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# BEFORE I FORGET...



**Fr. Bill Murtaugh**  
Pastor

**WHEN** Jesus preached about God’s mercy and unconditional love for the human family. He used stories. The story of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 11–32) and the story of the good Samaritan are central to the teachings of Jesus. The love and mercy of God is revealed to us is our Sacred Scriptures but also in art, music, creation, friendship, poetry, and hopefully in the Christian Community.

The late spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, visited the Hermitage Gallery in St. Petersburg to see Rembrandt’s painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. He was deeply moved by the experience. The beauty and the colors of the painting stunned him. But most of all, he was touched by the embrace of father and son surrounded by four mysterious bystanders. He spent hours meditating on the painting, and as evening drew near, the embrace of

the father and son became deeper and deeper, and the bystanders participated more directly in the mysterious event of reconciliation, forgiveness, and inner-healing. The painting became very important for Nouwen’s own journey and for his writings. He came to see it as containing “the heart of the story that God wants to tell...all of the Gospel is there.”

The parable and painting emphasize that God is a merciful father/mother who embraces all — whether one travels the road of the prodigal or remains at home like his resentful, righteous brother. God welcomes everyone in such a way that we can expect our hearts to be touched and awakened by God’s love and mercy. We are never alone or beyond God’s reach.

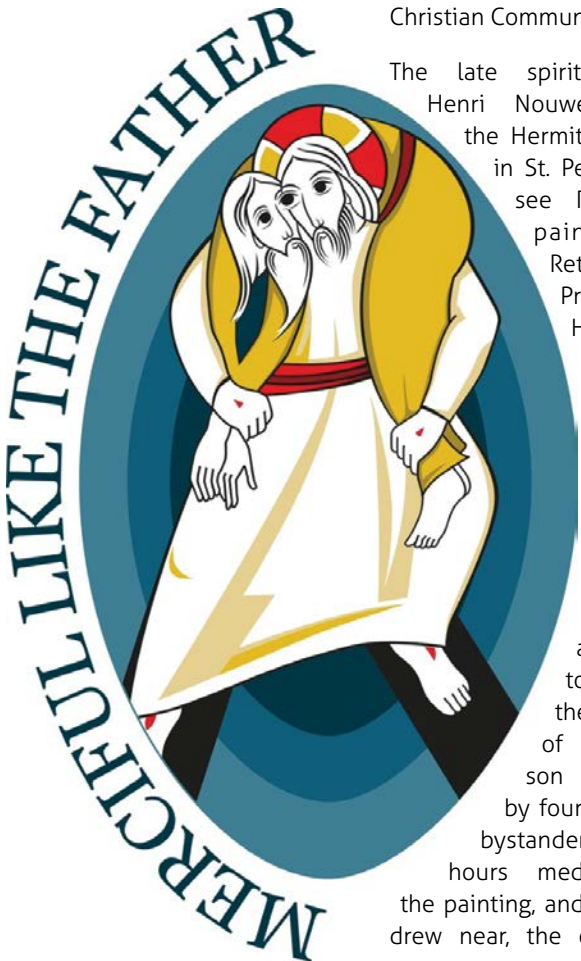
I would like to draw your attention to the Year of Mercy official logo that provides us with a summary of what the Year of Mercy is all about. The motto, “Merciful Like the Father” (taken from Luke 6:36) is an invitation to all of us to follow the merciful example of God (Father) who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (Luke 6:37-38).

The logo is a painting done in a symbolic style by Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik. Please take a

moment to reflect on the logo. It is quite modern in style, and at first you might not like it. But it’s always important to ask: God, how might you be speaking to me through this painting of the Christ? Is there something here that I am not seeing or understanding?

In fact, the logo represents an image quite important in the early Christian Community: that the Son, having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the Love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of His incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love that has the power to change one’s life.

You will notice that the Good Shepherd in the logo is the Risen Christ (observe the wounds on this hands and feet) who draws humanity to Himself in order to present us to the Father.





What I found most striking in the image is that Jesus and the man are sharing one eye. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam (the first man), and Adam sees with the eyes of Christ (the new Adam). The man on Christ's shoulders also represents each one of us. Every person discovers in Christ one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating in Christ's gaze the love of the Father. Only in the gaze of the Father can we truly understand who we are with our true identity: daughters and sons of God. Christ sees with our eyes so that we might be able to see with His. As we meditate on the gaze of Christ and the man we are reminded in the words of St. Paul, "And I live, now not I; but Christ lives in me." That is, we are called to have the mind of Christ and to look upon the

reality of our times with Christ's eyes. In every situation of our lives we are called to discern, listen, and do the will of God, especially with those who are most needy and broken.

A loving heart comes with an awakening to God's presence and an experience of God's mercy. This happens when we are aware of our sinfulness, but we also know and believe that we are sinners loved by God. In the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector, the Pharisee had no awareness of his pride and lack of charity. The tax collector, on the other hand, was aware that he was a sinner but had a sense that God loved him. This was his salvation. He prayed with a contrite, humble heart, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." He was filled

with sorrow for his sins, and his heart was open to receive God's forgiveness. This is the way to change of heart (conversion, repentance). He went home at peace with God — with love in his heart. Mercy and forgiveness flow from the heart of God.

The early Church made an addition to the story of the prodigal son. The addition claims that it was the mother who sent a message secretly to her "prodigal" son and was mainly responsible for his return. Her message went something like this:

The doors of Pax Christi are open wide to welcome home everyone in this Year of Mercy — this is where you are loved by this Christian Community and where you belong. God has the ability to forget; we're in this church together! There is no "Us" and "Them." We are all the same — broken, guilty, and redeemed. That's why we sing *Amazing Grace*.

*Son, just know that if you feel like coming home, nobody will say anything to you. If you feel as bad as I suspect you do, you have punished yourself quite enough — the older people say that sin brings its own punishment. You have gone through enough already. Maybe you feel you have to earn our love. You don't; we love you not because you are good or bad, but because you are our son and nothing can change that. Home is not where you live, it is where you are loved and belong.*

# GET ACQUAINTED WITH OUR CATHOLIC NEWBIES

*The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is for all adults who are baptized in another faith (known as “candidates”) and are interested in joining the Catholic Church, adults who were baptized Catholic but never confirmed (known as “confirmandae”), and adults who were never baptized (known as “catechumens”), and anyone else interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith.

This year we have a full house for RCIA! We currently have eight candidates who are preparing for Full Communion by celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist with us. Three catechumens will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil Mass.

We welcome all of these new members to our family!

## \*Catechumens

(non-baptized individuals seeking full initiation into the Church)

## \*\*Candidates

(those baptized in another faith and seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church)

### ALYSSA BERNER\*

I am Alyssa Berner. I was born in Crosby, MN, and grew up in the Twin Cities. I am mother to Sarah, age 2, and married to Ken. I am a labor and postpartum doula serving the Twin Cities. I was raised in the Baptist faith. I enjoy reading, writing, and Doctor Who.



### KEN BERNER\*

My name is Ken Berner. I was born in San Francisco, CA, and grew up in Salem, OR. I am father to Sarah, age 2, and married to Alyssa. I am an engineer. I was not raised with any religion but have always felt drawn to the Catholic faith. I enjoy video games, watching TV, cooking, and working on cars and computers.



### TIERRA DANIELS\*



My name is Tierra Daniels, and I am currently a freshman at the University of St. Thomas. I grew up in Edina, although my family has recently moved to Eden Prairie. I was not raised in any specific faith tradition; however, I have always been drawn to Christianity, in particular Catholicism. As I grew up, I read the Bible and prayed at home because I could not go to Church. I have decided to look

more deeply into the Catholic Church because I would like to learn who God is as well as have a stronger relationship with Him.

### CHAD BEHNKE\*\*

(with girlfriend Annie Duplsaff)



I am Chad Behnke, and I am here at Pax to explore my faith and my beliefs by delving into the Catholic faiths, beliefs, and traditions. I was

raised and brought up in a Lutheran Church, where I was baptized and confirmed. I am going through the RCIA process to find a deeper meaning and understanding into what it truly means to be Catholic.



## WYATT ANDERSEN\*\*

(with fiancée Caitlin Gadel)

My name is Wyatt. I grew up in Esko, Minnesota, a small town near Duluth. There I attended Northwood United Methodist Church where I taught Sunday School and a W.O.W. Ministries church where I was active in the youth group. I went to college at Hamline University where I studied philosophy and physics and attended Hamline United Methodist Church. After graduating, I moved to Minneapolis and started working in software engineering and IT consulting. I met my fiancée Caitlin, a long time Pax Christi member, at my first job out of college, and we will be married at Pax Christi in April of 2016. I am interested in the rich history, theology, and philosophy of the Catholic church and would love to hear your perspective.



## ERIC TIGUE\*\*

(with fiancée Brianna Haus)

My name is Eric Tighe, and I grew up in Bloomington, MN. I currently live in Bloomington with my beautiful fiancée Brianna Haus. Growing up, I was confirmed in the Presbyterian Church and look forward to continuing my journey through Christ in the Catholic Church. I currently work for Hennepin County as a sheriff's deputy. When I am not working, I enjoy watching/playing sports, hanging out with family and friends, and playing with our wonderful rescue dog Maggie.



## PERRY PLATISHA\*\*

(with wife, Julie, and daughter)



My name is Perry, I live with my wife Julie in Chaska, and we are the proud parents of four grown children. We are both from up in the Brainerd area and still have family and our cabin up there near Bay Lake. I own a small real estate and development company, and Julie is also in real estate. Julie and I were married in the Catholic Church and have raised our children as Catholics. While I did not join the Catholic Church, I have been a part of all of my family's church related events and have almost exclusively attended the Catholic Church when they do over the past 30+ years. It has always been

important to me to be a part of their faith and to participate as much as I was able to do as a non-Catholic. I have decided to enter the Catholic faith now simply because I am ready, and because the experiences I have had at Pax Christi have been so welcoming and inclusive. It has been clear for quite some time that becoming a Catholic would be a good decision for me and for my family, Pax Christi has been the catalyst that makes it certain and is making it possible for me.



## BLAKE TREANOR\*\*

I grew up in Eden Prairie — a product of the Eden Prairie education system K-12 — and I currently live in Eden Prairie. I was baptized and confirmed Lutheran at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. I work as a house remodeler with my dad for our company, *Personalized Wood Products, Inc.* I am interested in joining Pax Christi and am preparing to marry Olivia Juntunen and raise kids within this faith community. My hobbies include, but are not limited to, fishing, hunting, three wheeling, and archery.

## COREY MASLOWSKI\*\*

My name is Corey, and I grew up in the Lutheran faith and attended an ELCA college. My faith has always been very important to me. My wife, Marie, is Catholic, and we were married in the Catholic Church. For the past decade, we have been attending Mass together, and we were baptized and are raising our son Catholic. It is important to me for our family to practice our faith together, and I am feeling called to take the next step. I have appreciated the support of my family and Pax Christi as I have continued on my faith journey.



*Not pictured: Tom Dulian, Victoria Radosevich*



# WALKING THE WAY

## TRADITIONAL STATIONS

Thomas Merton Chapel  
Fridays, March 4 and 18  
7:00pm

## WALKING THE WAY

Begins in Sanctuary  
Friday, March 11  
6:45pm

## LIVING STATIONS

In the Sanctuary  
Good Friday, March 25  
3:00pm and 5:00pm

## CROSS EXHIBIT

Pacem in Terris Gallery  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Room  
Runs through Holy Week

**THE STATIONS** of the Cross is one of the traditional prayers prayed during Lent. These fourteen reflections on the Good Friday passion and death of Jesus help us to ponder the way of Jesus on his last day of life leading to his death, and draw inspiration so we can learn as we travel our own walk of faith today.

On the Fridays during Lent, there will be a number of different ways in which the Stations of the Cross are prayed. On March 4 and 18, the traditional Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00pm in the chapel, led by one of the deacons or lay ministers. The Living Stations of the Cross, led by senior high youth of the parish, will be held at 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Good Friday, March 25. This narrated and posed vignettes of the story of the passion of Jesus is a story about Jesus, and it is also our story through an entranceway

of salvation given to us freely and lovingly.

The Cross Exhibit in the Pacem in Terris is another reflective way that is available to help form our Lenten sensibilities. What does the image of the cross mean to you? What does the cross say about suffering? What does the cross say about redemption? How do the crosses I carry in my own life teach me about grace and love? As you take time to stop by to ponder the beauty and uniqueness of the crosses on display, perhaps these questions will help you in your prayer and contemplation.

A different type of prayer will be part of our Lenten experience this year. On Friday evening, March 11, after the 5:30pm fish dinner, there will be a prayer service of "Walking the Way." Beginning in the worship space at 6:45pm, we will travel throughout the building, walking a different road of reflection,

pondering the crosses that are there for us to gaze and pray with, guided by prayer and reflection on each of the 14 crosses in our midst. Shepherded by light and community, our hearts become open to the wisdom of the cross. When Christianity began about 2000 years ago, those first followers were self-identified as disciples of The Way, those who chose to cast their lives to the direction of the person of Jesus and His teachings. The prayer on March 11 will be reflective of the teachings of Jesus as The Way, the Truth, and the Life and will invite us to ponder the great mystery of following The Way in our time and place today.

We are in the midst of this season which has much to teach us about ourselves and the God of Mercy and Compassion. May we walk humbly and joyfully in the conviction of God's grace.

*Written by Jane Schmitz,  
Parish Director.*



# THE MERCY CROSS



**DURING** my first year of youth ministry at Pax Christi, I was told that every room in the building is home to a unique cross and that all of the crosses are gathered and displayed in an exhibit in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Room during the Lenten Season. However, the Garden Level, the room where most of the youth ministry programs and activities take place, did not have a cross. So I decided to search for a new cross for the youth. In my opinion, the youth cross had to be special. Not only was it going to be the primary symbol of faith in our room, but it had to be a representation of the young people themselves; their theology, their questions, their experiences, and their hopes. It would have been too easy to purchase a generic cross at some online religious-goods store. Instead, I knew that our young people had to be involved in the process of designing and creating their cross.

I contacted Sr. Mary Ann Osborne, SSND, a woodcarving artist who specializes in sacred art, to work with a group of teens on this project. In October, Mikaela and Dione DeMartelaere, Christian and Jodi Ramirez, Sam Kinzel, Austin Murr, and I traveled to Sr. Mary Ann's studio in Mankato, MN, to begin the design process. The following is a reflection on the experience and finished cross by Sr. Mary Ann Osborne.

*This past Halloween, four students and three adults from Pax Christi visited my studio and spent about five hours discussing what their parish means to them and their thoughts on the cross. They each brought a cross that had special meaning to them and shared why it was important to them. They shared what they wanted to portray in the cross that would be created for them. They wanted to make their faith personal and portray merciful acceptance — not judging anyone. The parish's ministry of social justice was very important to them. They saw power in the cross for everyone. They saw the cross as the place where grace and suffering meet.*



*Each individual created a sketch of how they would envision the cross to look. Then as a group we discussed features that we liked from each creation. Together we started to combine ideas and came to a new image we could all agree on.*

*The group wanted a body on the cross and the word "Mercy" on the back of the body. Warm and cool tile colors were to represent the coming together of all of creation. They wanted their love of God represented by fire. Grateful for their baptism, which continually brings them to new life, leaves and water images surround the cross. To represent people as the reflection of God's Image, shapes of people and mirror glass are on the back of the staff. Mary and John at the foot of the cross represent the community. Old and young can actually put their hands into impressions on the base of the stand to signify their willingness to follow God and their calling to love others in the community. 'God is Here' is written on the back side of the cross so that when it was carried in procession everyone would be reminded of this truth along with God's Mercy.*

Sr. Mary Ann unintentionally began working on the cross on December 8, the kickoff to the Year of Mercy. The cross was delivered to Pax Christi on February 1. The strong current of the theme of mercy has prompted us to name the cross The Mercy Cross. It is a processional cross. While its home will be in the Garden Level, it will also be used for youth liturgies and celebrations.

The Mercy Cross is a gift from the youth of Pax Christi. The cross will be a part of Walking the Way on March 11 (details on page 8). We hope that this work of sacred art will be an inspiration to your faith.

View more of Sr. Mary Ann Osborne's work online at [www.maryannosborne.com](http://www.maryannosborne.com).

*Written by Peter Bierer, Youth Formation Minister.*

# LET ALL WHO THIRST, COME TO THE WATER

**THE BAPTISMAL FONT** is the doorway, the entrance, to all the sacraments through which we are introduced to the church's sacramental life. It is in the one baptism that all Christians are united with the death and resurrection of Christ. The Lenten Season reminds us of our baptism already received or the preparation for its reception. God never tires of showing a merciful face to anyone who accepts the gifts of faith in the waters of the baptism.

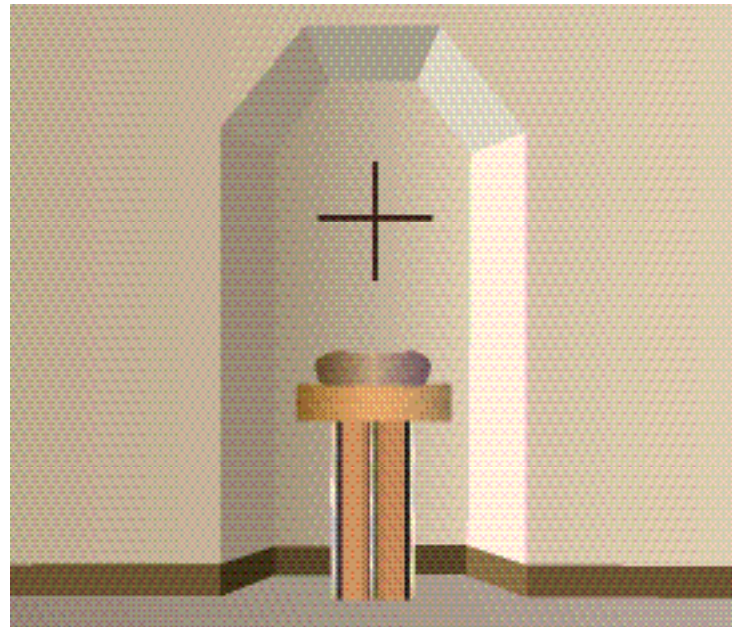
Pax Christi has many doorways or points of entry to the building as well as to the community itself. As part of our Jubilee Year of Celebration, we are placing holy water fonts, beautifully designed by Nick Markell (creator of the Ascent of Peace sculpture), at four different entrances. The niches, beautiful alcoves of welcome, were created by Tom Cannon and the Hard Hat team of volunteers.

**The Book of Blessings proclaims:**

*Here the door is reopened to the life of the Spirit and the gateway to the church is swung wide open. Over the font the lamp of faith spreads the holy light that banishes darkness from the mind and fills those who are reborn here with heavenly gifts.*

Holy water fonts, placed at entrances to churches, vary in size, placement, and structure. Familiarity of style and memory date back to childhood experiences when one would bless oneself with holy water upon entering the church. We are united through the waters of baptism from the one font of blessing, but because there are many entry points into Pax Christi, the four fonts will allow many to bless themselves with the refreshing reminder of our baptism.

The fonts are designed to be earthy and reflective of our humanity and replicate elements used within the architecture of the interior of the church. Stone, wood, and steel provide the composite structure of the stand and the basin for the water. There will be gently flowing water, reminding us that water brings life and energy to us in refreshing, nourishing, cleansing, and sustaining ways. The font structure is designed to be accessible, both by wheelchair-bound parishioners and children (possibly with a little help from their parents) so all can bless themselves as they enter into the sacred space for worship. Light, needed for orientation and direction in life, will be shining above the font to reflect the water and bring a serenity to the experience of blessing.



The niche or alcove created is intentional in design. The walls have a 24° opening, inviting welcome and acceptance to the pilgrim on the journey of faith at all times. The cross, hung on the back of the alcove, reminds us that we follow the One who has gone before us, in life, in death, and in resurrection. When we place the sign of the cross on ourselves, whether at the beginning of prayer, at a meal, near the holy water font, over those baptized, and upon the ones anointed, the cross is placed upon us in mystery, knowing that the unfolding of the cross-filled complexities of life unite us with the Redeemer.

**Our prayer for Easter Season and beyond:**

*May we who are reborn from the font  
Fulfill in our actions what we pledge by our faith  
And share by our lives what we began  
By the power of God's Grace.  
Book of Blessings, adapted*

*Written by Donna Kasbohm, Dir. of Music and Liturgy,  
and Jane Schmitz, Parish Director.*



# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AT PAX CHRISTI: “HELP ME FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD”

**THE CATECHESIS** of the Good Shepherd is an approach to religious formation for children which is based on the premise that there is a deep bond between God and the child. This produces in the child a desire to draw near to God and the growth of this relationship should be assisted by an adult but is ultimately directed by the Spirit of God within the child.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) faith formation program for ages 3-12 is rooted in scripture, liturgy, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. This method assumes that God is already present to the youngest members of the Church in their deepest being and that they are capable of developing a conscious and intimate relationship with God.

A room is prepared for the children which contains simple, yet beautiful, all natural materials that they use. A CGS-trained catechist presents a different subject material each week based on Scripture and Liturgy. After a presentation of a lesson by the catechist, the child is invited to work individually with the materials in a hands-on manner. During this work, the child will internalize and respond to the presentation and often have a personal conversation with God.



The prepared environment contains materials that are models of things used in the Church's worship. The environment also contains simple, child-sized materials relating to the stories and life of Jesus Christ. This environment is a place of prayer and contemplative listening, where children and adults listen to God together and experience what it means to be in a worshipping community, thus preparing the children for full and active participation in our liturgy. The Holy Spirit is the teacher—the catechist provides the tools and assists the child. The catechist's role is to evoke a response from the child rather than “pour in” information. Children have the opportunity to respond in their own way to the material presented. This might be a parable, an explanation of

the altar, or information about a sacrament. The child is free to choose an activity that will make possible an inner dialogue with the “Interior Teacher.” Through the presentations working with the materials, children become increasingly aware of their relationship with God and give expression to it. This expression is always one of joy.

As described by CGS USA, *Catechists receive extensive training before working with the children during which they learn to differentiate the developmental levels of children, how to respect the relationship they already have with God, and how to sit “shoulder-to-shoulder” with the children to listen and respond to God’s Word. The catechists grow in their own relationship with Christ and begin to discover that they are but humble servants of the Good News and the real Teacher is the ‘Spirit of God within each child.’*

Catechists experience deep transformation during the training process. Through the faith formation they are transformed in their relationship with Jesus. Through learning so much about stages of childhood and how children have everything they need inside of them, catechists are transformed as parents and in relationship with their own children or grandchildren.

There is a continuous waiting list of families who desire to enroll their children in Pax Christi’s Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We have a great need for many catechists. Men and women of all ages often find the training and the work with the children to be among the most fruitful faith practices that they have ever experienced.

For more information please go to the website for the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org).

For more information about CGS at Pax Christi or about becoming a catechist, contact Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, 952-405-7230, or [lschelitzche@paxchristi.com](mailto:lschelitzche@paxchristi.com). *Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Dir. of Faith Formation.*





# LET THE CHILDREN COME!

**BASED** on the words in Matthew 19:14, Jesus loved teaching and sharing stories with children of all ages. He explained through objects they could understand and invited them to pray with him. Our Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) program is designed specifically with children in mind.

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program happens during the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass with hopes to grow to the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday evening. Our youngest members, ages four through fourth grade, are invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and are led to the

chapel. There they listen to the Word of God at a child-friendly level, sing together, and pray together. The scripture readings are enhanced by a variety of activities. We learn about the colors and environment of the liturgical season. We also learn when and why we sit or stand, and what responses we say after the readings. Participating in liturgy forms our habits because we are ritual people, and we learn through repetition and copying. This incredible experience is led by trained volunteers who are willing to share their faith with our children. Children return to their parents at the offertory

and join the community in celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We would love to grow our team! Training and all materials are provided. Our nursery is also available during Mass for your youngest family members. This incredible volunteer experience can fit into YOUR schedule and you can participate as often as you are able. You are personally invited to come check it out any Sunday CLOW is in session. Please contact me with questions at 952-405-7212.

*Written by Renee Dignan, Faith Formation Minister.*

# PLAN NOW TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

**WHAT:**  
Member Engagement Survey

**WHO:**  
All members aged 18 and older, and anyone who considers him/herself a part of Pax Christi Catholic Community

**WHY:**  
To collect your opinions about key aspects of our community

**WHEN:**  
February 22 – March 18

**HOW:**  
Online at [www.paxchristi.com/gallup](http://www.paxchristi.com/gallup), or pick up a paper survey at the parish

**WE WANT** to hear from each of you. We are in the middle of our Gallup's Member Engagement (ME25) survey, which will provide all adult members of our parish the opportunity to share opinions about some of the key aspects of community life. The ME25 Survey is open and available until March 18, so take the time to share your opinions about Pax Christi today.

This is the second time we will take the ME25 survey, and we hope to find out how we have fared with some of the strategic tactics that we developed in response to the results we received after the first survey. Once again, the survey will be administered by Gallup, an independent research company

known for its understanding of people and their opinions. Although most of us know Gallup for its polling work, the organization has been listening to people's opinions and studying successful organizations for several decades. With this experience, Gallup brings a seasoned ability to help us gather and understand all of the opinions throughout our parish.

Your opinions will be completely confidential; Gallup will not reveal any individual responses to anyone. After we have received the results from Gallup, we will use them to start a dialogue about our parish and how we can more effectively accomplish our mission. We all have a stake in the opportunities

and challenges that lie ahead.

We prefer you take the survey online as it is available anytime during the survey period. The survey link is available on our website, [www.paxchristi.com/gallup](http://www.paxchristi.com/gallup). If you do not have access to a computer, you can fill out a paper survey which we will have available at the parish reception desk.

The success of this effort hinges on the completion of the survey by each one of us who is at least 18 years of age. We all share equally in our responsibility to reach the goal of 100% participation by our parish. Your opinions need to be heard.



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A LEADER AT PAX CHRISTI?

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**, the Vatican II Council, guided by the Spirit of God, activated a renewal of the church and the evolving roles of the people of God. In the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, paragraph 33 states that *The laity are gathered together in the People of God and make up the Body of Christ under one head. Whoever they are they are called upon, as living members, to expend all their energy for the growth of the Church and its continuous sanctification, since this very energy is a gift of the Creator and a blessing of the Redeemer.* This shift in acknowledging the role of the laity in the life of the church invites the faithful, each of us, to claim the rights and responsibilities of baptism in bringing the light of Christ to all corners of the world by using the gifts that have been generously given to us by the Creator God.

A parish of over 10,000 members, as Pax Christi is, could not imagine to provide the outreach, the spiritual growth opportunities, the passion for justice, the liturgical experiences, the connections as a faith community without the vibrant women and men who continue to step forward to lead, guide, and listen to where the path of the parish must go. So what does it mean to be a leader at Pax Christi?

**IT MEANS** first continuing the tradition at Pax Christi of strong lay leadership. Pax Christi was the first parish in 100 years to be started by the laity. You can read a short history of the parish on the website at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

**IT MEANS** living the spirit of Vatican II, as our parish mission statement says, as well as living the Parish Value Statements of being people who are God-centered, justice-minded, inclusive, hospitable, lifelong learners, and guided by stewardship principles.

**IT MEANS** being a servant leader, helping our fellow parishioners however we can.

**IT MEANS** building community,

**IT MEANS** dedicating oneself to lifelong learning. Effective leaders are those who ask and learn and apply that learning to help others.

**IT MEANS** keeping the focus on creating a positive experience for fellow parishioners.

**IT MEANS** supporting the approximately 130 activities, programs, and ministries at Pax Christi. And then helping to create new ones as the need arises and the Spirit directs.



**IT MEANS** helping fellow parishioners be engaged, so they are volunteering, participating, and helping others.

**IT MEANS** considering the broad range of parishioners, from young to old, so that there is a way for each of us to be involved and feel connected.

**IT MEANS** utilizing one's talents on behalf of others, thus making Pax Christi present and fruitful in the community.

**IT MEANS** growing spiritually, which we realize more when working with others, that God is present in each one of us.

**IT MEANS** creating the future of Pax Christi.

In a few weeks, the Lay Leadership Development Council will be asking you to consider being a leader or nominating another to use his/her gifts of leadership in the parish. There are eight ministry councils (Arts, Campus, and Gardens, Faith Formation, Finance, Justice, Lay Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, and Worship) that guide the vision of the parish. Leadership at Pax Christi is for all who care about the parish and its growth in the mission of **OPENING WIDE THE DOORS** to the mercy, love, and compassion of Christ.

# WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER: STEWARDSHIP THRIVES ON INTERACTION WITH OTHERS

JESUS DID NOT SAY:  
'ONE OF YOU GO', BUT  
'ALL OF YOU GO': WE  
ARE SENT TOGETHER  
BE AWARE OF THE  
COMPANIONSHIP  
OF THE WHOLE  
CHURCH AND ALSO  
THE COMMUNION OF  
THE SAINTS ON THIS  
MISSION. WHEN WE  
FACE CHALLENGES  
TOGETHER, THEN  
WE ARE STRONG, WE  
DISCOVER RESOURCES  
WE DID NOT KNOW WE  
HAD. JESUS DID NOT  
CALL THE APOSTLES  
TO LIVE IN ISOLATION,  
HE CALLED THEM TO  
FORM A GROUP, A  
COMMUNITY.  
— POPE FRANCIS,  
WORLD YOUTH DAY,  
07/28/2013



**IF I MENTION** the phrase, “You could hear crickets chirping,” do you think of enjoying a summer afternoon’s walk on a country road, or do you turn to a more negative impression — immediately remembering the uncomfortable feeling in the pit of your stomach when you were in a meeting, or in a classroom, or at the kitchen table and suddenly realize you have been asked to form some sort of a response, and you just weren’t paying attention to know what the proper response should be? We have all faced the situation, either as the one posing the question, perhaps irritated by the lack of attention we have received, feeling the discomfort of the unanswered query, painfully suspended in the atmosphere, or worse, in the role of the trapped non-responder, sweaty palms and all, searching memory cells in vain for the topic at hand and a suitable response. In either position, the responder is left all alone and unsupported.

Thankfully, in the Gospel message that Pope Francis refers to in the aforementioned quote, Jesus’ directives to the disciples were meant to be carried out in tandem or greater. We need each other to share our faith, and there’s strength in those numbers. There are so many individual reasons why people have come to Pax Christi, what’s most important is that so many have stayed here and helped build this community of faith. More than likely it is because someone or something touched the individual, encouraging a return visit. There’s the charter member who arrived in 1981, intrigued by the excitement of starting a new faith community, a card-carrying member of the travelling salvation show from the warehouse to this building. There are members who came for Mass and found their spiritual hunger nourished, so they continued to come and grow in their faith. We have members who were brought here through a funeral, wedding, or pastoral need, and decided to make this place their faith home. We have people who came to Pax Christi based on that old adage of location, location, location but once here found the reasons they needed to stay, and so they did. Job transfers, sacramental or faith formation needs, sanctuary — there are many a reason that brought people to the corner of Homeward Hills and Pioneer Trail, and all who have joined us have enhanced and advanced this faith community over 35 years.

It’s this community which provides us with the essential support to be Catholic, Christian, merciful, kind, giving, sharing stewards here and out in the world beyond the doors of Pax Christi. We are in this together, and together, we can and do make a difference. We could not, would not be the same without each and every member. We need the individual gifts of each member shared to continue to grow and build and serve. This Lenten Season is a perfect time to pause and consider a few questions. Why did you come? What keeps you here? What do you cherish most about your faith home? What gifts can you share to continue to Open Wide the Doors to current and future members of Pax Christi? How are you called to continue to build the community called Pax Christi?

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





## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**FOR SOME TIME NOW**, the Facilities Council has wondered why we cannot attract a more diverse membership. So we asked around. Apparently, the word 'facilities' has many meanings to many people but is not always reflected in what this council actually works to provide for the members of Pax Christi.

We heard you say Facilities is responsible for HVAC systems, restrooms, plumbing, maintenance, and similar items. While this is true, we really do so much more.

Did you know this council cares for the artwork of Pax Christi, the gardens we all admire outside, and the plants we nurture inside the church? Did you know we provide opportunities for volunteers at the front desk during the week and on Sundays? In addition, we have dozens of volunteers who also keep our church clean and working well in so many ways.

Therefore, we decided our name needs an upgrade to coincide with our responsibilities. We are now the "Campus, Arts, and Gardens Council."

We hope this will be the year to attract a diverse cross section of the wonderful parishioners at Pax Christi. We would love to have new ideas and visions of the possibilities for the entire campus that hosts so many great ministry programs.

When you hear the call for new leadership council members, please consider joining us and helping us provide the best environment for nurturing our Catholic faith to reflect our Catholic Social Teaching values.

*Written by the Council formerly known as Facilities.*

# COMMUNITY SOLAR UPDATE

**IF YOU** attended the Community Solar informational meeting in January, you heard a lot about the benefits of Pax Christi hosting a solar panel array on our roof. While we are making our way through the winter, we are verifying the financial and physical installation details of the plan before we move ahead.

One of the biggest decisions we have to make is the level of participation Pax Christi will take in the usage of this green energy. The Community Council will ultimately determine this level, with input from various other councils. We are able to use up to 40% of the energy created by the array. However, this limits the participation by the community and is the greatest up-front investment for Pax Christi. Once this decision has been made, we will have final drafts of the user and host agreements drawn up, and we can move into engineering and installation studies.

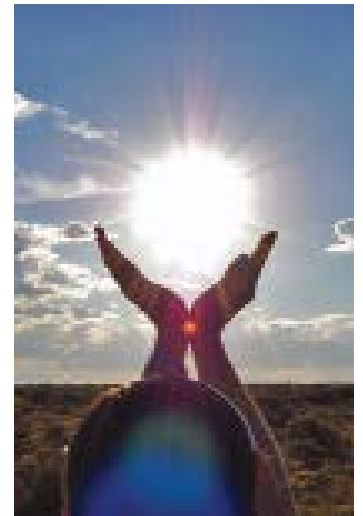
Xcel Energy will also be involved in the application process at this point. You may have noticed the news that Xcel and the Public Utilities Commission recently approved 47 new systems in January 2016. We hope all studies, drawings, rebate approvals, and permits for our system can be in place by early summer. Ideally, the installation will occur in the late summer or early fall. This would enable us to bring the system on line by the end of 2016.

We will be hosting additional learning and listening opportunities this spring and during the Lenten Retreat on April 23. If you would like to get involved, learn more about community solar, or just have questions, please look for the Campus, Arts, and Gardens Council members, or call Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations. We are looking forward to providing green energy using the roof space and becoming a part of alternative energy solutions.

Questions? Contact Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations, kreineccius@paxchristi.com, 952-405-7250.

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*Written by Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations.*



## LENT AND TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

### Daily Masses:

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

**Lenten Cross Exhibit,  
Ash Wednesday through  
Holy Week**

### HOLY THURSDAY

**Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Thursday, March 24, 7:00pm**

The Mass commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples. We put into practice a major tenet of Jesus' teaching in tonight's gospel: "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14) At the Holy Thursday Mass we have an opportunity to get our feet washed and to wash another's feet. Following Mass we take time for Adoration of the Eucharist in our Chapel. The Chapel will be open until 10:00pm for private prayer.

### AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, February 29, 7:00pm

### 24-HOURS FOR THE LORD

Friday, March 4, 6:00–7:00pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm Fridays, March 4, 18

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - (PRIVATE)

3:30–4:30pm Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19

### LENTEN COMMUNITY NIGHT – FISH BAKE

Friday, March 11, Meal begins at 5:30pm  
Walking the Way prayer begins at 6:45pm

### PALM SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

March 19/20 at Mass

## TRIDUUM/EASTER

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Followed by Adoration in chapel through 10:00pm)

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

3:00pm Living Stations  
5:00pm Living Stations  
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26 – NO PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

12:00noon Blessing of Easter Food  
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
(All are invited to a reception immediately following Mass)

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00am Easter Mass  
9:00am Easter Mass  
9:00am Easter Mass in Nazareth Hall  
11:00am Easter Mass  
11:00am Easter Mass in Nazareth Hall  
(No 5:00pm Mass)

### MONDAY, MARCH 28

Building Closed, No Morning Mass

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Living Stations: Friday, March 25, 3:00pm and 5:00pm  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Friday, March 25, 7:00pm**

On Good Friday we celebrate Living Stations of the Cross. At Pax Christi, we call these stations "living" stations because our youth act out the scenes. The reflections include prayer and music. Please join us for this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! The "Celebration of the Lord's Passion" is to remember the passion and death of Christ today. The service is not a Mass. We begin with a short time of silent, reverent prayer, followed by the Liturgy of the Word.

### HOLY SATURDAY

**Blessing of Easter Food: Saturday, March 26, 12:00noon  
Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 26, 8:00pm**

The custom of bringing Easter food to the church for a blessing began in Eastern Europe, was brought to the United States by immigrants, and has become more increasingly mainstream. A decorated basket containing a sampling of the foods to be eaten for Easter dinner is blessed on Holy Saturday. At the Vigil we overcome darkness with light; we tell our story; we bless water, initiate new members, and renew our own baptisms; and we partake of the Feast. And then, we are sent forth, to be light for those in darkness, to be story for those without hope, to be rebirth and resurrection for those in death and decay, and to be bread and wine for those who are starving for food, for God, for love.

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday, March 27, Mass Times: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am**

*In addition to Masses in the main worship space, there will be Masses in Nazareth Hall at 9:00am and 11:00am*

With joy, we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. We will continue our celebration for the 50 days of Easter until we reach the feast of Pentecost. We also sing, "Jesus Christ is risen today." In "real" time the resurrection was hundreds of years ago. But Christians believe that the resurrection has meaning in our lives each and every day. Through the resurrection, Jesus opens for us the way to new life.



# PARISHIONER NEWS

## JANUARY BAPTISMS

Piper Kathleen Fennell	1/9/2016
Archer Earl Dolenc	1/10/2016
Thomas Timothy McDaniels	1/10/2016
Ryan James Valiga	1/17/2016
Daniel Leonard Bothwell	1/24/2016
Connor Vernon McMahon	1/24/2016
Xander John Prusak	1/24/2016
Violet Ruth Woodrow	1/24/2016
Emma Rose Metzger	1/31/2016
Madison Lee Metzger	1/31/2016
Oliver Dumalag Porsch	1/31/2016

## JANUARY FUNERALS

Mary Angela Zieper	1/2/2016
Kathleen Rose Gertz	1/8/2016
Elaine Sorensen	1/9/2016
Samuel H. Sabean	1/16/2016
Ed Yochum	1/23/2016
Daniel Prideaux	1/28/2016
Richard Allan '(Dick)' Hanson	1/30/2016

## JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

- Susan Anderson
- Rick and Barbara Hammerschmidt
- Amanda Kapusniak
- Mary Loomis
- Al and Pat Luebbers
- Steve and Emily Sandoval
- John Weber and Megan Nedved
- Bill Zweber



## READINGS FOR MARCH

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2016

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2016

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2016

Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Christm Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2016

Sunday:	10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15

## MARCH

### LENTEN CROSS EXHIBIT

**CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH 27, Pacem in Terris Gallery, MLK Room**

On view this year is a magnificent work "Christ and the Cross II" by Malcom Myers, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota. This work comes to us as a gift from his estate.

### SOUP DRIVE/BURGUNDY BAG FOOD DRIVE

**DROP-OFF DURING LENT – THROUGH MARCH 27**

It has been a tradition for several years for our community to donate food in our burgundy bags, and much of that food is given to PROP. We are launching a community-wide opportunity to collect over 1,000 cans of soup during the season of Lent. Soup may be dropped-off anytime during Lent in the bins located inside the main entrance, door #3. The children in the Finding God faith formation program will make the soup donation drive their special outreach opportunity during Lent.

**PALM SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION:** On Palm Sunday weekend, bring your filled Burgundy Bag to the altar prior to Mass to serve as a Lenten reminder to care for those who are in need.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SERIES

**Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30pm, MARCH 1 & 8, St. EDWARDS, BLOOMINGTON**

**Monday, 6:30–8:30pm, MARCH 14, GUARDIAN ANGELS, CHASKA**

The loss of a relationship through separation and divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions and many life changes. The spring speaker series presenters will address both the practical and emotional issues experienced on this journey. This series is free and for anyone who has recently divorced or is going through a separation. No registration required. You can attend one or all of the speakers. Details regarding topics, dates, and speaker bios can be found online at [www.paxchristi.com/separateddivorced](http://www.paxchristi.com/separateddivorced). There is no fee.

## 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.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am**

### 24-HOURS FOR THE LORD

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 6:00–7:00pm**

Pope Francis: *The initiative of 24-Hours for the Lord, helps us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands.* Pax Christi will participate by offering Reconciliation from 6:00–7:00pm during the 24-Hours for the Lord. More info online.

### THE "FORCE" WITHIN OUR MINISTRY

**A RETREAT FOR PAX CHRISTI'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**MARCH 5, 8:00am–12:00noon RSV**

Each time we as a community come together to pray, we are served by those among us who have accepted a role of liturgical ministry. This retreat will get us in touch with God's grace — the Force — that deepens our personal and communal spirituality. The retreat is not about skills or "how" we minister but about "why" we minister. Come for breakfast, morning prayer, presentations, and dialogue. Leave renewed, refreshed, and re-committed to the vital service provided to our faith community. Facilitated by Patricia and Fred Baumer.

### MANAGING YOUR TRASH

**Sunday, MARCH 6, 10:15–11:30am, Room 212**

"What can I do?" The United States is #1 in production of trash in the world with an average of 1,609 pounds per person a year. The average American throws away 1200 lbs. of organic garbage that could have been composted. The speaker, Mallory Anderson, Recycling Technician at Hennepin County Environment and Energy Dept., will talk with us about "Managing Our Trash." Come and learn what we can do to care for creation.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS PRESENTATION

**INCORPORATING HEALTH AND WELLNESS INTO EVERYDAY LIFE**

**Monday, MARCH 7, 3:30–4:30pm; DOROTHY DAY HALL**

Our health is multidimensional and incorporates domains related to physical, mental and emotional, and social functioning. In this presentation you will learn how aspects of a person's life such as positive emotions and life satisfaction effect well-being. Do you want to maximize your social or mental well-being? What catalyst is needed to incorporate these behaviors into everyday life? Intrigued? Come join Kara Bodmer for a mind-changing presentation! Kara is a Registered Nurse, currently working at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Kara is also completing her Doctor of Nurse Practitioner degree from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. No registration is required.



## COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE AND "WALKING THE WAY"

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

Join us as we continue the tradition of the Lenten Fish Bake beginning at 5:30pm. Enjoy tasty baked tilapia, beer-battered baked cod, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, pickles, and chocolate pudding pie. A prayer, Walking the Way, will follow the fish bake at 6:45pm. In praying this wonderful and ancient prayer rooted in scripture, we come to grips with the reality of God's love and mercy. See page 8 for details. Opportunity for individual confessions will also be available 5:00-6:00pm.

## NAME TAG WEEKEND

**MARCH 12/13 – SECOND FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH**

## EASTER BASKET DRIVE

**WEEKENDS OF MARCH 12/13 AND 19/20**

Even though we are still very much Lenten People, Twelve Baskets Ministry will be conducting our annual Easter Basket Drive. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Rosary Catholic Church in south Minneapolis, Extension Services in north Minneapolis, and Eastside Learning Center in East St. Paul. Use your imagination and create colorful, bountiful baskets. Please put the basket in a cellophane bag if possible. Individual baskets and items may also be donated. We will fill and complete the baskets. There will be flyers at doors 1,3, and 4 to help when shopping.

## MAKE PLANS NOW

## EARTH DAY RETREAT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 8:30am-2:30pm RSVP**

The day will include keynote speaker Fr. Larry Snyder, Vice President for Mission at University of St. Thomas and past president of Catholic Charities USA, a panel of experts, and exhibitor booths. Register online NOW at [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration). Additional information at [www.paxchristi.com/earthday](http://www.paxchristi.com/earthday).



## SPRING CLEAN-UP IS BACK!

**SAATURDAY, APRIL 30 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

The Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council would like to announce we are restarting the annual Spring Clean-up this year on April 30. We want to give the gardens and our beautiful campus a kick start for another summer season. We will be trimming, picking up trash, pulling out dead foliage, and generally sprucing up the area around the church before the new growth begins. We will also be asking people to sign up for the Adopt-A-Garden program for the rest of the summer. This will be an opportunity to sign up, meet your fellow gardeners, and plan for care and beauty of our great gardens.

The clean-up and the gardening program are great ways to meet other parishioners and a great opportunity for families and groups to get involved at Pax Christi. Your help will keep your church looking great and inviting as we enjoy another season of growing our church, our faith and care for God's creation. Please mark your calendars for April 30 and watch for additional announcements in the bulletins and electronic news. Call Ken Reineccius, 952-405-7250, for additional information.

## SCOTLAND IRELAND TOUR WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

**JUNE 13-23, 2016 RSVP**

Immerse yourself in the beauty, the history, and the many sites in these two special countries. Be one of those going. Space is limited! To learn more about this special pilgrimage, please contact Magi Travel, 952-949-0065, with questions.

## ITALY: THE LAND OF THE SAINTS WITH FR HERB HAYEK

**OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 4, 2016 RSVP**

Join Fr. Herb Hayek as he travels to Italy, The Land of the Saints: Francis and Dominic, Clare, and Catherine. Celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Dominic in Bologna. Visit the basilicas constructed by the Dominicans in Florence. Enjoy a tour of Siena and visit the home and sanctuary of St. Catherine. Travel to Assisi, the magical town of St. Francis and St. Clare, built on pink stone on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Complete your journey with three days in Rome, the "Eternal City." To learn more about this special pilgrimage, visit [magitravelinc.com](http://magitravelinc.com), click Italy, and then click the Learn More button below the trip dates. You may view the daily itinerary, hotel accommodations, pricing, and more. You may also register online. Please contact Magi Travel, 952-949-0065, with any questions.

# MARCH

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or visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GALLUP SURVEY ONLINE THROUGH MARCH 18 <a href="http://www.paxchristi.com/gallup">www.paxchristi.com/gallup</a>		1 BAPTISM PREP CLASS	2 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	3 SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP	4 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE 24-HOURS OF THE LORD STATIONS OF THE CROSS	5 LITURGICAL MINISTER RETREAT
6 RECYCLE EVENT FAITH FORMATION	7 CHAIR YOGA HEALTH/WELLNESS PRESENTATION	8	9 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	10	11 FISH DINNER WALKING THE WAY CONFIRMATION RETREAT WEEKEND	12 EASTER BASKET DRIVE NAME TAG WEEKEND NEW MEMBER WKND
13 EASTER BASKET DRIVE NAME TAG WEEKEND NEW MEMBER WKND FAITH FORMATION	14	15 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	16 FAITH FORMATION RCIA	17	18 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	19 EASTER BASKET DRIVE PALM SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE
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