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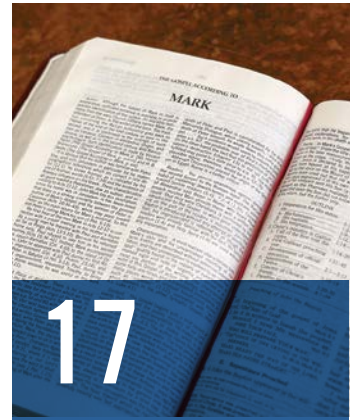
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# THE MANY PATHS TO SERVICE



**Fr. Marc Pavegio**  
Parochial Vicar



The stage was set. The lights were on. The audience was pressing against the door to the theater, not as much a line as a clump. They bit their lips and tapped their toes in anticipation of when the wait would be over. The production was months in the making — some even said it was years. The actors were ready. Inside the door the finishing touches were wrapping up, and it was time. *Showtime*. Suddenly the door swung open, and the rabble outside burst into the theater, quickly taking their places as their eyes eagerly took in the backdrops, the sounds, and the performers.

Was this the latest hit play at the Orpheum on opening night? Nope. It was the Garden Room at Pax Christi. The audience? 2nd and 3rd graders. The production? *The Prodigal Son* (Luke 15:11-32.) The actors? Our very own Vacation Bible Camp Drama Team!

Each day at Bible Camp, the Drama Team put on four different showings of a Bible story that reveals God's mercy for us. The team, comprising 13 students in grades six through 11 had practiced for scores

of hours the week prior, and now with acting and musical accompaniment, they retold one of the greatest moments of the Gospel. The culmination was the ending where the merciful father invited everyone into the party, and the younger and older sons embraced in reconciliation. They did an amazing job, and I was deeply touched by how they let the Word of God come alive in and through themselves for others.

These wonderful youths of our parish didn't just put on this play because it would be fun — they did it in order to serve their younger brothers and sisters in Christ. And hey, it definitely was a lot of fun, too!

When I saw our Drama Team at work this past summer, I instantly thought of our parish's annual theme starting this fall: *We are Called to Serve*.

## WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

Serving—it's what Jesus did. Serving—it's the stuff we are made out of as Catholics. Serving—it's in our DNA at Pax Christi. Serving—a command, a gift, and an art given to us by the Lord.

## WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE: AS A FAMILY

Even though a solo performance is a special kind of art, when a whole cast of characters takes the stage, things get exponentially more interesting. When *The Prodigal Son* was being acted out, each person on our Drama Team had a part to play. They had to help each other and care for each other. They had to have the same purpose in mind so that their production would communicate God's message; they weren't concerned about who had the most lines or the coolest costumes.

In the same way, when we serve our neighbor we do it not simply as individuals but as a family. We were reborn into this family of faith by the grace of God, and we surrender our lives to our Father in heaven. God gives all of us gifts from the Holy Spirit, but no one person possesses all of them. We as a family have to join hearts and hands. We have to be united. We have to love each other for the common purpose of God's glory, humbly refusing the temptation to make it about our own glory.



### WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE: AS A VOCATION

Each of our Drama Team members was called to serve on the team. Someone asked each one of them somehow. Maybe it was mom or dad, or a friend, or someone from our faith formation staff. Maybe it was an announcement or a flyer. Whatever the method, there was a call — a vocation — and each of them said, “Yes!”

It’s the same thing with us. The Lord calls each of us to serve one another. No one is exempt! Each person’s call is a little different, but God calls each of us, and he wants us to respond with gratitude, humility, and joy. He wants us to say, “Yes!” Each day we can listen for His voice. Every day He calls us to serve with small acts of love; some days He calls us to lifelong missions of service that take years to unfold. We never know when He will choose to speak to our hearts, so let us be vigilant. How is He calling me today?



### WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE: AS A WORK OF LOVE

Even the pre-school children got to see *The Prodigal Son* at Vacation Bible Camp. They definitely enjoyed it, yet, since they are so young, we know that they don’t fully understand everything that happened in the parable. And that’s okay. What they did understand was that forgiveness and love won over anger and alienation. What they did experience was that these “big kids” put on this play for them as a work of love — because they cared!

When God calls us to serve, He calls us to undertake a work of love. This means that sometimes those we serve do not or will not fully appreciate our efforts. But love does not expect rewards; love does not calculate the return on investment. Jesus reminded us that worldly leaders love to “lord it over” those below them. Yet, Jesus’ disciples are only great to the extent that

they serve (Mark 10:42–45). For Jesus, leaders are those who serve. Leaders serve not to get ahead themselves but to help others get ahead. We actually do receive something when we do this — we receive Christ, since it is Him living and moving within us when we serve in love. Communion with Christ is life itself, joy itself, and love itself.

### WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE: AS PAX CHRISTI

As we enter into the fall season together, may our new parish theme penetrate our hearts and minds. May we always be a people who serve together as family, who serve as a response to God’s call, and who serve as a work of love!





# WHAT'S IN YOUR TOOLBOX? WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? —Micah 6:8*

My father-in-law was a man who lived by the maxim, "Got to have the right tool for the job." For example, his workshop didn't have one hammer, but several, and not because he hoarded hammers but because he would use one for a particular kind of job and another for a completely different use. Each hammer might have a similar look, but one might weigh more, have a different grip, a deeper claw, a different style of face or head. All of Bernard's hammers were carefully tended, hung on a pegboard with outlines for quick return after use. In fact, after his funeral, his sons and three of the cousins each grabbed a hammer of Bernard's, and we snapped a photo that I like to think embodies the question, "What's in your toolbox?" A somber day became a reminder of the individual strengths each of us brings to the fore as we walk through life.

The amazing thing is that we all have different tools in our toolboxes. I may not need the same type of tools that another person has as I may not experience the same twists and turns in my journey as the other person. Sometimes we may need to "borrow" the tools that another person has in order to complete a task. Knowing the strengths I have as well as the strengths of others in my life can provide the perfect answer to fill a particular need. Learning about the tools you possess can be most important to prepare for that moment when you need to quickly respond to an opportunity.

The concept of having the right tool to answer the need that is presented to you when we consider being called to serve all we encounter. **WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE** is our annual community-wide theme for this upcoming year.

Last year, you may recall, we **opened wide the doors** to celebrate the Year of Mercy and encouraged all members of Pax Christi to not only come in to the church but to go out and "BE" church to all we encounter. Each ministry area was challenged to consider how their programs and ministries could answer the challenge to *Open Wide the Doors*. You answered in force, and we were able not only to open the doors — we propped them open all year long with new ministries and new opportunities to engage in the life of Pax Christi.

This year, we decided since we have already **opened wide the doors**, perhaps we can take it a step or two further by answering the question the prophet Micah posed when he said, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God?" What does this call to action mean for Pax Christi? It will mean different things to each member of this community, depending on what's in each of our individual toolboxes of gifts from God.

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**DO JUSTICE** might mean to immerse yourself in the JustFaith series to learn about Catholic Social Teaching. **DO JUSTICE** could mean to get involved in one of Pax Christi's Justice Ministries, or lend your hammer to our 35th anniversary Habitat for Humanity project.

**LOVE KINDNESS** takes on a whole new meaning in the lens of the upheaval we are seeing in our own neighborhoods and across the globe. If there were ever a time for each of us to find ways to love our neighbors and to show mercy, it is now.

**WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD** reminds us that we are on this lifelong journey. We are human. We will stumble. We need each other. God is there by our side.

**WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE** our families, one another, and all we encounter. We are called to keep our toolbox of gifts in order and to respond generously to the needs we see in our families, neighborhoods, and the greater community. **WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE** One another — right now, today, and every day.

*Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.*

## CALLED TO SERVE: SAFELY

Do you ever wonder how we keep our children and vulnerable adults safe in our ministries? Is this something we should take for granted?

In today's environment, we cannot ignore the reality of abuse and mistreatment. So, we have a comprehensive program we call the "Safe Environment Program." This program involves important elements that we refer to as the "Essential Three."

First is a **background check**, which is performed by the local and respected McDowell Agency.

Second is a **"Code of Conduct"** that each person involved in a ministry reads and agrees to observe.

Finally, the third element is a **three-hour training session**, entitled "Virtus Training," which provides education and awareness of the issues and signs of inappropriate and abusive behavior. This training is essential, not only in our church setting, but in all aspects of community life where adults and children interact. It provides trained persons with a heightened sense of awareness and the ability to identify actions and behaviors that may lead to abuse.

Our safe environment program also provides drivers record checks for those driving on behalf of the church in ministries and credit checks for those entrusted to handle sums of money. Without these checks in place, we would be placing people and assets in unknown hands. These elements are now conducted and valid for a period of three years of ministry involvement. After three years, there is a new requirement to update all three in an online format.

You may ask, "Is all this really necessary? I am not an abuser!" And you are likely correct in thinking we don't have an issue among the good people and ministers of our church. But, the reality is that abusers are generally persons we know and trust. Knowing the outward indications of potential abusers can help us stop any mistreatment before it happens.

So when you are "called to serve" as a minister in a program, please be accepting of our requirements for a safe environment when you are working with our children and other vulnerable individuals. Knowing that we are doing due diligence is, hopefully, a credit to the church and the community at large.

If you have further questions about our practices or have concerns about any unsafe conditions, please call me or talk to the lead staff member of your ministry. Our goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all ministries of Pax Christi.

*Written by Ken Reineccius, kreineccius@paxchristi.com, 952-405-7250, Director of Operations and Safe Environment Coordinator.*



# STEWARDS OF SERVICE

Every moment heaven touches earth in ways we can only partially see, and yet it does so in a tangible way in the Church. Here we are spiritually nourished with the Bread of Life that propels us out as stewards of a Mighty God. Pope Francis says that this very Church “should be a field hospital after battle.” If we pause and listen to the stories of some of these stewards, we can hear the Spirit at work.



Mary Ann Callahan

**MARY ANN CALLAHAN** has been serving Pax Christi for many years. As a long-time member, she was a volunteer in our justice and funeral hospitality ministries. Nineteen years ago, Mary Ann was hired by Fr. Tim Power as the Visiting Staff Coordinator and, for a year, worked to enrich our parish community life with special music experiences. Then, she was hired as the first Pastoral Care Specialist, the position she has held ever since. Working with the pastor and the hundreds of Pastoral Care shared ministers, Mary Ann provides confidential and trusting care that is often behind the scenes. “We meet people at a sacred time,” she remarks.

Her passion is “to welcome all as Christ and to offer a safe place for people to tell their stories.” In this “wing” of the church, she works in what some would call triage. She calls herself a conduit because she connects people needing a pastoral presence to others within the church who can accompany them at vulnerable times by providing support, assistance, resources, and prayer. She coordinates the prayer ministries and the bereavement ministry. Along with Fr. Bill, Fr. Marc, Jane Schmitz, and Jean Thoresen, Mary Ann is part of the Pastoral Care team which always has one person on call 24/7 for a week at a time. Of her experience at the parish, Mary Ann reflects, “Pax Christi is a loving community full of generous people who have the heart of Jesus.”



Joan Howe-Pullis

**JOAN HOWE-PULLIS** has also been deeply engaged in this ministry. Even though she has only recently joined the staff as Liturgical and Funeral Coordinator, her heart and passion has always been with the church. A self-professed liturgy geek, she credits Pax Christi with her formation as a lay leader. She has served as a lector and a cantor, helped with the liturgy for the children’s Christmas Mass, and spent four years on the Worship Council. She also led the Drama team for Bible Camp where her goal then as now was to “break open the Word and get them to see the message that it’s all about the Mass.”

Her love of the liturgy is palpable as she describes that “all of our actions are part of this liturgy as we work together as a community to understand this great mystery of life and death. Jesus came to help us deal with this great struggle.” A large part of her job now is to help families prepare for the funeral rite. She observes, “Every person who’s here to grieve is at their own place and it’s always new.”



Renee Reardon

Even though **RENEE REARDON** also only just joined the Pastoral Care staff, she is anything but new to serving. She is grateful for her parents’ guidance in getting her involved at a young age. Teaching her own children to have a heart to serve has driven her family to become more engaged in church. She began volunteering with the Greeting Ministry, Mom’s ROCK, and then joined Twelve Baskets which does annual drives throughout the church year. Her entire family has helped with delivery and sorting these many drives.

She has been chairing the Holiday Boutique since its inception ten years ago. Recently she was asked to join the Pastoral Care Council. At the time she mentioned that her son was graduating from high school, and she was thinking of going back to work. The week of her son’s graduation, she was offered a part-time job as Pastoral Care Coordinator. She began working mid-July instead of waiting until the fall which is what she had originally been thinking. Renee commented, “It is a testimony that God’s timing is perfect. I couldn’t have planned this better if I’d tried. What a blessing it has been!”

*Written by Liz Georgioff, Pax Christi parishioner.*



## A COUPLE'S CALL TO SERVICE

Kindness. Caring. Connecting. These are the words that are a way of life for parishioners Gwen and Larry Lawrence. But a conversation with the Lawrences evokes another word — humility. It's not about them; it's about others. They remind us that we all have unique gifts to offer and share that showing kindness to and connecting with others is what being engaged means.

Gwen and Larry were part of Pax Christi from the beginning. In those early days, they, along with many others, would host parishioners in the basement of their home. "Young people were so eager to sign up," said Gwen. "There would be 40 to 50 people each time, and we were kind of like their parents because we were a little bit older." The Lawrences, like so many others, helped however they could. Larry collected donations. Gwen made baptismal stoles for the babies of Pax Christi. "We couldn't keep up — there were so many babies!" Pax Christi grew, in many ways.

For the Lawrences, the ability to be part of the funeral hospitality ministry is an important way to help. As families and friends grieve the loss of loved ones and remember the special times they shared, a team of parishioners is quietly serving and supporting them. The Lawrences are part of that team as they wash the dishes used to serve food at the gatherings that follow the services. "There are fantastic couples in this ministry who care so much about others," shared Gwen. Gwen was part of the ministry first, and when Larry retired 20 years ago, he joined her in serving. "We had to put all those dishes in the dishwasher, and Larry knew he could help with that," said Gwen.

The Lawrences believe that going to Mass is a way for them to connect with others and refresh themselves. "We are reminded to be kind and forgiving to others and to help where we can." As the Lawrence's raised their eight children, fostered babies in the community for 28 years along the way, and now enjoy family activities with their 43 grandchildren, they remind us that it's not just about us. As Gwen said, "It's about being good, Christian human beings, and being kind to one another, and finding ways to give back."

*Written by Jamie Nelson, PREPARE Ministry member and Pax Christi parishioner.*

## SERVING OTHERS: FAMILY STYLE

Members of the Tahnk-Johnson family have been giving their time and talent to the Pax Christi community since they joined the parish in 1997. They have been involved in everything from the 12 Baskets Back-to-School drive to Faith Formation teaching to lecturing and altar serving. Through the family's participation in the Mass and other Pax Christi events and activities, values have been instilled in them about the importance of sharing one's gifts. Each member of the family has gained depth to his/her faith and the understanding of the significance of giving back to a community.

Ray has developed a deeper understanding of God's word through countless weeks of preparation and practice as a lector. Mary feels more connected to the Mass and God through being a Eucharistic minister. She has also learned an incredible amount about faith and what it truly means to be Catholic by teaching faith formation to the younger generation of Pax. Dylan has been an immense help to the congregation with his service as an altar server. Father Herb has even mentioned him by name for his consistent help. Through Amanda's active participation as a member of the music ministry, a Bible Camp counselor, and the stations of the cross, she has developed a stronger relationship with God by doing God's works with the her gifts.

This participation has not only brought the family closer to God and the church but to each other as well. Amanda is not the only member of the family that sings in the choir; Ray also does. Eight years ago, Donna Kasbohm heard Ray singing in the congregation and encouraged him to join the choir. He decided to give it a try, and thanks to his wife Mary's encouragement to continue with this new endeavor, he is still singing. Amanda and Ray have been singing together for several years now, and in Amanda's words, "I like singing with my dad."

They cannot imagine going to Mass and just sitting in the congregation. Through their participation, they have met new friends and created connections with the Mass, priests, and fellow parishioners they would not otherwise have. The amount of joy and understanding of their faith they have gotten through this participation at Pax Christi is irreplaceable. Amanda challenges everyone to participate because "by giving yourself a purpose, you feel like a servant of the Lord," and being a servant to the Lord reaps the greatest rewards. *Written by Adrienne Huschke, Pax Christi parishioner.*

## THANK YOU PASTORAL CARE SHARED MINISTERS!

In a four week period this summer, our parish community celebrated seven funerals. In service to the bereaved families, funeral hospitality ministers included:

- 12 phone callers who scheduled all of the donated food and workers for the day of the funeral.
- 101 shoppers and bakers who donated salads, veggies, and baked goods.
- 100 people who worked the day of the funeral with set up, serving, and clean up.

### AS A RESULT

- 700 meals were served to grateful families.

In addition, funerals require a Mass coordinator, a cantor, musicians, and many support staff.

**...we thank you all!**



# CALLED TO SERVE: THE MASSES

Have you ever thought about what it takes to plan and support our vibrant and prayerful Mass each week at Pax Christi? Featured here is the group that serves our liturgical ministries unobtrusively and efficiently before the assembly is gathered to facilitate a prayerful experience for all of us!

## MASS COORDINATORS

These folks confirm that all ministers for the Mass are present and find last minute replacements for anyone who is absent. They gracefully juggle different demands and act quickly under pressure. Most importantly, these folks envision the entirety of the Mass in order that our experience feels seamless, connected, and whole.

### Here is what some of them have said about their service as Mass Coordinators:

“I grew up Catholic at a time when it seemed to me that there was a whole lot of ‘obligation’ without much thought of ‘formation.’ I see my service to Pax Christi liturgical ministry as a reflection of my quest for a lifelong continuing formation of my relationship to Christ and my church. It brings me joy and connection far beyond my quest!”

“In talking about the Marys and Marthas in life, I am a combination of the two: I am the quiet person to be found alone reading or reflecting away from the noise and activity. I appreciate opportunities to quietly gain knowledge, but I will often be among the planners/volunteers. That brings me into contact with others and allows me to help. I don’t expect a lot of acclaim or rewards for what I do. I hope to make the Mass or service meaningful for those in attendance. It’s an opportunity to serve the church and the families to make the Mass or funeral service a smooth-flowing experience. I offer my service with a bit of prayer each time. In some ways, the role of the coordinator fits my personality.”

“I think meeting and interacting with the community, serving. We are called to serve. I hope we challenge other people to live the way of Christ even when we fall. We are all together in our insecurities, happiness, anger, righteousness, and we are all equal.”

“Our liturgy is so beautiful. Through song, word, and action we are together more than we can ever be alone. Our individual faces make one face, as a mosaic of community. I believe that the liturgy is central to our Pax Christi community. I work, serve, volunteer to support this exceptional time when we gather together to give and to receive, to support and to be supported, and to renew our call to follow Christ. It takes a community of people to make the liturgy what it is. By taking a small part of the bigger task, by engaging my time, I help to make the liturgy vibrant for all the community.”

“I now feel even more surrounded by amazing people doing amazing things, both big and small. I see right up close the set up teams, servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, singers, priests, and all that come to make the most of each Mass. But most importantly, I see the community coming together. Watching over the crowd to make sure things are going well, I get the privilege of seeing more faces and making more eye contact than I did since I was that little kid whose parents kept trying to make me sit still and not be gawking around.”

“By serving our community as a liturgical minister, I have found that it has probably been a much greater help to me than I have been to the community as my relationship to the liturgies and to the community have not only evolved, grown, and deepened in different

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ways as well, but my knowledge and understanding and appreciation of and for them have also grown and deepened. I am thankful for the gift I have received from Pax."

"I became a Funeral Mass Coordinator after I retired and my husband died. I wanted to become more involved at Pax Christi — having been a Eucharistic Minister and Team Leader for a number of years — so, this was my next step. And since I've become more involved, I've felt closer to the Pax Christi community and closer to the Lord! I've been at Pax since the very beginning, so I will continue to look for more ways to be more involved now that I have more time to share!!"

"Guess it boiled down to wanting to be of assistance in some small way to people in their time of grief and mourning in a similar manner in which people were very thoughtful, caring, and kind to me when my father died....I like the role as I am not a high profile sort of person. I prefer doing things in the background, and with this ministry, everything just sort of fell into place. It has been a very good fit."

Pax Christi Catholic Community is so blessed to have the love and support and service of this Mass Coordinator Team: Becky Jensen, Claudine Fasching, Joelle Tannehill, John Brill, Marc Nosal, Mary Frances Messer, Mary Lanners, Tom Vogelsberg, Ann Eccles, John Uchtyl, and Peg Martin.

*Written by Joan Howe-Pullis,  
Coordinator of Justice and Liturgical  
Ministries.*

# FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

*Our redemption has a social dimension because 'God, in Christ, redeems not only the individual person, but also . . . social relations.' To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds. . . . Accepting the first proclamation, which invites us to receive God's love and to love him in return with the very love which is his gift, brings forth in our lives and actions a primary and fundamental response: to desire, seek and protect the good of others (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 178).*

In these very divided political times, many of us may want to retreat to a place of seclusion in response to heated political rhetoric. And, taking time for contemplation on how our faith forms our conscience for political participation is needed. Drawing on the words of Pope Francis, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers us insight into how to prepare to be active as faithful citizens of our country and of our world:

As Pope Francis teaches, An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church, "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183). (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility* from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, p.8.)

The USCCB asks us to consider the very depth and breadth of the Gospel message as we engage politically, discerning how we are called to shape public policy and to vote for leaders who will support a world that is just. Do we support all aspects of life? How are we peacemakers in a nation at war? Do we bridge the divide in matters of race, ethnicity, and economic inequality? Do we welcome immigrants seeking safety and freedom? In confronting terror, how will we build a safer, just, and more peaceful world? How do we meet the needs of those in poverty and those lacking health care? Are we good stewards of the earth's environment? *Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Coordinator of Justice and Liturgical Ministries.*

## A PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Give us, O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough  
to match the breadth of our own souls  
and give us souls strong enough  
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek  
more than development for ourselves—  
though development we hope for,  
more than security for our own land—  
though security we need,  
more than satisfaction for our wants—  
though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose the leader  
who will work with other leaders  
to bring safety to the whole world....

—from "A Prayer for Leadership" by Joan Chittister



# EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT TWELVE BASKET DRIVES?



Share the Joy Christmas Drive



Easter Basket Drive

## THE HISTORY OF TWELVE BASKETS

This beautiful ministry began in the very early days of Pax Christi. In the late 80's Fran Heitzman started what we first called Bridging Ministry (not to be confused with Bridging Inc.), when Pax Christi moved to its permanent site here on Pioneer Trail. Together with John and Mary Schmitz and others from a "Renew Group" at Pax Christi, they began food collections and Thanksgiving meals for the community of Little Earth. The Bridging committee consisted of about fifteen parishioners and the drives evolved to include Adopt a Family, annual baby drive, household goods for Bridging, etc. When John retired from the ministry, various parishioners took over as chairperson to keep things running smoothly. As the annual drives grew, it became apparent that parishioners experienced confusion with the newly formed group called Bridging Inc. which included large scale items of furniture that outgrew the storage space available at the church. Thus, the name was changed from Bridging Ministry to "Twelve Baskets" and a mission statement was created. The name was chosen to reflect the idea that with generosity there will be plenty for all.

## TWELVE BASKETS MINISTRY

Our name comes from Luke 9:14-17. "For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces."



Thanksgiving Meal Drive



**MISSION**

Pax Christi's Twelve Baskets Ministry is dedicated to building a bridge between our Pax Christi Community and people in need to provide opportunities for individuals to share their time, talents, and resources in the service of others as taught by Jesus.

Twelve Baskets Ministry is now part of the parish Pastoral Care Ministry and will be overseen by the Coordinator of Pastoral Care, Renee Reardon. It is a group of committed volunteers who give their time and talent to plan and execute "Giving Drives" which provide necessary goods to partner agencies that address issues of human suffering such as poverty, homelessness, hunger, untimely pregnancies, etc.

As Twelve Baskets has grown, one of our goals is to make a difference, not by just giving things but to lift people up with dignity to improve their lives. With that in mind, the group goes on an "Urban Adventure" each year to visit recipients to forge a relationship and evaluate current needs. As we visited St. Stephens, Kateri House, and Tapestry Life Care Center this past June, we were greatly humbled by and proud of the outflowing of gratitude expressed. The statement that we heard repeatedly was that Pax Christi is known throughout the Twin Cities for their generosity and commitment to social justice. What a wonderful testimony to our very dedicated and generous fellow parishioners. As a group, we pray for continued support and feel very blessed to be part of this special community.

**PLEASE JOIN US**

We currently have our planning meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30-8:00pm in Martin Luther King, Jr. room. For additional information about Twelve Baskets, contact Renee Reardon, 952-405-7200, or [rreardon@paxchristi.com](mailto:rreardon@paxchristi.com).

*Written by Pat Minton, Twelve Basket member.*

**MEETING PRAYER**

God of love, help us to remember that  
Christ has no body now on earth but ours,  
  
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.

Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.

Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now.

Ours are the feet with which He is to  
go about doing good.

*-Teresa of Avila*



**THE FOLLOWING DRIVES ARE CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED:**

DRIVE	WEEKEND(S) OF
Book Drive	September 17/18, 24/25, 2016
Hat and Mitten Drive	October 29/30, 2017
Thanksgiving Meals Drive	November 19/20, 2016
Holiday Store	November 19/20, 26/27, 2016
Share the Joy Christmas Drive	November 19/20, 26/27, and Dec 3/4, 2016
Household Items for Bridging Inc., serving people in transition to permanent housing.	February 2017 TBA
Easter Baskets	April 1/2, 8/9, 2017
Baby Supplies	May 13/14, 2017
Book Drive	June 3/4, 2017
Back to School Supplies	August 12/13, 2017



# FAITH IN THE HOME: SETTING UP A PRAYER TABLE

It is important that reminders of the holy are in our homes — things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. I am convinced that symbols connecting to God's creation and spiritual gifts are essential to our relationship with God. Home prayer tables are a great way to visually and playfully remind all members of the family what the Church seasons are all about and encourage them to pray.

What are the items you need to set up a prayer table in your home? You may have most of the items around your house! Many can be found or created inexpensively. It is also fun to become aware of items to gather as you go on walks or trips to stores.

## SMALL TABLE OR SHELF

Some families use the entry way table so everyone is reminded of the divine as he/she arrives or departs. A small end table or coffee table in a family living area is also popular. Options are available at retail shops or IKEA for \$9.99 or used in resale shops. Some use the top of a small bookcase with faith books and items for the display area stored on the shelves below. A wall shelf or a fireplace mantel can also be used.

## PRAYER CLOTHS

The first item placed on the table or shelf is a prayer cloth. Colors that represent the Liturgical Year are: blue for Advent (the beginning of the Church year) before the Feast of Christmas; purple for Lent, before the Feast of Easter; white for the Great Feasts and the weeks of Christmas and Easter seasons; red for Pentecost, the Feast of the Holy Spirit (end of the seven weeks of Easter); and green for after the Feasts (Ordinary Time). You may find some lovely fabric to use for your prayer cloths or purchase scarves, table runners, placemats, or large cloth napkins.

## SACRED SYMBOLS AND OBJECTS

Symbols that represent aspects of our faith or come from God's creation speak to the soul. It is best if they are made out of natural materials. Possibilities are endless. Some include:

**BIBLE.** The presence of a Bible in our home represents our desire for God's Word in our lives. A Bible stand or pillow further expresses the preciousness of the Bible.

**CROSS** made of pottery, wood, or paper.

**STATUE** or family-painted wood peg doll of Jesus, Mary, or a Saint. Some families choose a saint at New Year's to inspire the family with a certain theme for the year.

**ICONS OR SACRED ART IMAGES** that represent our faith can be found in small, inexpensive sizes at our local Catholic goods stores and online. Images can be printed from online searches. Young children are attracted to beauty. Simple essential images are best: Jesus, Mary, Holy Family, and New Testament events.

**CANDLES ON A CANDLE TRAY.** Matches or lighters are kept elsewhere, only accessible to adults. Candles completely encased in glass holder or jars are safest and should never be left unattended if lit.



## BASKET OF OBJECTS FOR THE SEASONS

**FROM CREATION:** Colorful leaves, acorns, small pumpkins, gourds, gnome, and elf figures for fall. Winter is represented by stones, amethyst, a pinecone, pine branch, bare twig, branch with red berries, paper snowflakes, stars, and a red cardinal figure. Spring offerings include painted eggshells, buds, a bunny figure, bird's nest, vase of flowers, and a container of growing green grass. In summer, we can switch to starfish, seashells, felt or wooden mushroom figure, butterfly and bee figures, sunflowers in a vase, and so much more.

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS:** You can use advent candles, a star, Nativity set where you add new pieces each week of Advent and Christmas. Start with the stable, manger and animals. Then add Mary, Joseph, and the donkey. Next come the Shepherds and the sheep. Then, the angel. Finally, baby Jesus arrives at Christmas. And 12 days later, the wise men and camels arrive for Epiphany.

### LENT:

A symbol for **Almsgiving**. A simple basket or box for contributions to those less fortunate. Choose a charity together for helping people or animals.

**Sand** in a small bowl or tray. Sand can help us remember our journey. God led the people in their journey in the desert. Jesus himself journeyed into the desert for a retreat to prepare for His ministry. The desert can be a place of retreat where there is a freedom from distractions, and we remember our need for God's love and guidance.

**Wood people figures** (found at craft stores). Have one for each member of your family, perhaps journeying through the sand tray. It's good to leave them plain and expressionless so that everyone can project feelings onto the figures.

**Seeds.** Seeds remind us of the possibilities of our faith. Read two of Jesus' short parables, *The Mustard Seed and The Sower and the Seed* (both are in Chapter 13 of Mathew's Gospel), to your family as you place the seeds. Unsalted sunflower seeds or mustard seeds are possible choices.

**A buried or covered 'Alleluia' word.** During lent, we don't say "Alleluia" or "Gloria" during worship. A good way to symbolize to children our Church's liturgical practice of ceasing to use these festive words during the contemplative season of Lent is to "bury the Alleluia." Create an Alleluia of some kind and then place it in a box and cover it. Perhaps you'll make a box that has a cross on the cover (boxes and wood crosses are also available at craft stores like Michael's.)

**Palm leaves from Palm Sunday.**



### EASTER:

Easter will be the time to bring back the symbols of light, water, and the 'Alleluia' word. A bowl or image of water, a candle, pictures of the sun, flowers in a vase, an Easter lily, dyed eggs, sheep, and all spring things speak of Easter.

### PENTECOST:

Pentecost marks the end of Easter and transition back to Ordinary Time. Pentecost is all about Jesus sending the Holy Spirit. The color red, a figure of a dove, artwork of the Apostles with tongues of fire above their heads, and things that represent the wind are appropriate.

As we begin our faith formation program year, it is a great time to begin the family prayer table. This is one of the best teaching and spiritual tools that you can do in your home. It speaks to the soul and helps everyone live the natural seasons of our Church year and God's creation. It will form the faith of your household.

*Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.*

# HELPING TO BUILD A DREAM!

Fall is almost upon us! Hopefully, people have had time to rest and relax over the beautiful summer that God has provided for us. In keeping with Pax Christi's mission of seeing the needs of society and helping solve the social injustices of the marginalized, the Justice Council, through the generosity of our parish for our 35th year anniversary, is facilitating two work weeks with Habitat For Humanity to help build a dream house for a hard working local family. This project is providing an occasion to build a sense of community and an opportunity to volunteer for social action.

Our parish commitment is to finish building a new house in Prior Lake during the weeks of November 1 through 5 and November 8 through 12, Tuesday through Saturday each week. The day starts at 8:30am and ends at 4:00pm. Meals and snacks will be provided. We will need a crew of 12-15 people each day. No experience is necessary, and the tools are provided. People will be needed for various jobs, and people need to commit to a full day unless they are delivering the food. Volunteers can sign up for more than one day. There will be a Building Site Manager who has all the plans and will organize the people. We have had a good response so far, but more volunteers will be appreciated. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. **All we need is the gift of time to help build a dream.**

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Joan Pare', 612-618-0287, or [jpare1@hotmail.com](mailto:jpare1@hotmail.com).

As Pope Francis has said: "Jesus came to the world homeless, and made himself poor. Then, the church wishes to embrace all and to say that it is a right to have a roof over your head. 'True Mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice; it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer.'"

## CHARITY GIVES, BUT JUSTICE CHANGES

*Written by Joan Pare', Justice Council chair.*



# FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED!

It takes a village to share our faith stories and traditions. Come join our team of catechists for 2016-2017. We are looking for leaders for all ages. Materials and support (and chocolate) are provided. Fees are waived for your entire family. Childcare is provided by our wonderful nursery staff. Additional information is online under "Faith Formation" or contact any of our team with questions.

# 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 encouraged. Guidelines and application forms are available online, [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com), or in the church office. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Sunday, December 4, 10:00am-1:00pm. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



# PARISHIONER NEWS

## JULY BAPTISMS

Otto Joseph Falz	7/10/2016
Lucas John Igoe	7/10/2016
Jacob Ryan Grumish	7/16/2016
Dalton Jacob Bills	7/17/2016
Harper Anne Hazard	7/17/2016
Charles Daniel Kroes	7/17/2016
Catherine Elise Muske	7/17/2016
Aaron Edan Ngwana Jordan	7/24/2016
Daisey Ankiambom Komtangi	7/24/2016
Hannah Leslie McGraw	7/24/2016
Crosby Melahn Blesi	7/31/2016
Grace Elizabeth Brooks	7/31/2016
Adelitta Marie Edquist	7/31/2016
Joshua David Entwistle	7/31/2016
Nicolai Shams Gilman	7/31/2016
Alexander Milan Gimenez	7/31/2016
Santiago Laurence Power	7/31/2016
Dylan Elizabeth Schiesl	7/31/2016

## JULY WEDDINGS

Allison Chermel & John Kruse	7/2/2016
Catie Busch & Adam Vortherms	7/9/2016
Michelle Lemke & James Brown	7/16/2016
Kelly Bergeson & David Anderson	7/23/2016
Nelly Tumanjoos & Jude Azefer	7/30/2016

## JULY FUNERALS

Gayle Marie O'Brian	7/7/2016
Evelyn Bieringer	7/8/2016

## JULY NEW MEMBERS

Matthew Archbold  
 Lars Danneberg and Kathryn Steen  
 Zachary Holland and Joelle Jaros  
 Jane Prevetti  
 Erin Woitte



## READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/  
 Lk 14:25-33  
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/  
 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10  
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13  
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51  
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/  
 Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/  
 Lk 10:17-24

## SEPTEMBER

### BOOMERS AND BEYOND OPENING EVENT

*Life's Transitions: Our Journey of Faith as We Grow Older*  
**Monday, September 12, 8:30–11:00am** **RSVP**

Join us for the first event of the season beginning with Mass at 8:30am. Brunch and presentation by Fr. Jim Van Dorn will follow in the Hall of Martyrs. Fr. Van Dorn will be presenting *Life's Transitions: Our Journey of Faith as We Grow Older*. Members of Boomers and Beyond can enjoy this event for free as part of your yearly membership, but you must register so meals can be planned accordingly. Non-Boomer members are invited to attend the retreat for a fee of \$15.00 per person, with reservation and payment in advance. Please register by September 5 online or by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251.

### THE CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

**Monday, September 12 for 12 weeks, 6:30–8:30pm** **RSVP**

The Ministry of the Separated and Divorced Catholic Coalition member churches have come together to support a 12-week program that brings healing and hope to divorced and separated Catholics. The meeting format includes DVD presentations, small group discussion, and a full group wrap-up each evening. Participants will learn how to gain personal healing and hope, obtain wisdom from experts and others who have shared their experiences, as well as navigate financial concerns and questions about forgiveness and forming new relationships. St. Hubert's Catholic Church will host the fall session. Preregistration is required by calling 952-374-5049, or [diane.potts@sthubert.org](mailto:diane.potts@sthubert.org). Cost of \$10 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide," refreshments, and all materials. This program will be offered again in the winter and spring at new locations.

### MOMS ROCK: WELCOME BRUNCH

**Wednesday, September 14, 9:30–11:30pm** **RSVP**

Registration details on page 19 or online at [www.paxchristi.com/momsrock](http://www.paxchristi.com/momsrock).

## 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.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration). Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

### LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SESSION STARTS SOON!

**THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15–OCTOBER 20, 6:30–8:00pm, Fee is \$17** **RSVP**

Are you a list maker? Do you make friends while standing in the checkout line? Do you always strive to make sure everyone is included in the fun? Are you the one who is always early, or the one who likes to cram a few more tasks in before you call it a day? Do you love to learn? Are you a planner or the person that dreams big dreams? None of us are all of these things, but each of these traits are gifts that, when developed, can help us be the best possible person God calls us to be, in our work, personal relationships, and in our faith journey. Perhaps it's time for you to find out what talents and strengths you bring to the table. Join the over 1,200 people who have taken the Living Your Strengths assessment and classes through Pax Christi. The small group sessions run for six weeks. Participants will receive a copy of the *Living Your Strengths* book, a journal, a code for online talent assessment, and will work with others in a small group environment with a certified facilitator to maximize talents and discover one's individual calling. Please register online or contact Mary Kennedy, [mkennedy@paxchristi.com](mailto:mkennedy@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7220.

### TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE

**Weekends of September 17/18 and 24/25**

Twelve Baskets is sponsoring a book drive for Blessed Trinity, a Pax grant recipient, to help them replenish their school library. Book titles from their wish list will be on display at doors 1 and 3. Parishioners have the option to purchase a book for the library or make a cash donation.

### WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays, Beginning September 20, 9:30am** **RSVP**

Women with Spirit Bible Study invites women of all ages and all faiths to join us for 20 weekly hour-long presentations by university based biblical scholars, followed by an hour of small group discussion. This year's series, *Letters for Living: The Epistles of Paul*, will study the letters of Paul — his words and how we can live them today. Tuition for the series is \$100 which covers teachers, books, three mornings of reflection, and childcare. Register online today! REGISTRATIONS REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016.



## MAKE PLANS NOW

### ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

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. We'll have a short prayer service, bless each pet individually, snap a photo of your favorite "Fido" 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.

### 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 such as the Winter Weekend and Summer Splash family camps, and the Marriage Booster Retreat. 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.

### TWELVE BASKETS HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

**Weekend of October 29/30**

Mark your calendar and help keep people in need warm this winter!

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

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

Additional details on page 16 or contact Joan Pare', [jpare1@hotmail.com](mailto:jpare1@hotmail.com), or 612-618-0287, or Marcia Kladek, [mk-2006@mchsi.com](mailto:mk-2006@mchsi.com).



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### 2016-2017 PROGRAM YEAR

**MOMS ROCK** welcomes all parents, parents-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining us. Gatherings are held once or twice each month on Wednesdays beginning September 14, from 9:30-11:30am in the Mahatma Gandhi Room, #212. Each gathering includes brunch and relaxing social time followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker. The cost to attend each gathering is \$10, which includes childcare for those that have preregistered. Those who choose to register and prepay for the whole year of 16 sessions will pay a non-refundable \$130. For additional information, visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com/momsrock](http://www.paxchristi.com/momsrock).

**BOOMERS AND BEYOND** is a dynamic ministry for adult (55+ years old) members of Pax Christi, offering a true community of friendship, love and lots of laughter. This dynamic ministry assists in the discipleship and growth of individuals who are in the prime time of their lives. We are an active group that enjoys social gatherings, communal prayer, and serving others through many various activities throughout the year. Register now to be a Boomer! Dues for the program year are \$25.00 per person, which entitles you to free admission to all of this year's events, including the opening session. For additional information, visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com/boomers](http://www.paxchristi.com/boomers).

**REGISTER NOW AT [WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM/EVENTREGISTRATION](http://WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM/EVENTREGISTRATION).**



# SEPTEMBER

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
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP	FIRST FRIDAY MASS BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING MASS	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	LABOR DAY MASS BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING MASS	BAPTISM PREP CLASS		MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS		NAME TAG WEEKEND
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
NAME TAG WEEKEND CATECHIST TRAINING	BOOMERS OPENING SESSION		MOMS ROCK WELCOME BRUNCH CATECHIST TRAINING	LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS BEGINS		BOOK DRIVE WEEKEND
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
BOOK DRIVE WEEKEND SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION BEGINS		WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS	WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION BEGINS			BOOK DRIVE WEEKEND
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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Ministers of all ages, come on down! 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 Faith Formation, Finance, Justice, Lay Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Worship, and Arts, Campus, and Gardens.

The Ministry Showcase will help inform members of what's going on in all the different areas of this community — but in a less hectic atmosphere, shining the light on just one ministry area at a time.

# PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

## SEPTEMBER'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE IS **FAITH FORMATION.**

Faith Formation programs and activities at Pax Christi are growing and we need your help to meet the needs of this exciting ministry in the community! Pax Christi's Faith Formation department serves people of every age from preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and adults. While we still need members to serve in the traditional catechist role, we also have many other opportunities to share your gifts in ways that are meaningful and comfortable for you. Whether you're leading children in the Finding God curriculum, sharing your passions with teens in the Faith Interest Connector program, facilitating a discussion with adults in a book study, or serving behind the scenes in a support role, we have something for everyone. Visit the Faith Formation Ministry Showcase the weekend of September 10/11 (following all Masses) to find out more information and to sign up to serve in this vital ministry.

