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Saturday 5:00pm
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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

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Saturdays 4:00–4:30pm

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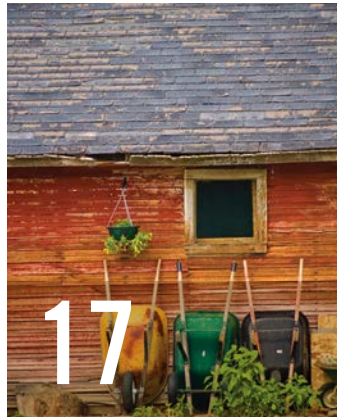
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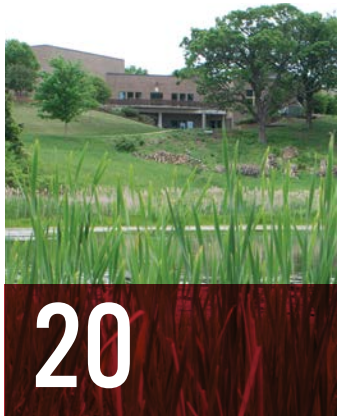
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BEFORE I FORGET...



Fr. Bill Murtaugh
Pastor

CHRISTIANS
ARE HARD TO
TOLERATE. I
DON'T KNOW
HOW JESUS
DOES IT.
— BONO

HAVE YOU heard about the “Nones”? The term comes from national surveys that ask people to identify their religious preference. In this survey people self-identify as PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, JEWISH, MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, HINDU, or OTHER. They can also choose **NONE**. So “nones” are people who have no formal religious affiliation. That does not mean they are not interested in spirituality. In fact, many “nones” describe themselves as spiritual but not religious. Only a small percentage of them are atheists. For many years only 6% of Americans were “nones.” However, over the past decade that number has skyrocketed. Today 20% of the population are “nones,” and that number is increasing rapidly, especially among young adults. One-third of adults age 18 to 29 currently have no religious affiliation.

What prompted this major increase in religiously unaffiliated people? Researchers have discovered that in the early 1900s, most Americans identified Christianity with religious right fundamentalism. This brand of Christianity is seen by many as arrogant, judgmental, negative, close-minded, and partisan in politics. Over the past 20 years, that kind of fundamentalist religion has turned off a huge number of Americans, especially young

ones, and caused many of them to reject religion altogether. In essence they said, “If this is Christianity, I want no part of it.” Researchers say this dynamic is the primary reason for the huge increase in people who now have no religious affiliation.

A growing number of Americans are starving for an alternative to negative, close-minded, judgmental, partisan, anti-women, anti-science religion. Instead, they are searching for a positive, grace-filled, open-minded, gender-equal faith option. Many are finding that in moderate Christian communities. They are discovering that the answer to bad religion is not no religion but good religion.

Unfortunately, there continues to be a lot of bad religion out there, still causing people, especially young adults, to abandon their faith. And it’s not only Christianity. When I think of all the bad religion out there,

especially in Christianity, I can relate to the musician Bono’s statement, “Christians are hard to tolerate. I don’t know how Jesus does it.”

There are benefits to religion. Look at all the colleges/universities founded by Christian denominations right here in Minnesota: St. Catherine, St. Thomas, St. Mary, St. Scholastica, St. John, St. Benedict, Concordia, Hamline, Carleton, Gustavus Adolphus, Augsburg, Macalester, St. Olaf, to name some off the top of my head. There are the Jesuit colleges and universities numbering in the high twenties, plus the many founded by religious sisters’ communities and men’s religious orders. They should remind us that religion is not anti-intellectual.

If there was no religion, medicine would look different. Early hospitals were built by people of faith who wanted to carry on Christ’s healing ministry.



If there was no religion, charity would be greatly diminished. The early Christians created the first charities. They began by supporting widows and orphans, and that early charitable movement gave birth to virtually every charity we know today, including the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, World Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Bread for the World, and many others.

Without religion, oppression would be even worse in the world. Religion was primarily responsible for ending child labor, helping to create unions for workers, and ending slavery in our country. Religion also fueled the civil rights movement in the U.S.

In short, if there was no religion, the world would be a far more dismal place. Even some atheists agree with this assessment — that religion provides society with many benefits. In a *Christian Century* magazine interview with Bruce Sheiman, author of *An Atheist Defends Religion: Why Humanity is Better Off with Religion than Without It*, Sheiman said, "I don't know if anybody is going to be able to convince me that God exists, but they can convince me that religion has intrinsic value."

For the past decade, the focus of many Catholics and others has been the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and religious. Indeed,

it has been a horrible crime and has caused great harm to those abused by "religious" figures. Molesters, and all the bishops who covered up these horrific crimes against children and others, are an example of bad religion. I do believe that Archbishop Hebda is the right person to lead us through bankruptcy and provide this local archdiocese the healing we all need as Catholic Christians.

As pastor of Pax Christi Catholic Community, I see the benefits of religion every day of the week. Several thousand people assemble every weekend for Mass, baptisms, and faith formation, helping them see a world bigger than themselves. Young couples are still getting here and raising their children according to the Law of Christ and the Gospel. This community reaches out to our elderly and sick members and visits residents in several care centers each week. Each month members of the parish take warm food prepared at Pax Christi and serve it to people who are struggling to just survive. Our Twelve Baskets ministry collects school supplies and books for several inner-city families. This year, our 35th anniversary as a parish, we will be involved in Habitat for Humanity with our volunteers and a \$35,000.00 dollar donation, \$1,000.00 dollars for each year of our existence as a



Catholic Community. When there is a need for a second collection for folks devastated by floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, our parishioners are extremely generous as Christians. Every summer a visiting missionary makes an appeal for his/her order or diocese working in third-world countries. Our quilters make a quilt for every graduating senior at Cristo Rey High School in Minneapolis. Most of them will be the first person in their family to go to college. And the list could go on and on.

Good religion **builds community**, a very unique community of believers in God, in Jesus Christ, in a Gospel-way-of-living. We **pray** for and **support** one another on this journey of life and faith. We **engage in** services as Jesus taught. We **practice forgiveness**. We **prioritize love** of God and neighbor, especially the poor. We try to **provide a**

prophetic voice or reflect on the sacred scriptures. We **live** with **integrity** and moral **character**.

I am grateful to be assigned as pastor to this dynamic community. I hope you are, too. Gratitude is at the heart of religion. Gratitude is our most direct line to God. Gratitude is good for the soul, good for the heart, good for the mind, and good for the body. People who are constantly grateful experience far more joy, contentment, and fulfillment than those who are not grateful. If I could choose one word to say as I leave this world, it would be "thanks."

Thank you for being an active and supporting member of Pax Christi. We are able to practice good religion because of your financial support throughout the year. It's that time of year when we ask you for your financial support. We need everyone to support the good work done at Pax Christi. Thanks!



FINANCIAL REPORT 2015 – 2016

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

WE ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVE

PAX CHRISTI took our second member Engagement Survey this year, and the responses were terrific. The survey showed an increase in engagement at Pax Christi. As our Member Engagement Steering Committee defines it, engagement is an individual's spiritual connection to God and others in this community. Engagement is much more than being involved in this community or being a member of Pax Christi. Being engaged is being committed to moving forward in one's spiritual journey and aligning with the mission, vision, and values of this, your chosen community. The response of the individual will be different as each of us has unique and varied gifts to share. Let's shine a light on a few of the ways members of Pax Christi shared their resources, prayer, and talents within and outside the community.

WE SHARED GIFTS OF PRAYER AND GIFTS OF OUR TIME AND TALENT

ARTS, CAMPUS, AND GARDENS MINISTRY: They may have changed their name from Facilities, but 125 ministers provided 5,946 hours of service to keep the building and grounds humming along and providing a hospitable welcome to all.

COMMUNICATION ARTS MINISTRY: Snapping images of members sharing their gifts, their time, and their prayer and then conveying all things Pax Christi through a variety of mediums was gifted by 39 ministers for 267 hours.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY: Lifelong Learning is a Pax Christi founding value, and 471 ministers shared 17,146 hours to help share, live, and learn our faith.

FINANCE MINISTRY: Guidance to keep us transparent and accountable with your financial gifts was shared by 44 ministers for 828 hours.

JUSTICE MINISTRY: This past year, the ministers concentrated on the 35-year projects of serving those most in need with our Loaves and Fishes program, serving a monthly nutritious meal out of St. Stephen's in Minneapolis and the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul. Justice ministers also expanded their involvement to begin serving twice monthly meals at YouthLink in Minneapolis. From long-term programs to new ministries, 857 ministers shared 9,600 hours in service.

LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY: Ten years into our leadership format where all leadership councils meet on the third Tuesday of the month for prayer, a light meal, and meetings, Pax Christi is honored to still enjoy a full slate of 75 leaders, representing eight ministry areas and three at-large Community Council members. The Lay Leadership Development Ministry assists in the discernment process and oversees the Member Engagement process, utilizing 33 ministers and 1,132 hours shared.

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PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Providing comfort, care, and support to members and those in need within the greater community was more than ably shared by 244 ministers for a total of 20,100 hours.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY: The welcome mat was rolled out by 1,065 shared ministers in 16,785 hours of gifts to help us be hospitable, welcoming, and serve one another graciously.

WORSHIP MINISTRY: When two or more of us come together around the Eucharistic table, we are all richly blessed. The table was prepared, the environment carefully tended, and prayers, music, and spoken word proclaimed our love of God through the voices and actions of 804 ministers providing us with 28,430 hours of gifts.

WE SHARED OUR RESOURCES

We continue to encourage members to participate in the Annual Stewardship Renewal, and last year 33% of the households returned intention cards. We would like to see this number increase to include all households providing us with intention cards for the upcoming year so we can budget wisely and maintain the excellence in worship and ministries you have come to expect from Pax Christi.

Currently 2,193 members utilize monthly or weekly envelopes to share their financial gifts to Pax Christi.



Pax Christi has 686 Electronic Funds Transfer Donors (197 Credit Card donors and 489 Bank Transfer donors), and 75 automatic bill pay donors continue to provide a steady income to Pax Christi all through the year. This automation saves time, minimizes errors, and keeps gifts coming in even when members are out of town.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.

Time/Talent Shared by Ministry Area: Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Ministry	Active Ministries	Number of Occurrences of Shared Ministers	Total of Hours Gifted
Arts, Campus, Gardens	16	125	5,946
Communication Arts	3	39	267
Faith Formation	28	471	17,146
Finance	2	44	828
Justice	16	857	9,600
Lay Leadership Dev.	4	33	1,132
Pastoral Care	23	244	20,100
Stewardship	25	1,065	16,785
Worship	21	804	28,430
2015-2016 TOTAL	138	3,682	100,234
2014-2015 TOTAL	130	3,093	102,349

You Answered the Call to Serve with Your Gifts of Prayer and Service

For the last five years, Pax Christi has calculated the hours shared by engaged members of our community in service and prayer in our ministries. In a nod to increased engagement, we experienced a nearly 20% increase in the number of shared ministry occurrences. We know that some people are engaged in one ministry, while others are involved in several ministries within our community, but to be able to increase the total number by 589 ministers is remarkable! Thank you for answering the call to serve with your gifts.

We remained over the 100,000 milestone of total hours gifted, which was first passed last fiscal year. If we were to compare your hours gifted to that of an average full-time employee of a business, your generosity is equal to the amount of hours of an additional 49 full-time employees!

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 use the form included in the Annual Stewardship Renewal materials that will be arriving in member homes in mid-October.



REVENUE

Regular contributions of \$2,782,947 were flat from last year, down by \$1,373. Other sources of revenue include program fees, memorials, and event income, as well as Capital Reserve, Operating Reserve, and Leadership Development Fund's interest, dividends, and changes in market value totaling \$344,261. A special gift of \$500,000, with no special designation, was received; this was deposited into an operational reserve fund for future needs as budget remained in balance. Contributions to the Crossroads Fund totaled \$18,205, which is designated for capital improvements. Total revenues were \$3,645,412.

EXPENSES

Operating expenses of \$2,736,990 decreased 1.1% from last year mainly because of parish staff working hard in their efforts of reviewing proposed expenses for reductions and holding costs in line to budget. Parish was debt-free for the year and had \$0 in interest expense for the year. 2016 was the second consecutive year of zero-based budgeting which did not depend on special gifts or earnings from reserve funds. Total expenses were compared to budget amounts of \$2,817,355.

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

	2016	2015	2014
Revenues			
Regular Contributions	\$ 2,782,947	\$ 2,784,320	\$ 2,790,819
Special Gift	0	0	1,500,000
Crossroads Fund	18,205	55,654	167,513
Program Fees	85,471	96,913	90,494
Other Revenue	758,790	131,812	305,314
Total Revenues	3,645,412	3,068,699	4,854,140
Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	1,535,999	1,601,233	1,672,850
Programs	262,198	238,974	243,056
Administrative	229,942	290,458	394,211
Building Services	258,489	261,098	272,100
Interest	0	7,835	8,404
Justice Tithe	154,809	120,439	115,563
Archdiocesan Assessment	279,398	232,832	270,214
Dedicated Funds Expense	16,155	14,971	4,990
Total Expenses	2,736,990	2,767,840	2,981,387
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	908,422	300,859	1,872,753
Other Sources (Uses) of Cash			
(Invest in) Cash Out Designated Funds	(1,162,254)	(1,530,706)	(15,104)
Crossroads Fund Projects	(99,087)	(173,994)	(210,994)
Other Capital Expenditures	(22,964)	(39,740)	0
Change in Other Assets and Liabilities	57,238	11,530	(104,334)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Noncash Activities			
Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	15,669	131,584
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash Before Financing Activities	(1,227,067)	(1,416,381)	1,673,905
Scheduled Debt Payments	0	(247,782)	(66,144)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (318,645)	\$ (1,664,163)	\$ 1,607,761

FINANCIAL POSITION

The positive trend in expense controls and the one time gift of \$500,000 had Pax Christi accumulate additional cash. From these two sources and existing cash in our accounts, the Finance Committee created an operational reserve account for future operating shortfalls with a balance of \$1,004,226; this account is named Cash Management Account. This fund is managed independently from Pax Christi staff within the Pax Christi investment guidelines. Not including these funds which are invested for longer term, our remaining cash and cash equivalents of \$587,205 are down \$237,763 from one year ago. Without the one-time gift, the total cash and cash equivalents would have increased \$266,463. This increase is the sixth consecutive year that enabled Pax Christi to fund operations and remain debt-free. Pax Christi has set a goal of holding approximately six months of operating expenses in cash to provide for any negative fluctuations in future years.

Pax Christi again shared its gifts generously, contributing \$154,809 for Justice Grants.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

A Capital Reserve Fund has been created to continue the work of the Crossroads Fund. This fund was started in 2014 through 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 20 years. As of June 30, 2016, this fund had a balance of \$1,590,103, an increase of \$64,755 (4.25%) from one year ago.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2016	2015	2014
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 587,205	\$ 824,968	\$ 853,996
Restricted Cash – Crossroads Fund	74,980	155,862	290,997
Restricted Cash – Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	1,500,000
Other Current Assets	2,687	11,258	51,363
Total Current Assets	664,872	992,088	2,696,356
Fixed Assets			
Land and Land Improvements	865,398	865,398	865,398
Building	9,839,169	9,839,169	9,839,169
Furniture and Equipment	3,394,009	3,271,958	3,073,892
Total Fixed Assets	14,098,576	13,976,525	13,778,460
Long-Term Investments			
Capital Revenue Fund	1,590,103	1,525,348	0
Leadership Development Fund	296,165	289,948	284,591
Cash Management	1,004,226		
Total Assets	\$17,653,942	\$16,783,910	\$16,759,408
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 35,662	\$ 37,422	\$ 64,404
Note Payable	0	0	247,782
Other Liabilities	79,491	29,064	30,658
Total Liabilities	115,153	66,486	342,843
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	15,691,958	14,783,646	14,346,806
Temporarily Restricted	1,629,488	1,716,435	1,852,416
Permanently Restricted	217,343	217,343	217,343
Total Net Assets	17,538,789	16,717,424	16,416,565
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$17,653,942	\$16,783,910	\$16,759,408



GENEROSITY ABOUNDS

AND THE CROWDS
ASKED HIM, JOHN THE
BAPTIST, "WHAT THEN
SHOULD WE DO?" IN
REPLY TO THEM HE SAID,
"WHOEVER HAS TWO
COATS MUST SHARE
WITH ANYONE WHO HAS
NONE: AND WHOEVER
HAS FOOD MUST DO
LIKEWISE."
—LUKE 3:10-11



AS FOLLOWERS of Christ, we are asked to serve those among us, be the hands and feet of Christ. Parishioners time and time again answer this call and display their generosity by giving to those in need through contributing to the Twelve Baskets' annual drives. These acts of kindness and love are shown through the purchase of a backpack filled with school supplies, the gift of a Thanksgiving Meal, or a wrapped Christmas gift for the Blessed Kateri class party. Thank you parishioners for your generous hearts!

TWELVE BASKETS GENEROSITY REPORT FY2015-2016

AUGUST 2015: BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Ninety-five Backpacks and 3,447 school supplies were collected and distributed to Blessed Kateri, PROP, Loaves and Fishes, Risen Christ Catholic School, Blessed Trinity Catholic School, and Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

OCTOBER 2015: HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

Fifty scarves and 448 hats and mittens/gloves sets were sorted and distributed to Risen Christ, Holy Rosary, Gichitwaa Kateri Church, Small Sums, Cabrini Partnership, St. Stephen's Men's Shelter, and Loaves and Fishes (St. Stephen's).

NOVEMBER 2015: THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

Parishioners donated 129 meal boxes valued at \$7,095 (\$55 each) and nearly \$6,000 in gift cards to provide turkeys and other groceries to Extension Services and Little Earth.

DECEMBER 2015: SHARE THE JOY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Gichitwaa Kateri Faith Formation Party- 100 wrapped gifts @ \$25-30 per gift
- Holiday Store partnering with St. Andrews in Eden Prairie
- 373 gifts (\$20 value)
- \$840.00 in Target Giftcards
- 246 rolls of wrapping paper
- Laundry Baskets -74 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 - 170 gifts
- Seventeen uniform pants and \$450.00 donated to Risen Christ Catholic School
- St. Stephen's Men's Shelter - 50 hats, 50 gloves, 169 pair of wool socks, 45 flannel shirts, 45 complete sets of long underwear, 960 hand warmers, 71 rain ponchos, and 14 sleeping bags
- Kateri House - 30 pajamas, 19 slippers, 7 gloves, 8 hats, chocolates, scarf, 48 bottles of lotion/shampoo/conditioner, 20 Christmas tins
- PROP box of sale samples and 26 toys
- Launch Ministry Chaska-Men's Shelter - 23 hats/gloves, 3 sweatpants/sweatshirts, 6 undershirts, and box of hand warmers



FEBRUARY 2016: BRIDGING DRIVE

308 blankets, 229 new and 79 used, collected and given to Bridging.

MARCH 2016: EASTER BASKET DRIVE

256 Easter Baskets collected and distributed to Extension Services, PROP, Holy Rosary, and St Pascal's.

MAY 2016: BABY DRIVE

116 boxes/packages of diapers, 105 packages of baby wipes, 14 containers of formula and 65 jars of baby food, 224 clothing items, 83 blankets/towels/crib sheets, 255 miscellaneous items-toys, bottles, bibs, lotions/shampoo, etc. given to Tapestry Pregnancy and Life Care Center Minneapolis, Holy Rosary Church, and Health Partners Mother/Baby Program for at-risk mothers.

JUNE 2016: BOOK DRIVE

For Blessed Trinity, moved to September 17/18 and 24/25, 2016.

A SNAPSHOT OF PAX CHRISTI

	Members	Change
Pax Christi Households:	3,484	-5
Members:	10,138	+70

Age Distribution of Current Members:

Age	Members	Change
Birth to 18 years old	2,264	-68
19 to 29 years old	1,760	+30
30 to 49 years old	1,997	-7
50 to 69 years old	3,001	+53
70 to 79 years old	606	+37
80 years and older	263	+29
Unknown birth dates	247	-4

Gender Distribution of Members:

	Members	Change
Females	5,263	+18
Males	4,875	+52

Sacrament of Initiation:

	Members	Change
Infant Baptisms	125	-4
Adult Baptisms	3	+2
Received into Full Communion	4	+2
First Communions	79	-31
Confirmations	86	-13
Adult Confirmation	11	+10

FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT:

	Members	Change
Elementary Children	336	-114
J.H. and S.H. Youth	254	-55

Marriages:	20	0
Deaths:	51	-1

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF PAX CHRISTI MEMBERS

Range of Amount Given	Number of Households	Percent of Households	Amount Given	Percent of Total Given
\$0	1,358	38%	\$0	0%
\$1 - 500	902	26%	\$190,000	7%
\$501 - 1,000	435	13%	\$315,000	12%
\$1,001 - 1,500	297	9%	\$372,000	15%
\$1,501 - 2,000	137	4%	\$238,000	10%
Over 2,000	338	10%	\$1,438,000	56%
Total	3,467	100%	\$2,553,000	100%

This chart reflects the average giving of households from prior fiscal years based on Regular Contributions.

This chart reflects identified givers. 92% of our annual contributions are donor-identified. So, even though it shows 38% of households with no giving, they could be donating cash on a regular basis anonymously.



REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS



OPERATIONS BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR FY 2016/2017

Approved Budget 2016-2017

Revenue:

Regular Contributions	2,735,000
Program Income	90,000
Other Income	75,000
Total Revenue	2,900,000

Expenses:

Salaries/Benefits	1,625,000
Building Services	277,650
Admin Services	114,100
Communications	9,530
Nursery	1,300
Faith Formation	105,875
Stewardship	23,600
Community Life	50,750
Justice	3,600
Pastoral Care	23,500
Worship	40,500
Leadership Development	1,100
General Administration	155,700
Archdiocesan Assessment	253,250
Justice Tithe	12,500

Total Expenses:	2,810,455
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses:	89,545

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God?

—Micah 6:8



PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

OCTOBER brings a change of seasons to us hearty Minnesotans. In one mere month, we can be treated to a few days of summery hot, enjoy nature's fall foliage show, and get our first taste of what winter promises. Pennant races (for others), football, school activities, fall chores, and social must dos crowd our calendar, each clamoring for our attention. On top of all this, Pax Christi adds another "must do," our Annual Stewardship Renewal.

Our community-wide theme this year is **WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE**. The prophet Micah answered a contemporary's question: *What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God?* (Micah 6:8).

Last year we responded to Pope Francis' Year of Mercy, and we opened wide the doors. This year, those doors remain open in welcome, but we build upon that goal and seek opportunities to generously serve those we encounter. We are called to serve others using our prayer, talents, and resources in a just manner, to do the right thing. We need to serve lovingly, just as God loves us, unconditionally. We can be bold in our actions, but our gifts should be given without strings attached. We can start with our families, move on to neighbors and friends, continue with other members of Pax Christi, and keep on going to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

The Annual Stewardship Renewal offers a myriad of ways for each member to use in personalizing the call to serve, and it all comes down to three words: review, renew, and respond.

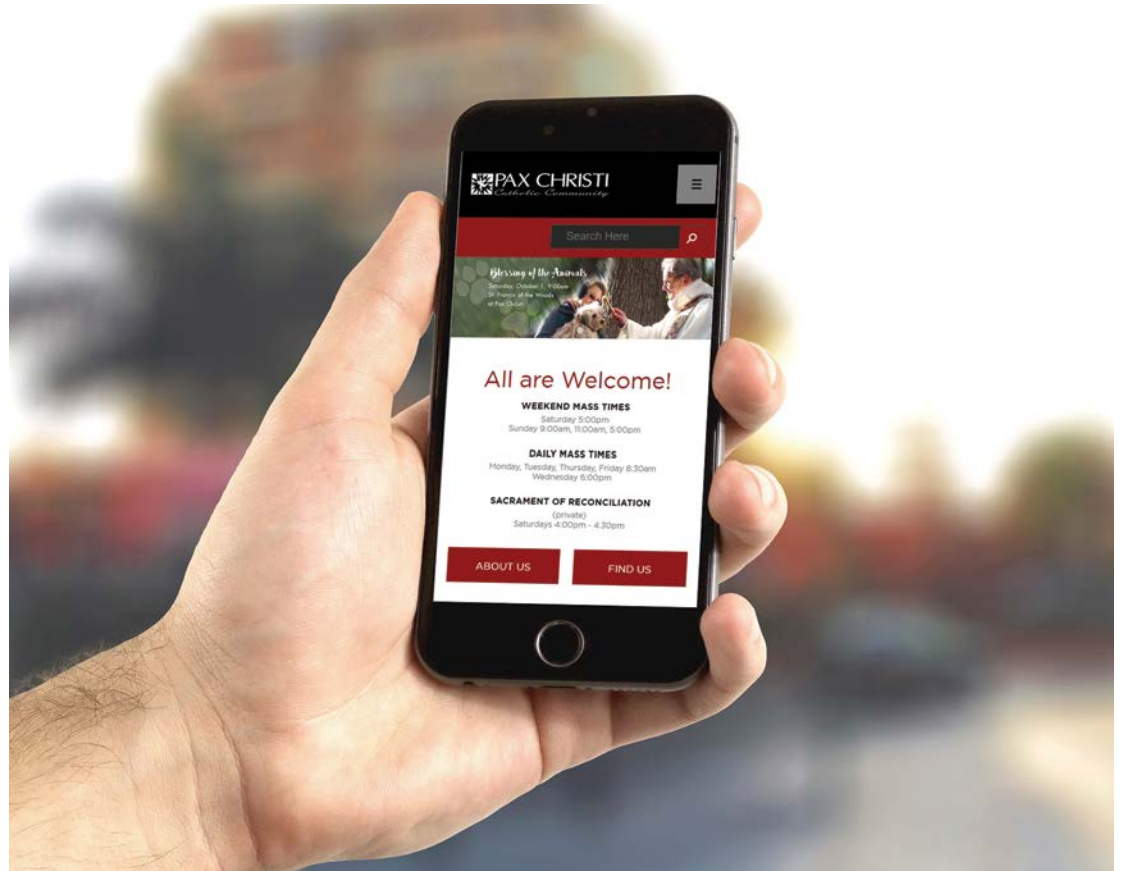
REVIEW your gifts that you shared previously. How did you put your gifts to use to serve others last year? Were you pleased with your efforts? Could you have shared more or in other ways? Are you being called to serve other needs, or are you feeling pressure to dial back? A frank and honest review of where you stand each year is helpful to keeping your feet on solid ground.

RENEW your gifts annually. Take the time to consider where and how you will serve this community in the upcoming year. Rather than returning your intention card once and "letting it roll," take time to contemplate where you put your financial resources and where you spend your time. Is it with the organizations that are aligned with your values? If not, make the change. Also, consider if you have the ability to give your giving a raise and increase the amount of time and/or resources shared. Sharing an additional hour a month of your time/talent or choosing to increase your giving by 1% or 2% can help this community be prepared to serve the needs we see. Most importantly, every gift makes a difference; there is no such thing as a gift too small or time too limited to share.

RESPOND promptly. We rely on the commitments shared to help us budget appropriately for the upcoming year. Our community is no different than each of our member's households. We have heating bills, snow removal, lights, water, regular maintenance needs, and operating costs that go up, rarely down. We have ministries to sustain, programs to support, and salaries to pay. Our goal is to receive intention cards and time/talent forms from each household. To be good stewards of the gifts we receive, we want to hear from everyone, even if you cannot commit to a specific monetary amount or to an individual ministry. Your response is what helps Pax Christi answer the call to serve.

IN A WORLD LIKE THIS,
MEDIA CAN HELP US TO FEEL
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UNITY OF THE HUMAN
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AND SERIOUS EFFORTS TO
ENSURE A MORE DIGNIFIED
LIFE FOR ALL.

—POPE FRANCIS, MESSAGE
FOR THE 48TH WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS DAY,
JAN. 24, 2014



SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

COMMUNICATION is an important aspect for any community, and we at Pax Christi are no different. We rely on a variety of communication mediums to spread the good news about Pax Christi and keep our parishioners aware and informed about the latest happenings. To this end, we are in process of transitioning to a new website. It will now be offered in responsive design, which means it adjusts for optimum viewing and interaction whether viewed on a PC, tablet, or smartphone.

One new exciting way of communicating all the involvement opportunities we have to offer is an interactive “serving hub” on our new website located at www.paxchristi.com/serve. This past month Pax Christi rolled out a new theme for the year “We are Called to Serve.” So what does it mean to you? It means we invite you to get involved in a way that makes sense for you, and the serving hub will help you do just that.

Explore the serving hub and learn about endless opportunities where you can make a difference, both within the Pax Christi community and within the greater Twin Cities community. You can read more about the various activities on the serving hub, in some cases sign up, or express an interest to learn more and receive information from the person in charge of that effort.

In September we introduced new video announcements on the big screen in the sanctuary at all Masses. This will help keep parishioners informed about what is going on in the community. We are also in the process of revamping the weekly eNEWS to be streamlined and less cluttered. The new format will offer more links and opportunities to visit us online and learn more about specific efforts.

As you can see, communication is an important function at Pax Christi. If you enjoy any of the following activities/talents, we invite you to join us. For details or additional information, contact Melissa Nault, Communication Arts Director, mnault@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7221.



PHOTOGRAPHY POOL

Expand your photography portfolio while using your time and talents meeting new people and helping promote Pax Christi events — both online and in print. Photos are also needed on occasion of Pax Christi's interior and exterior spaces.



WRITER POOL

Our Communication Arts department is looking to expand its writer talent pool. The four types of writing we frequently use in various communication platforms are: magazine articles (like this one), event announcements, press releases, and social media content. Editor/proof readers are also needed to review parish communications.



VIDEO MINISTRY

We're looking for parishioners who are passionate about storytelling through video production. Do you feel a call to serve Pax Christi with your time and talent producing videos, short films, and event announcements? If your answer is "yes," then you could be the next member of our newly forming video ministry.

SOCIAL MEDIA

To really be in the know and up to speed on all things Pax Christi, we invite you to follow us on social media. We welcome your comments and posts.



www.facebook.com/PaxChristiEP



www.instagram.com/paxchristiep



www.youtube.com/user/PaxChristiEP



twitter.com/PaxChristiEP

In addition to following us on social media, we encourage you to write a review of your experience of being part of the Pax Christi community on Google or Yelp. Personal testimonials and experiences make a huge difference in helping to increase awareness about Pax Christi and the many positive efforts undertaken by our community.

Written by Geri Martins, Pax Christi parishioner.



OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS SEEKING SINGERS!

We are open to enthusiastic kids between grades 2 and 6. We rehearse on Sundays at 10am and sing at about one Mass each month. You do not need to make each rehearsal or Mass to participate. Come to our first rehearsal on October 2, at 10:00am in the chapel to find out more! Contact Amanda Tahnk-Johnson at Amanda.TahnkJohnson@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: AN OPEN INVITATION

Why sing? Why play an instrument? Why do we do what we do? Because this is our shared ministry! We do it to enhance our sung prayer by proclaiming the Good News. Our aim is to lead, support, and enhance the beauty of our liturgies, to assist in breaking open the Word, to model faith and service, to become people of prayer, to inspire works of justice, and to enjoy our music-making time together in the process! We are the part of the assembly that prepares in advance. Robert Shaw once said: "To be an artist is not the privilege of the few, but the necessity of us all." We are all artists gifted in some way to be shared for the good of all. The total is greater than the sum of the parts.

You are invited to become a member of music ministry at Pax Christi. Weekly rehearsals for adult choir (high school age and above) begin again on Thursday, September 8, 7:30pm in Room 213. You will find an open and welcoming group ready to greet you! Instrumentalists, Questions? Please contact Donna Kasbohm, dkasbohm@paxchristi.com, for more information and scheduling.



PARISHIONER ART EXHIBIT ENTRY INFORMATION

EXHIBIT: December 4–18
APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 14

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

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA inquiry begins Wednesday, October 5, 6:30–8:30pm, in the Mother Teresa room next to door 3. Contact Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, lschelitzche@paxchristi.com, 952-405-7230, for more information.

PARISHIONER NEWS

AUGUST BAPTISMS

Joy Lynne Barnes	8/7/2016
Calvin Martin Brehm	8/7/2016
Thomas Philip Hermann	8/7/2016
Adelaida Yaslin Barrios Alfaro	8/21/2016
Andre David Barrios Alfaro	8/21/2016
Anthuan Daniel Barrios Alfaro	8/21/2016
Sebastian Alexander Craine	8/21/2016
Oliver Yan Ku	8/21/2016

AUGUST WEDDINGS

Olivia Juntunen & Blake Treanor	8/20/2016
Lindsay Fox & Bismarck Vergara	8/27/2016

AUGUST FUNERALS

Robert (Bob) Barry	8/22/2016
Marilyn Larson	8/29/2016

AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

Briana Cassidy and David Gronwall
 Michael and Kathleen Hanahoe
 Gregory Hewitt
 Mathew and Michelle Kennedy
 Beverly Knips
 Richard and Jodi Kuznia
 John and Ann McIntire
 Thomas and Laurie Nilsson
 Michael and Mary Olsen
 Della Olson
 Olivia and Blake Treanor
 Steven and Janice Wellens
 Mary Zlotkowski



READINGS FOR OCTOBER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2016

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2016

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8
 Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2016

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
 Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2016

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
 2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10
 Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15



OCTOBER

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1, 9:00am, St. Francis of the Woods

It's time for the Annual Blessing of the Animals to celebrate St. Francis Day. Join Fr. Bill for a short prayer service, blessing of pets, photos with Father, 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 Pets Visit Ministry Team and other animal resources available in the community.

ICON GUILD ART EXHIBIT

Weekend of October 1/2, Pacem In Terris Gallery

The St. Croix Catholic Iconographers Guild from Stillwater invite you to an exhibit of sacred iconography. Featured will be *Christ the Teacher* that guild members created for the Year of Mercy. In addition there will be a newly written icon of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and over a dozen individual icons created in prayer by several guild members. Guild members are students of Master Iconographer Nicholas Markell. Come for the exhibit and be drawn into prayer and fellowship!

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, October 7, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

Come and join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and rolls in the Chief Joseph room on the first Friday of each month. The event is sponsored by the Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA: HOSTESS MEETING

Hostess Mtg: Tuesday, October 11, 6:30pm, Room 212

Tea: Saturday, December 3, 9:00am-12:00pm

Come and be a part of *Stillness in the Midst of Frenzy* as the women of Pax Christi turn the Hall of Martyrs into a feast for the eyes at the 2016 Holiday Tea. Each hostess transforms her table into a welcoming landscape as she and her guests gather to enjoy a morning of joy, conversation, great food, and entertainment while kicking off the Christmas Season. If you are interested in hosting a tea table, plan to attend the Holiday Tea hostess meeting on October 11. If you cannot attend the first meeting but want to host a table, please contact Beth Halvorson, 612-272-5234. Table placements will be determined by a drawing at the first hostess meeting. Please encourage your friends and families to host a table!

MOMS ROCK: SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Marriage: Fan the Flame WITH speaker Pete Larson RSVP

Saturday, October 15, 6:00pm, \$10 PREREGISTERED, \$15 AT DOOR

Pete Larson is the Director of Family Fest Ministries which strives to strengthen families and marriages through a variety of retreats and programs. Exceptional marriages don't just happen. Pete will help participants fan the flame of love in marriage. Discover how you can love deeper, communicate clearer, and have more fun in your marriage. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. A variety of main course chili options will be provided. All children needing childcare will require nursery registration. A kid-friendly dinner will be provided.

A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

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

BOOMERS AND BEYOND EVENT

Feed My Starving Children

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9:30–11:30am RSVP

Help to feed starving children by working with other volunteers to pack special nutritionally formulated meals. There is no fee for this event; however, so the proper number of spots are reserved, both Boomers and Beyond members and non-members must register either online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration or by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251 by October 13.

CAREGIVER SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

THIRD THURSDAY OF MOST MONTHS: OCTOBER 20, 1:00–2:30pm, #221

Recent studies report that nearly 44 million adults in the US are providing personal assistance for family members with disabilities or other care needs. That's more than one out of every six adults. Pax Christi's Caregiver Spiritual Support Group aims to support caregivers on the spiritual dimensions of this journey by offering a prayerful and supportive faith-based time to gather together. This group will meet on the third Thursday of every month. Topics such as spiritual pain, forgiveness, and hope will be explored through video presentations and small group sharing. The group is open to anyone in the role of a caregiver. You may attend monthly or as needed. Questions? Contact Jean Thoresen, Dir. of Pastoral Care, jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

THEOLOGY DAY: IS ISIS ISLAMIC?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6:00–9:00pm, HALL OF MARTYRS

ISIS proclaims itself as an Islamic state, one that is renewing the caliphate of old and following Islamic doctrine and practices. But is it? We will examine the basics of the Muslim faith and what the Qur'an says about topics such as warfare, women, slavery, and dealings with non-Muslims so you can make up your mind for yourself. Speaker Dr. Noreen Herzfeld holds degrees in both Computer Science and Theology and teaches in both fields. Registration is required at www.csbsju.edu/sot or call 320-363-3560. There is no fee; gifts are gratefully accepted to support the mission of the School of Theology and Seminary and to ensure the continuation of Theology Day.

TWELVE BASKETS HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

Weekend of October 29/30

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. Donations will be given to Gichitwaa Kateri Church, St. Stephen's Shelter, Cabrini Partnership, Risen Christ, and Holy Rosary. You can drop them off in the bins at Doors 1 and 3. Thank you for responding with a generous heart! This event is sponsored by the Twelve Basket ministry and PaxConnex.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 FOLLOWING THE 6:00pm Mass

Join us for our annual Halloween Social. Wear your favorite costume, and come prepared to have fun with music and dancing in Nazareth Hall. Bring the whole family for a haunted walk, food, games, prizes, and fun! If you are interested in joining in the fun, there are volunteer jobs available to greet attendees, sponsor a room, or provide hospitality. If you would like to contribute Halloween decorations, small prizes, or candy, please drop them off at the nursery. A chairperson or co-chairperson is needed this year. This is an opportunity for an energetic, organized leader to work on the planning and execution of this fun-filled event. We really need YOU to come forward to make this event happen. Please contact Janell McBeain, jmcbeain@paxchristi.com, for additional information.

CHRISTOPHER SANTER EXHIBIT

OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 14, Pacem In Terris Gallery

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

MAKE PLANS NOW

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

**Tuesday, November 1 THROUGH Saturday, November 5 and
Tuesday, November 8 THROUGH Saturday, November 12 RSVP**

For additional information, contact Joan Pare', jpare1@hotmail.com, or 612-618-0287, or Marcia Kladek, mk-2006@mchsi.com.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Closing of the Year of Mercy Celebration

Saturday, November 19, in DOROTHY DAY HALL FOLLOWING Mass

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

TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DRIVE

DROP-OFF Weekend of November 19/20

Mark your calendar and watch for additional details to come.

OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 BOOK DRIVE WEEKEND FAITH FORMATION	26	27	28 FAITH FORMATION	29	30	1 BLESSING OF ANIMALS
2 CHILDREN'S CHOIR FAITH FORMATION	3	4 BAPTISM PREP CLASS	5 FAITH FORMATION	6 SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP	7 FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	8 NAME TAG WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE: STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE
9 CHILDREN'S CHOIR NAME TAG WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE: STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE FAITH FORMATION	10	11 HOLIDAY TEA MTG.	12 MOMS ROCK WELCOME BRUNCH FAITH FORMATION	13	14	15 MOMS ROCK SATURDAY NIGHT OUT
16 CHILDREN'S CHOIR FAITH FORMATION	17	18	19	20 BOOMERS EVENT CAREGIVER SUPPORT GRP.	21	22
23	24	25	26 FAITH FORMATION	27 THEOLOGY DAY	28	29 ART EXHIBIT BEGINS HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE HALLOWEEN SOCIAL
30 ART EXHIBIT BEGINS CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE FAITH FORMATION	31	1	2	3	4	5
		HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD				
		ALL SAINTS DAY- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION		MEMORIAL MASS		





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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

**October 8/9
 following all Masses**

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

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

OCTOBER'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE IS **FINANCE** and **STEWARDSHIP**.

Last year we opened wide the doors in response to Pope Francis' Year of Mercy. This year we take our community-wide theme a step deeper in: ***We are Called to Serve***. October's ministry showcase is focused on the Finance and Stewardship Ministries. The Finance Ministry will highlight all the ways members served Pax Christi with their gifts shared in the previous Fiscal Year (2015-2016). Stewardship Ministry will communicate the myriad of opportunities members have to share their prayer, talents, and resources with Pax Christi and beyond in the coming year.

