge of the parts of the liturgy, and reliability are needed. Training is provided. Altar server help is needed for all Masses, especially the two 5:00pm Masses.

If interested, please contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

# PARISHIONER NEWS

## AUGUST BAPTISMS

Rylee Jane O'Shaugnessy	8/1/2015
Cecilia Noelle Duval	8/2/2015
Finley Joseph Casper	8/2/2015
Olivia Louise Brown	8/2/2015
Hazel Lauren Flossi	8/9/2015
Poppy Marie Flossi	8/9/2015
Shayda Halley Vilendrer	8/9/2015
Elizabeth Erica Rotvold	8/9/2015
Declan August Seys	8/16/2015
Aurora Marie Sobanski	8/16/2015
Vanessa Jane Moos	8/16/2015
Avelyn Marie Edy Masters	8/23/2015
Bryce Vaughan Larson	8/23/2015

## AUGUST WEDDINGS

Jenny Lacina & Peter Wagner	8/1/2015
Kaitlin Johnson & Gregory Betlach	8/8/2015

## AUGUST FUNERAL

Eleanor Burrock	8/11/2015
Jayne Huffman	8/11/2015
Lucille Pierce	8/14/2015
Michael L. Puetz	8/21/2015

## AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

Jill and Kyle Brehm
Adam and Kate Brickner
Messah Combey- Adamah and Stephanie Combey
Mrs. JeNean Cory
Jerry and Shari Grob
Brianna Haus
John and Michele Hizon
Bill and Amy Hohenecker
McKenzie Kemper
John Knutson and Rebecca Fishbune
Dana Marsh
Jeff and Ann McArthur
Anto Rajendran and Benitta Victor
Karia Renteria
Eric and Meagan Ricard
Jacob and Tracey Schmitz
Thomas and Jennifer Styczinski

## OCTOBER

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, BEGINNING WITH MASS at 8:30am**

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

### ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 9:00am, St. Francis Shrine**

Calling all llamas, lizards, guinea pigs, cockatoos, and, of course, dogs and cats. It's 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'll have a short prayer service, bless each pet individually, snap a photo of Fido with Father McMichael, and then feel free to enjoy a walk around the pond and treat yourself to some coffee and pastries. There will be pet-friendly treats on hand, too! Visit our pet resource displays to learn about Pax Christi's new Pax's Pets Ministry and other animal resources available in the community.



## 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](http://www.paxchristi.com) for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at [www.paxchrisi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchrisi.com/eventregistration). Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

### MOMS ROCK: DR STEVE KAHN

**Parenting Today with an Eye on Tomorrow  
Wednesday, October 7, 9:30-11:30am RSVP**

Dr. Kahn is a local psychologist specializing in parenting. His group, Phoenix School Counseling, provides counseling, assessment services, and presentations on parenting to school, business, and church groups. He is the author of *Insightful Parenting: Making Moments Count*. Moms ROCK gatherings include brunch and relaxing social time, followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker.

### BOOMERS AND BEYOND: FMSC

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 9:30-11:30am RSVP**

Help to feed starving children by working with other volunteers to pack special nutritionally formulated meals. Through missionary partnerships, these meals are shipped to nearly 70 countries. No fee required. Participants interested in meeting afterwards for lunch can join other Boomers at a location chosen that day. Please RSVP by October 1.

### MOMS ROCK PRESENTS: COUPLES NIGHT OUT

**How To Be Married and Stay Engaged with John Buri**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 6:00-8:30pm (FOLLOWING THE 5:00pm Mass)  
\$20/COUPLE PREREGISTERED, \$30/COUPLE AT THE DOOR RSVP**

John Buri will help you discover ways to strengthen and deepen your marriage. His engaging talk on marriage as our vocation – very close to the heart of God – will help shed new light on how you view this partnership. Utilizing the "love bank" metaphor, he'll explore the keys to keeping a positive balance in the "love bank": the "nice to nasty" ratio, gratitude, dealing with conflict, the "Sparknotes." You don't want to miss it. John Buri has been teaching at the University of St. Thomas for over 25 years. He is a frequent speaker on topics of marriage, parenting, dating, and family life. Buri works in the Marriage Prep Program and Marriage Enrichment Program in the Archdiocese and has published two books, *How to Love Your Wife* and *Intentional Dating*, along with over 60 articles and book chapters.

A variety of main course chili will be provided. Each couple is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Register online at [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration) under "Moms ROCK." Childcare and a kid-friendly meal for children is included in the fee but you must preregister.

### PAX CHRISTI'S +55 GROUP SUNDAY BRUNCH

**Sunday, October 11, 11:00am, Jimmy's Minnetonka**

Are you a 55+ single? Join other area singles for food and fun. This month's site is Jimmy's located in the Opus Complex, 11000 Red Circle Drive, Minnetonka. RSVP by Wednesday October 7 to Stevie at 952-941-9295.

## YEAR OF ENCOUNTER WITH POPE FRANCIS

**Beginning October 14 and 15**

Please note: this fall session of Year of Encounter with Pope Francis is full and no longer taking registrations. Watch this PaxChristiNews Magazine and online for details on upcoming sessions.

## FALL WATERSHED WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:15PM, Greening Your Congregation RSVP**

There is no fee to attend. Easy action resources and refreshments provided. This event is to educate us about rain garden projects and simple steps we can take at home to protect our lakes, streams, and ground water. The event is co-sponsored by and will feature speakers from the Arboretum, Nine Mile and Riley Purgatory Water Shed Districts, cities of Eden Prairie and Minnetonka, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Pax Christi Catholic Community, and Alliance for Sustainability. Learn more about the program and RSVP at 612-250-0389 or on line at [www.afors.org/congregations](http://www.afors.org/congregations).

## FALL ART EXHIBIT: CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION

**October 18–November 7, Pacem In Terris Gallery, Room 247**

*Celebrating God's Creation* is the selected theme of the show, and watercolor is the medium. Whether the painting is a landscape from afar, a simple pot of flowers, a religious icon, or a country church, the subject springs from the individual artist's memories, experiences, and emotions. The show is a celebration of the artists' lives and the world God created. In this day and age it is more important than ever to slow down for a minute and appreciate the beauty in nature. As the famous architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe once said, "God is in the details." By day we are architects, teachers, writers, art directors, and business professionals. Complete details at [www.paxchristi.com/artexhibit](http://www.paxchristi.com/artexhibit).



*The Brush Pilots: parishioner Jean M. Allen is a member along with metro artists Sonja Hutchinson, Carol Wingard, Victor Perlbachs, Buffie Shannon, Mary Rogers, Vera Kovacovic, Roy Lindaas, and Theresa Weseman.*

## LIFE PLANNING SAMPLER

**Sundays, 10:00–11:00 am, October 25, November 1, 8, Room 245**

Who would speak for you if you couldn't speak for yourself? Why do we need Dementia Friends? How can I be well on purpose? Join us for the Life Planning Sampler series to learn about ways that you can support yourself, your family, and your community. Our first Life Planning Sampler is on Advance Care Planning:

### • Advance Care Planning – October 25

**Who would speak for you if you couldn't speak for yourself?**

In the event of a sudden illness or injury you may not be able to communicate your healthcare choices to your loved ones or your medical team. Advance Care Planning is an ongoing process of evaluating and reflecting on your medical options in light of your values, beliefs, goals, and current health status.

Ann Dunagan, Parish Nurse, and a trained facilitator for Advance Care Planning and a Fairview Health Services Advance Care Planning Liaison, will offer an introductory conversation for people interested in learning more about the process of completing a Health Care Directive. Topics include: how to choose a Health Care Agent, the importance of the conversation, and what's in a Health Care Directive.

## MAKE PLANS NOW

## BOOMERS AND BEYOND: SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

**Saturday, November 7, 11:00am RSVP**

Join the Boomers and Beyond group for a hands-on workshop exploring the many benefits of the four popular social media apps used at Pax Christi: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. You'll receive an overview of these apps, including information on security and privacy, and how to view all the information Pax Christi posts on these platforms. You never have to "post" any personal information; you can just view what Pax Christi posts/communicates to its followers. Basic computer skills are a plus but not necessary. Bring your smart device and/or laptop to class with you. This event is in conjunction with the Pax Christi senior high youth as part of their social media retreat. Pax Christi youth will join the group for lunch and assist with the hands-on learning portion of the day. The event fee is included in the Boomers and Beyond annual membership dues. A fee of \$5.00 for non-members will be collected at the door. Please RSVP by October 31.

## OPENING CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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

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

We will celebrate with our sisters and brothers who have joined us from near and far. An International Pot Luck Supper will precede the Mass.

# OCTOBER

See pages 18-19 for details  
or visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 VIRTUS TRAINING	2 FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	3 VIRTUS TRAINING BLESSING OF ANIMALS
4 FAITH FORMATION	5 POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS	6 BAPTISM PREP SESSION HOLIDAY TEA MTG. ARCHBISHOP HEBDA LISTENING SESSION	7 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION RCIA	8 BOOMERS EVENT	9 BOX CITY SLEEP OUT	10 COUPLES NIGHT OUT
11 55+ SUNDAY BRUNCH FAITH FORMATION	12 POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS	13	14 YEAR OF ENCOUNTER	15 YEAR OF ENCOUNTER WATERSHED WORKSHOP	16	17
18 ART EXHIBIT OPENS	19 POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS	20	21 MOMS ROCK YEAR OF ENCOUNTER FAITH FORMATION RCIA	22 YEAR OF ENCOUNTER	23	24 HALLOWEEN SOCIAL
25 LIFE PLANNING SAMPLER FAITH FORMATION	26 BLOOD DRIVE POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS	27 FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION	28 YEAR OF ENCOUNTER FAITH FORMATION RCIA	29 YEAR OF ENCOUNTER FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION	30	31 YOUTH CROSS DESIGN WORKSHOP





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