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## Catholic Community

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### BEFORE I FORGET...

-Fr. Bill Murtaugh

*Hearing the good news is a beginning. The rest of our life forms our response.*

—William Countryman

*Christians are supposed not merely to endure change, nor even to profit by it, but to cause it.*

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

*Nothing happens unless first a dream.*

—Carl Sandburg



#### Happy New Year, 2012.

A group of businessmen were sitting in a hotel lobby between sessions at a seminar. A man walked by and introduced himself as a mind-reader. "I'll bet any man here \$10.00 that I can tell him what he's thinking," he said. "I'll take the bet," one declared. The mind-reader gazed into his eyes, focusing for several seconds. He then announced to the group and told the

businessman, "You are thinking of going to New York, buying \$50,000 in merchandise, then going home, declaring bankruptcy, and settling with your creditors at ten cents on the dollar."

The businessman, a merchant, did not answer. Instead, he reached into his pocket and handed over \$10.00. The mind reader was gleeful. "Aha, you agree I read your mind correctly!" he announced. "Not at all," said the merchant. "But the idea is easily worth \$10.00."

Of course, the best ideas have no price tag. Often our ideas remain buried and unspoken for one reason or another. What if Michelangelo lacked self confidence and

never sculpted the *Pieta* or the *David*? Or, if Pablo Picasso was afraid to break from tradition and introduce a new style called Analytical Cubism? What if Pope John XXIII never called the Second Vatican Council for fear of what Catholics and their bishops might think?

What if Steve Jobs was bulldozed by a fear that his ideas would never sell? There are always new and untried ideas. It takes a certain amount of courage to get out of the ruts, the routine, the same old same old. What a tragedy it is not to use our imagination and all the other gifts we have received from God. That's why it is vital to cultivate in ourselves and others one of God's greatest gifts.

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**Mission Statement:**

Pax Christi Catholic  
Community, in company with  
God, and guided by the Spirit  
of Vatican II, welcomes all as  
leaders in faith for service to  
the world.

**Vision Statement:**

Pax Christi Catholic Community  
will be a community guided  
by a cooperative spirit that  
supports growth in faith and  
calls for each member to  
engage in active and generous  
service to each other, our  
community, and the greater  
world.

**Values:**

God-Centered, Justice,  
Inclusive, Hospitality, Lifelong  
Learning, and Stewardship

In the play, *St. Joan*, by George Bernard Shaw, Joan and her cousin are talking about her belief that she was called by God to save France and be in command of the army in order to drive the English enemy from French soil. He tells her it's all in her imagination. She answers by saying yes, of course it is her imagination and tells him that is how God speaks to us, through our imagination. In 1920, Joan was canonized by the Catholic Church. She has the unique distinction of being named a saint by the Church after having been previously condemned by the same Church and executed as a heretic.

Sometimes people with great ideas and imagination are judged harshly by their peers. Poor Joan was burned at the stake as a heretical witch. Maybe we hold back our imagination for fear of what others might think of us and worse, what they could do to us. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that his ideas about racial equality could get him killed. But, he trusted God and his vision and went forward and died a martyr's death.

When Paul Geidel was released in May, 1980, he had served the longest prison sentence in U.S. history. He spent 68 years and 245 days behind bars. Asked what helped him the most to cope with his confinement, he answered with one word: IMAGINATION. The person with an imagination has a priceless resource. Imagination makes it possible to "see" what is not there and open up a new avenue for God's creative presence. Just when we're ready to throw in the towel because we're frustrated, someone comes up with a creative way to deal with the problem or sees a whole new way of going forward by imaginative thinking. Sometimes it's a matter of making the most of what we already have. Did you know that the first miniature golf course in the United States was built on a rooftop in New York City?

Imagination allows us to see and believe in possibilities even when others shake their heads and tell us "no way!" At the time of the great Reformation, the Church tried and executed people as heretics for owning copies of the Bible. The sacred scriptures in the hands of lay people was seen as a threat to the authority of the Church. Today we would find that thinking bizarre. But we

should be thankful for those people who dared to believe and imagine the sacred scriptures in the languages people spoke and in the hands of ordinary people.

We begin this new year by reading about the shepherds who were the first to visit the newborn child in Bethlehem. Next Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we read about magi (astrologers in some translations) who bring exotic and mystical gifts for the newborn king. Could the magi have confided after leaving Bethlehem, "The child looks innocent enough but kingly?" Stars don't lie, but they had to rely on some imagination when they left those gifts. Remember, Jesus was not what people expected as their Messiah. Jesus was neither warrior nor royalty. Nothing in Scripture suggested a carpenter king. Once again God colors outside the lines. God loves surprises. God insists on acting ungodlike. But we do know that God will never lose the Divine imagination. Just look at people. Look at ourselves. We're the ones who suffer a shortage of imagination – not God.

Imagination has been my friend since my childhood, while growing up in much simpler times. I could get lost in a book or a movie. I could spend hours fishing all alone, even when I was with a group of friends. I would take long, solitary walks and enjoy nature, especially the Mississippi River that flowed a block away from my home. Daydreaming? Imagining? I was drawn to friends who also had imaginations. I agree with Bernard Shaw's *St. Joan*: "I hear voices telling me what to do...they come from God...they come from my imagination...of course they do...that is how the messages of God come to us."

We read in the "Book of Proverbs" 18:15: "Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact they look for them." All of us would be wise if we look near the bottom of the heap, not the top. In Connecticut someone made a medieval castle 12' high by 12' wide using 396,000 Popsicle sticks and four gallons of Elmer's glue. It wasn't the town architect's creation but the kid down the street who used his imagination to build it.

It's a new year. Let's use our imagination to the max for the glory of God and for the good of all we meet. May new ideas abound!

## GRACING LIFE...Thoughts from Pastoral Care

### Gracing Life in a New Year

*Behold, I make all things new. –Revelations 21:5*

*Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. –Jeremiah 6:16*

A new year arrives, and with it, new opportunities as well as the probability of new struggles and problems that will occur that, mercifully, are unknown to us now. We are only given the surety of the moments and the day we awaken to.

One might describe the year ahead as a road that will be traveled. Sometimes the figurative roads we travel on in life are icy and treacherous, sometimes they are flat and smooth, occasionally we fall in the ditches along the way, and other times the road is full of potholes. Detours often mark our paths which allow us to travel unfamiliar and unnerving paths but also trails we would never have ventured beyond the comfort of known and familiar ways if it would not have been for the roadblocks. Eventually, the ice does melt, and the potholes become filled.

People who have traveled the road with us before may not be journeying with us the whole year. We will meet new people along the way that may become our friends. We will grow older, and hopefully wiser, as new experiences and challenges will shape how we respond the next time we are faced with difficulties and new encounters.

It is our faith that assures us we can trust in God who makes all things new and who is with us on our walk in life. We can risk the journey because we have a God who will give us the strength we need and people who can prop us up when we feel too weak to receive and hold the challenges that await us. We have the confidence that the God who has led us this far will not leave us now. *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go* (Joshua 1:9).

To assist you as you venture on your life journey in 2012, you are invited to join parishioners Carolyn and Dave von Weiss on Tuesday, January 10, 7:00–8:30pm, Room 212. They will assist participants to understand mindfulness meditation, an ancient technique used to calm the mind and increase awareness of God, self, and the world. More information is on page 4.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE: BECAUSE JESUS SAID SO . . .

### Powerful Homelessness Exhibit Coming to Pax Christi, January 7 to February 12

A powerful audio and photo exhibit on Minnesota homelessness will be visiting Pax Christi in January and February – an exhibit that sprang from the efforts of St. Stephen's Human Services which is one of Pax Christi's justice-grant recipients. "Homelessness is My Address, Not My Name," an oral history project of Heading Home Minnesota, will be on display in Martin Luther King, Jr., Room 247, January 7 to February 12, with an exhibit opening Sunday, January 8, 10:00am to 1:00pm.

The unique exhibit was created from hundreds of conversations with individuals and

families experiencing homelessness in Minnesota. It sprung from portraits and first-person narratives collected at an annual St. Stephen's event called Project Homeless Connect Minneapolis, a one-stop-shop resource fair where homeless persons are connected to services they need including housing providers, employment specialists, medical care, mental health care, benefits specialists, eye care, haircuts, transportation assistance, and food and clothing.

The perception-busting stories and portraits depict a wide range of homelessness, from

senior citizens to families with young children and just about everything in between.

St. Stephen's plays a critical role in serving homeless people in this area which is why it's been a multi-year recipient of justice-grant money from Pax Christi. Among the services it provides to single adults, families, and children are emergency assistance, housing, employment, and human rights advocacy.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Please plan on making a visit.



## HOLISTIC WELLNESS WITH AMY KONKOLY

**Wednesday, January 4, 9:30–11:30am**

Be Well in 2012! (Rookie) Wellness Coach and former Moms ROCK regular Amy Konkoly will share some ideas for your 2012 wellness journey. The discussion will go beyond the typical “eat healthy and exercise” and dive into holistic wellness. Amy is currently a student at the Institute of Integrative Nutrition where she is learning how food and lifestyle choices affect our health, happiness, and well-being. She is also receiving training on how to work with other people to improve their lives and reach their health goals.

Moms ROCK welcomes all moms, moms-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining us. Gatherings normally include brunch and relaxing social time followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker. Whether you can come to one or all of the gatherings, you are certain to leave with a feeling that you are part of something wonderful!

Gatherings are held twice a month, Wednesdays, in the Mahatma Gandhi Room, #212, 9:30–11:30am. There is a \$7 fee per gathering. Childcare is included with advanced registration. Complete details are available on the Pax Christi website, [www.paxchristi.com/momsrock](http://www.paxchristi.com/momsrock).

**Questions? Mary Kennedy,  
Dir. of Stewardship, 952-405-7220,  
or [mkennedy@paxchristi.com](mailto:mkennedy@paxchristi.com)**

## Balancing Your Emotions

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 7:00–8:30pm**

Do you experience intense, prolonged periods of sadness, anxiety, emptiness, difficulty with sleeping or eating? Are there times when you find it difficult to concentrate or feel completely unmotivated? Throughout our lives there can be times when life feels more difficult to manage, and our emotions feel out of balance. Depression, anxiety, and seasonal affective disorder (SAD) can affect many aspects of our lives including our relationships, our health, our work, and even our spirituality. Join parishioner, psychotherapist, and licensed marriage and family therapist Vicki Franzen to hear about an integrated approach to living with these mental health issues.

**Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or [jschmitz@paxchristi.com](mailto:jschmitz@paxchristi.com)**

## Blood Drive at Pax Christi

**Monday, January 9, 1:00-7:00pm**

Make January the month you help save a life! In just one hour of your time, you can make a blood donation – and help save and sustain the lives of as many as 3 of our neighbors, friends, or family. Make your donation appointment at the ministry table at Entrance #3 after all Masses this weekend. High school students are especially invited – donors must be 17 years or older (16 with parental permission).

**Questions? Mary Ann Callahan, Pastoral Care, 952-405-7227, or [macallahan@paxchristi.com](mailto:macallahan@paxchristi.com)**

## Mindfulness Meditation

**Tuesday, January 10, 7:00–8:30pm, Room 212**

Mindfulness meditation is an ancient technique used to calm the mind and increase awareness of God, self, and the world. Join parishioners and practitioners Carolyn and David von Weiss to find out more about mindfulness meditation, its benefits to wellness, and the techniques used to achieve mindfulness and relaxation.

**Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or [jschmitz@paxchristi.com](mailto:jschmitz@paxchristi.com)**

## Pax Christi MLK Community Night

**Sunday, January 15, Beginning with 5:00pm Mass**

Join us as we honor the legacy and vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and celebrate our call to justice as people of faith. The evening program will feature zAmya Theater Project. zAmya turns “homeless” from a word back into a person or persons – living, breathing, laughing, singing persons who act — yes, act — in entertaining, genre-defying productions that are guaranteed to change your mind, if not your life. This project is sponsored by St. Stephen's Human Services, a recipient of a Pax Christi Justice Grant for many years. **Format for the evening:** We will begin with 5:00pm Mass followed by dinner. The program with zAmya Theater Project will begin at 6:45pm. The evening concludes at 8:00pm. There is no charge for the evening, and child care is available. Help us plan with an RSVP by calling the parish office at 952-942-3150 or online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

**Questions? Michael Griffin, Director of Faith Formation, 952-405-7230, or [mgriffin@paxchristi.com](mailto:mgriffin@paxchristi.com)**

## The Gospel of Mark Bible Study

**Beginning Thursday, January 19, 6:30–8:30pm in Room 201**

Pax CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Formation & Enrichment) presents “The Gospel of Mark” Bible Study. Mark's gospel is the primary one we are using during this liturgical year. Come and learn more about this gospel and grow in your faith in Jesus Christ. We will be using the materials from the Little Rock Scripture Series featuring excellent DVD presentations, reading materials, study guides, and small group discussions. The fee for this 10-week series is only \$25 (scholarships available). Register on-line, [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com), or contact Connie Wesley.

**Questions? Contact Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217, or [cwesley@paxchristi.com](mailto:cwesley@paxchristi.com)**

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

## Saturday, December 31\*

### Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend

9:00am Overeaters Anonymous  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. KENNEDY**

## Mary, Holy Mother of God Sunday, January 1

### Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend

**9:00am MASS - FR. KENNEDY**  
**11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
3:30pm Teen Choir  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

## Monday, January 2

Building Closed for Holiday  
NO Mass

## Tuesday, January 3

**8:30am MASS**  
9:00am Rosary Group  
9:30am Women w/Spirit Bible Study  
6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
6:30pm Companion Ministry Mtg.

## Wednesday, January 4

9:30am MomsROCK  
11:00am Tai Chi  
5:30pm Catechist Gathering  
**6:00pm MASS**

## Thursday, January 5

**6:45am MASS**  
9:00am Pax Christi Quilters  
3:00pm Mental Health/Spirituality Grp.  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
6:30pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal  
7:00pm Alanon  
7:00pm Alateen  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Singers Rehearsal

**BULLETIN NOTE:** Presiders and Masses in BOLD. "This Week's Calendar" is correct as of bulletin publication date. Additional information can be found on [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

### PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for these loved ones

Martha, Carmen, Scott, Rick, Sue, Patty, Randi, Patty, Marge, Gene, Bill, Mary Jo, Sandy, Kari, DeAnna, Bruce, Diane, Jeff, John, Jim, Marlin, and Ed. Pax Christi offers, as a community, the gift of prayer. If you would like to have your name listed in this Prayer Corner during a time of need, contact Pastoral Care, 952-941-3150.

## Friday, January 6

**8:30am MASS**

## Saturday, January 7

### Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend

9:00am Overeaters Anonymous  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

## Sunday, January 8

### Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend

**9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
9:00am Good Shepherd I  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:45am Good Shepherd I  
**11:00am MASS - FR. KENNEDY**  
3:30pm Teen Choir  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. KENNEDY**  
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal  
6:30pm Good Shepherd II  
6:30pm Classroom Program  
6:30pm Sr. High Faith Formation

**\*Collections received at  
the Saturday, December 31  
Mass will be posted as  
2011 contributions.**

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## READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Daily readings are also available on the Pax Christi website,  
[www.paxchristi.com/romancatholicdailyreadings](http://www.paxchristi.com/romancatholicdailyreadings).

### Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or  
3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

### Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or  
1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/  
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

### Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

### Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18  
**Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

### Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

**Marriage Booster Retreat**

**Saturday, January 21, 9:30am-4:45pm**

Mark your calendars and join other married couples for a Marriage Booster Retreat. It is sponsored by Pax Christi Faith Formation and Pastoral Care Ministries and facilitated by Family Fest Ministries. This retreat offers the opportunity for couples to talk about the important issues that affect their marriage and life together. The day incorporates humor and fun in the presentations, and couples leave at the end of the day with a renewed sense of love and hope in their relationship. Cost is \$75 per couple (scholarships available) if registered by January 9 or \$100 per couple after January 10. Register online NOW at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

**Questions?** Michael Griffin, 952-405-7230, or Jane Schmitz, 952-405-7238, or [jschmitz@paxchristi.com](mailto:jschmitz@paxchristi.com)

**Boomers and Beyond Potluck Supper**

**Saturday, January 21, 6:00-8:00pm**

The Boomers and Beyond Potluck Supper will be held on Saturday, January 21, after the 5:00pm Mass until 8:00pm. in the Dorothy Day Social Space. The room will be opened before Mass for members and non-members to bring in their dish to share. Come and enjoy this evening and make new friends. Please register with Connie Wesley.

**RSVP:** Contact Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217, or [cwesley@paxchristi.com](mailto:cwesley@paxchristi.com)

**7th and 8th Grade Youth - Feed My Starving Children**

**Saturday, January 28, 1:30pm-8:00pm**

Join us as we package meals to be sent to starving people around the world. We will meet at Pax Christi in the Garden Level youth room at 1:30pm, then bus over to Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. After packing food for an hour and a half, we'll come back to Pax Christi for an evening of FILM, FOOD, & FAITH where we'll enjoy some hangout time in the youth room, watch a movie, and have pizza and other snacks. The evening will end at 8:00pm. There is no cost for this activity, but space is limited, so sign up soon. You can register online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com). We will also need adults to help chaperone. Contact Cindy so we can get the proper background check forms filled out prior to this event.

**Questions?** Cindy Novak, Sr. High Youth Minister, 952-405-7214, or [cnovak@paxchristi.com](mailto:cnovak@paxchristi.com)

**7th and 8th Grade Youth - Winter Retreat**

**February 4-5**

Here's your chance to have some fun, get refreshed, and grow a lot deeper in your faith. Spend a weekend at Koinonia Retreat Center near Annandale, MN,. We'll leave Saturday morning at 7:30am and spend two days enjoying God's presence in nature and each other. We will have large and small group activities to explore our Catholic faith, free time (which includes sauna and broomball!), great food and snacks, fantastic music, lots of laughs, and a few surprises. Come on your own, or bring a friend. Cost for the weekend is \$55. Register online or contact Cindy Novak by January 25. This is a weekend you'll never forget!

**Questions?** Cindy Novak, Sr. High Youth Minister, 952-405-7214, or [cnovak@paxchristi.com](mailto:cnovak@paxchristi.com)

**Cana Dinner - Last Chance for Early Purchase Bargain!!**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

The annual Pax Christi Cana Dinner, celebrating marriage, is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2012. This year you can purchase tickets online with a credit card. If you make reservations by January 2, you'll pay just \$50 per couple, last year's price. Were you ever at Pax Christi for a sung homily? This year's entertainment features the stars of those popular events: Father Tim Power, Dale O'Brien, and Karen Fogarty singing and musing about love and marriage. Purchase online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com) or contact Connie Wesley.

**Questions?** Contact Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217, or [cwesley@paxchristi.com](mailto:cwesley@paxchristi.com)

**5th - 8th  
Grade Youth  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**

All 5th - 8th graders (and friends!) are invited to participate in several exciting activities that are scheduled over the next few months. **Check out this line-up:**

- **January 14:** Bowling Party
- **February 18:** Snow Tubing
- **March 23:** Friday Night LIVE (with inflatables, laser tag, music, and more!)
- **April 14:** Twins Game

Additional information will be available on the website, in upcoming bulletins, and on bulletin boards at Pax Christi. Check out the Pax Christi Youth Facebook page, too! Register on line, and pay attention to deadlines so you won't miss out on any of the fun. Also, watch your mail for more information!

**JANUARY EVENT**

**Bowling Party!**

**January 14, 1:00-6:00pm**

Join us for a service project and bowling party! We will pack lunches for a homeless shelter before heading over to Park Tavern in St. Louis Park for our bowling party. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation, bowling, and shoe rental. You may bring additional money to purchase snacks, if desired. We will also be kicking off our 2012 Operation Christmas Child collection, and we're asking all participants to bring in small toys that children ages 10-14 would enjoy. (These items will be packed at our March event.) Register on line at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com), or download a flyer and register. The deadline for registrations is January 8.

**Questions? Contact Renee Dignan,** [rdignan@paxchristi.com](mailto:rdignan@paxchristi.com), **952-405-7212, or Cindy Novak,** [cnovak@paxchristi.com](mailto:cnovak@paxchristi.com), **952-405-7214.**

## Year End Gifts

We appreciate the generosity of the people of this community during the Christmas season.

Contributions can be made online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com); click on the "Make A Donation" button.

Mailed donations should be postmarked by December 31 to qualify for 2011 tax credit.

### Homelessness Exhibit at Pax Christi

An oral history project of homelessness in Minnesota, January 7 – February 12 in Martin Luther King, Jr., Room 247. The exhibit Opening is Sunday, January 8, 10:00am – 1:00pm. More details on page 3.

### Travel to the Holy Land and Istanbul with Fr. Bill November 7-16, 2012

Magi Travel is offering a 9-day journey to the Holy Land. It is being hosted by Fr. Bill Murtaugh. Highlights include time in Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane. An optional extension to Istanbul, November 16–19, is available. Brochures are available in the parish office or on the bulletin board at Entrance #3. You may also contact Magi Travel, 952-949-0065, or [info@magitravelinc.com](mailto:info@magitravelinc.com), for complete details of this Holy Land experience.

### Lead Them Not into Temptation

Eden Prairie police remind us to take care not to leave gifts or packages where they can be seen through car windows as car break-ins are prevalent this time of year. Theft can even happen in the church parking lot, so be careful about what you leave in your car.

### Greeters Needed at Sunday 5:00pm Mass!

Are you a friendly person? Do you like greeting people? Please consider joining the Pax Christi Greeter Ministry. We are especially in need of greeters at the 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Please contact Kim Albrecht, Liturgy Coordinator, [kalbrecht@paxchristi.com](mailto:kalbrecht@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7229, if you are interested. Thank you!

### Catholic Youth Bibles Available!

We have made a large purchase of the newest edition of the Catholic Youth Bible and are making these available to our parish youth for the very low cost of \$15. The regular retail price of this bible is \$26.95, so you won't get a better deal anywhere! We're asking our youth in middle school and high school faith formation to bring their bibles with them to class each week, and if they need one, this is the bible to purchase. They would even make wonderful Christmas gifts! To buy one (or more), send your payment in with your student, and we'll send the bible home with him/her. Or contact Michael Griffin, [mgriffin@paxchristi.com](mailto:mgriffin@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7230; or Cindy Novak, [cnovak@paxchristi.com](mailto:cnovak@paxchristi.com), 952-405-7214, to make arrangements to pick one up directly from our offices during business hours. Checks can be made payable to Pax Christi.

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### Calling all Scouts Past and Present

A Scout has a "Duty to God." This year help show that spirit by celebrating Scout Sunday. Whether you are currently active or an alumni, a youth, or adult volunteer, we would love to see you in uniform. No matter what unit you are in, all Scouts and Scouters are welcome to join Troop 370 at the 9:00am Mass on February 5, 2012. A reception will follow. If you would like to participate directly in the service, contact parishioner Jay Biedny, 651-266-2257, for more information.

### Blessed Trinity Kindergarten Tutors

Blessed Trinity School, 7540 Penn Ave S, Richfield, needs tutors to work with two kindergartners who are ESL students. They need one person to read rhyming books to both students for 1/2 hour in the mornings. Students do not know their alphabet or letter sounds. It can be one tutor for 2 or 3 times per week or a different tutor for each day. If interested contact parishioner Ed Ogrin, [eogrin@comcast.net](mailto:eogrin@comcast.net), 952-934-3639.

### Creche Display at St. Peter's Church

All are invited to view more than 200 unique and artfully crafted crèches from around the world, including Africa, Latin America, Mexico, and Europe! Father Jerry Dvorak, pastor at St. Peter's Church, continues his Christmas tradition of sharing his personal collection of crèches for the enjoyment of all and to help remind us of the "reason for the season." The exhibit is located in the lower level of St. Peter's Church through January 29. Visit Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 8:00pm, December 27–29 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, and after all Masses on weekends, including Christmas & New Year's. Groups can call 612-866-5089 to arrange a guided tour. St. Peter's is located at 6730 Nicollet Avenue South in Richfield.

# ON OUR JOURNEY OF STEWARDSHIP:

## RESOLVE TO EMBRACE STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE IN 2012

*The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!  
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

—Numbers 6:24-26

In this weekend's first reading, we hear of the awesome blessings that God gives to each of us. One of the most basic blessings is that it's the New Year! The pristine calendar of 2012 now lies before each of us with 366 (it's Leap Year) blank pages to fill with our schedules, our appointments, and our life as we choose to live it. Before all of the pages get filled with the hectic pace of the lifestyle of today, consider carving out a few blocks of time right now to either test the waters of stewardship or to dive deeper into the pool of time-talent-treasure sharing. If you have thought about sharing your gifts but haven't really got past the consideration phase, why not pick one hour for each month of this upcoming year and block it out now as your time to give back. Twelve hours of time sure doesn't sound like much at the beginning of the year, but it could be hard to come up with that many free hours when December finally rolls around. Don't procrastinate as the calendar is clear and open right now. Make the resolution to do it today.


Once you have the time blocked out, the next step is to determine what it is you would like to do with that time. Think about the time of day and the day of the week you selected. Was it during a meal period? Perhaps your heart is leading you to lend a hand serving at one of our Community Nights, with our Sunday night Faith Formation meal, or with a group in the greater community such as Loaves and Fishes or Meals on Wheels. Did you choose a morning hour? Maybe you could resolve to attend a daily Mass in the chapel once a month or commit to praying for Pax Christi either privately or by becoming a member of our Prayer Support team and supporting members and their friends and families who are in need of prayer. In truth, there is not an hour of the day that your gifts are not welcomed and needed, here, there, and everywhere. If you are still stumped, give me a call or send me an email. I will do my best to help you find a perfect fit for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Stewardship is a way of life. If you have questions on how best to share your time, talents, and treasure, feel free to contact our Director of Stewardship, Mary Kennedy, [mkennedy@paxchristi.com](mailto:mkennedy@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7220.



### Resolve to Get ENGAGED: Respond to the 2012 Annual Renewal

As you clear the Christmas decorations, bric-a-brac, and cards off your counters and put them away for another year, please make a resolution to uncover the Annual Stewardship Renewal Form that you may have placed in the "I'll get to this later pile," for "later" has arrived. We appreciate the generous response from so many households and would really like to start our New Year off by receiving a 2012 pledge intention from every one of our households. Additional time/talent and treasure forms are available for download at [www.paxchristi.com/annualrenewal](http://www.paxchristi.com/annualrenewal).

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**Weekday Masses**

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private)**

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