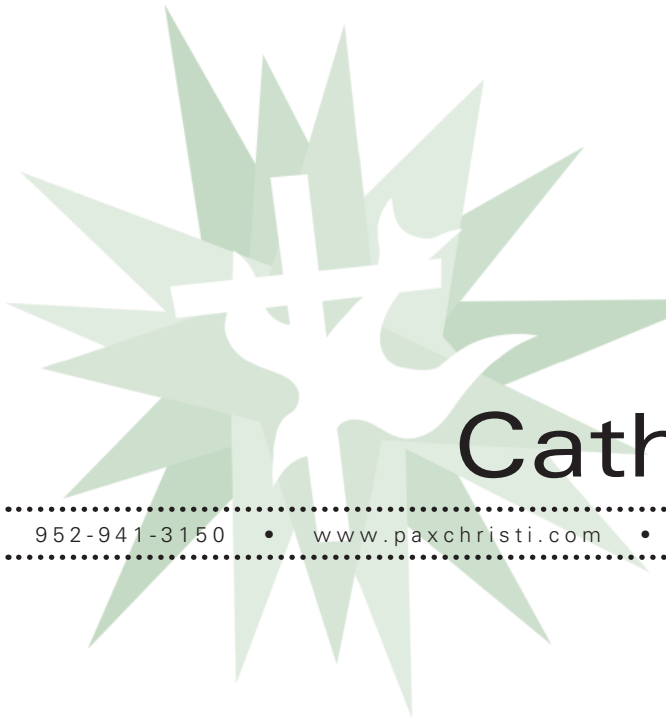


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BEFORE I FORGET...

—Fr. Bill Murtaugh

I think we need more of the wordless in our lives. We need more stillness, more of a sense of wonder, a feeling for the mystery of life. —Ben Okri

If the Sabbath goes, everything else goes with it. —Marion Lawrence

What I do is live. How I pray is breathe. —Thomas Merton



can we pay attention to the Divine Being and allow ourselves time for soul searching, beauty, intimacy, and awareness?

Throughout the day our lives “pause” for one reason or another. How do you fill the pauses in your life? Planned or not, brief, even momentary, or painfully prolonged, they are important factors in the spiritual life. What we do with them makes for a crucial difference. Some people, for a variety of reasons, may feel that their entire lives are one long pause — they feel they have too much time on their hands. Nonetheless, pauses are very important. Instead of running from them and trying to fill them with one more thing, we need to stop and embrace the pauses of our lives. And the busier we are, the more intentioned we should be about them.

Next Sunday’s Gospel reading from Mark tells the story of Jesus healing Peter’s

mother-in-law. The word spread, and by evening “the whole town” was gathered at the door. Jesus cures many who were sick, and he drove out many demons. Rising very early the next morning, Jesus went off to a deserted place where he prayed.

Jesus was a busy person preaching, teaching, and healing — yet he needed breaks, he needed to pause, he needed time for prayer. Mother Teresa’s day began early with an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Early morning prayer is more common than you might think. Many people begin the day with an hour of prayer and/or spiritual reading. The time and place may vary, but the principle remains. Life needs “speed bumps.” We need breaks to pause.

The 20th century was a century of great change — two world wars, the holocaust of an entire people, the spread of nuclear

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Bernie Krause records nature sounds for film and television. He said that in 1968 in order to get one hour of “natural sound,” without noise from cars and airplanes, it would take him about 15 hours of recording time. He goes on to say that now, 40 years later, to get the same one hour of undisturbed sound, it takes him 2000 hours of recording time. What does that say about the world we live in? Do you find it difficult to live with silence? Without silence, how



**Mission Statement:**

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God, and guided by the Spirit
of Vatican II, welcomes all as
leaders in faith for service to
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Vision Statement:

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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

weapons across the globe, the dawn of organ transplants, the advent of scientific birth control, the cloning of animals, the wholesale raping of natural resources, and the emergence of the internet — all of this and more has impacted the development of the human race.

With all these changes and advancements, we may have lost the Sabbath Spirit. Sabbath means “rest.” It is God’s gift to human beings. God rested on the seventh day, always teaching by example. Originally the Sabbath was instituted not to get people to worship God. It was a gift of rest for the slaves, a day on which no one, not even the King, was permitted to work. Eventually the whole thing became bogged down in endless legalisms. Along comes Jesus who reminds us that the Sabbath was made for human beings, not human beings for the Sabbath.

When Christian missionaries went to Hawaii, natives were bewildered. They called them “halois,” meaning “breathless,” because they prayed so rapidly. They were accustomed to periods of silence in their worship. They practiced Sabbath. Even the human body has its own Sabbath. Eric Butterworth pointed out years ago that the heart must rest in between beats. And those “rests” allow it the stamina of pumping for a lifetime. The result is surprising. For every 24 hours, the heart is resting for 15 of those hours.

The Sabbath is meant to enrich life, to bring reflection to life, to engender life with soul. The Sabbath is for resting in the God of life and bringing more to life ourselves as a result. The Sabbath gives us the opportunity to begin again, week after week.

Sabbath days should be when we allow ourselves time to look at life in fresh and penetrating ways, where we are called to worship what deserves to be worshipped, and dismiss from the center of our souls what does not deserve our worship. Our society has found other things to worship on the Sabbath. We now have 7/24 shopping malls and 7-day-a-week services. Sunday is one of the biggest shopping days of the year. Sporting events are a new Sunday religion.

Thinking has become the last thing in the world we want to do on the Sabbath. We have substituted play and leisure for soul-searching and beauty, for intimacy and awareness. Our culture turns the Sabbath into a race for escape, a passion for things, a collection of distractions, a national hymn to emptiness.

We don’t stop to think because we don’t stop. We have learned to multi-task: we do everything while talking on the phone — driving, shopping, eating, exercising, watching television, at the kid’s soccer games, etc. What kind of people have we become? Do our children ever get the chance to stop and have some “sabbatical rest”? Is their idea of “rest” playing some new game on their computers?

For Jesus people never became dispensable. They always mattered. Personally and uniquely, each person was a life to be valued and celebrated. Of course, the world we live in sadly trashes that notion. Our record of respect for the born is no better than that for the unborn.

Look what happened to human beings in the last century. The worst single ship disaster (not the Titanic) occurred in 1945. The German-built Wilhelm Gustoff, with 8,600 on board, mostly refugees, was torpedoed by a Russian sub. A staggering 7,700 perished. NOT ONE WORD OF REGRET. NO RESPONSIBILITY TAKEN. NOT EVEN A WORD OF APOLOGY. Timothy McVeigh, as if catatonic, called the victims of his 1995 Oklahoma City bombing “collateral damage.” Pol Pot, responsible for TWO MILLION DEATHS, proudly asserted, “My conscience is clear.” Adolph Eichmann claimed, “I did as I was ordered.” We wage our wars and determine what’s a “politically acceptable” death toll. It may work with politicians but not with God.

Take your mini-sabbaticals/pauses every day and celebrate all that is good and beautiful in your life. The human race needs them more now than ever in human history.

Slow down. Be in touch with your true self. Pray for our human family. Treat others as you want to be treated.



GRACING LIFE... Thoughts from Pastoral Care

Gracing Life in Loving Service

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now. —St. Teresa of Avila*

Christ has stood in front of me on many a day. It hasn't always been a pan of water that he's held in front of me (to wash feet), for water is only one symbol of a way to be cleansed and healed. Sometimes he holds a Bible, or sends a letter, or calls me on the telephone. Sometimes she holds a loaf of bread, or a cup of tea, or gives me a shoulder to cry on. Christ comes in so many ways, in so many people, always holding out that basin of water and asking that same embarrassing question: "Would you mind if I wash your feet?" The beautiful thing about that burning, persistent, footwashing question is that eventually it calls forth the same question from your heart. Then you discover that your basin is full of water and your heart is full of a call: a call to wash feet. —Adapted from *Seasons of Your Heart* by Macrina Wiederkehr

Did You Know?

Last year, Pax Christi's dedicated Funeral Hospitality volunteers generated the gift of over 6,500 meals served after 41 funerals to support those grieving the loss of a loved one. Many "feet are washed" in this ministry.

Some volunteers come to Pax Christi to set-up, serve, or clean up, others provide salads and desserts upon request, and some offer to call other Funeral Hospitality volunteers to action when notified of an upcoming funeral. Are you wondering how you can be a part of Pax Christi's Funeral Hospitality? Call Mary Ann Callahan in Pastoral Care, 952-405-7227, if you would like to know more.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: BECAUSE JESUS SAID SO . . .

Has it Become Harder to Climb the Economic Rungs?

Has it become harder for Americans to rise from the lower rungs of the socio-economic ladder?

A January 4 article in the *New York Times* says that many researchers have reached the conclusion that "Americans enjoy less economic mobility than their peers in Canada and much of Western Europe."

Politicians have also chimed in; Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum during his Iowa campaign acknowledged the disparity in economic mobility between the U.S. and some European countries as well as the disparity between the unemployment rates of college-educated and non-college-educated Americans.

The *New York Times* article went on to say that "one reason for the mobility gap may

be the depth of American poverty, which leaves poor children starting especially far behind. Another may be the unusually large premiums that American employers pay for college degrees. Since children generally follow their parents' educational trajectory, that premium increases the importance of family background and stymies people with less schooling."

The studies cited seem to suggest that America is not only less equal but also less mobile. In other words, fewer people these days have access to the American Dream – a concept that cuts across political views.

It's important to note that research of this type addresses "relative mobility" rather than "absolute mobility." A Pew study found that 81 percent of Americans have higher incomes than their parents, after ac-

counting for family size. And the statistics may overlook immigrants, whose upward movement has been an American hallmark.

But few deny that there's stagnation at the bottom of the income scale, and studies indicate countries with less equality – a growing trend in the U.S. – generally have less mobility.

It's worth asking ourselves if these indicators are alarming and whether we're putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first, as Catholic social teachings call us to do. Pay attention to the opportunities for joining this conversation and acting from a faith perspective. Call the parish office for more information or email justice@paxchristi.com.

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• **Ministry of the Separated and Divorced**

Mondays, January 30, 6:30–8:30pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary

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, life changes, and developing ways to live a new life. The coalition of Catholic Churches offers a winter speaker series that addresses some of the issues a person meets during this life transition. No registration is necessary, and there is no charge. More information about the speaker series and the *Divorce and Beyond* support group, which begins February 13, can be found at www.paxchristi.com/separateddivorced.

Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238

• **Healing in Our Culture**

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00–8:30pm in Chief Joseph Room

You are invited to attend our last session in our Wellness Sampler Series: *Healing in our Culture—The Science and the Practice*. We will explore the healing ministry of Jesus and how this intersects with some of the complementary modalities used for wellness and wholeness today. The session will be led by Jane Schmitz, MA, Pastoral Studies, and MA, Holistic Health Studies.

Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238

• **Moms ROCK: Raising Our Christian Kids**

Priorities in My Christian Life, Wednesday, February 1, 9:30–11:30am

How does one power through being kidnapped, raped, and held hostage for 52 days with faith still intact? In times of tragedy, we seem to have a clearer sense of what things are important in our lives and how our faith affects how we respond to these difficulties. Join us as Mary Stauffer shares her touching story about how she and her 8-year-old daughter were kidnapped in 1980 in suburban St. Paul and how her Christian priorities carried her through. Upon her escape from being held hostage, Mary and her family served as missionaries with Converge Worldwide in the Philippines. After 33 years of ministry in the Philippines, she retired with her husband, Irv, in 2008 and has since shared her amazing faith story with numerous audiences around the country. Complete details are available on the Pax Christi website, www.paxchristi.com/momsrock.

Questions? Mary Kennedy, Dir. of Stewardship, 952-405-7220

• **Living Your Strengths Journey**

7 Weeks Starting Wednesday, February 1, 6:30–8:00pm

Complete details on page 8.

RSVP: Mary Kennedy, Dir. of Stewardship, 952-405-7220

• **Mental Health and Spirituality Support Group**

Next Meeting Thursday, February 2, 3:00–4:30pm

At Pax Christi, the Mental Health and Spirituality Group is an opportunity for participants who have mental health concerns to both give and receive support, to make a deeper connection with God and oneself, and to be exposed to tools which might help make one's life more manageable. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 3:00-4:30pm in Room 221 (Sojourner Truth).

Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238

• **Southwest Grief Coalition**

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 5:30–7:30pm, St. Andrew Luth.

The Eden Prairie churches of the Southwest Grief Coalition continue their series, *Living and Growing Through Loss*, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. The evening will include a light meal, followed by a speaker, and then small group supportive sessions specific to the type of loss. Participants are welcome to attend any or all of the speaker presentations; small group support sessions are closed to new members after January 26. For more information visit www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry.

Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238

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

Weekend of February 4-5

Here's your chance to have fun, get refreshed, and grow a lot deeper in your faith at the Koinonia Retreat Center near Annandale, MN. We'll leave Saturday at 7:30am and spend two days enjoying God's presence and each other. We will have 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. 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

• **Legislative Briefing at Pax Christi**

Monday, February 6, 7:00pm

The Office for Social Justice of Catholic Charities will present an informative, interactive briefing on the intersection of Catholic social teaching and some of the social justice issues of the day including housing, health care, and voting rights. Join others from the parish and around the Catholic Sowers of Justice Network who are advocating in their faith. There is no charge, and no registration needed. Go to www.cctwincities.org and click 'advocacy' for the Office for Social Justice web site.

Questions? Michael Griffin, Dir. of Faith Formation, 952-405-7230

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

Saturday, January 28

- 9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 9:00am Weavings Reading Group
- 1:30pm 7th/8th Grade FMSC Event
- 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. KENNEDY**
- 6:30pm Prepare Ministry Event

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00am MASS - FR. McMICHAEL**
- 9:00am Good Shepherd I
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:45am Good Shepherd I
- 11:00am MASS - FR. McMICHAEL**
- 3:30pm Teen Choir Rehearsal
- 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

Monday, January 30

- 8:30am MASS**
- 5:00pm Tai Chi
- 5:30pm Silent Prayer and Meditation
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 370
- 7:00pm Venturing Crew 370

Tuesday, January 31

- 8:30am MASS**
- 9:00am Rosary Group
- 9:30am Women Bible Study Retreat
- 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
- 6:30pm Healing in our Culture

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:30am Moms ROCK
- 11:00am Tai Chi
- 4:45pm Good Shepherd I, II
- 4:45pm Classroom Program
- 4:45pm Middle School Faith Formation
- 6:00pm MASS**
- 6:30pm Living Your Strengths
- 6:30pm RCIA
- 6:45pm Classroom Program
- 6:45pm Middle School Faith Formation

Thursday, February 2

- 6:45am MASS**
- 9:00am Pax Christi Quilters
- 3:00am Mental Health and Spirituality
- 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
- 6:30pm Gospel of Mark Bible Study
- 6:30pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Alanon
- 7:00pm Alateen
- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:30pm Singers Rehearsal

Friday, February 3

- 8:30am MASS**

Saturday, February 4

- 8:30am Marriage Prep Retreat
- 9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 9:00am Weavings Reading Group
- 1:30pm 7th/8th Grade FMSC Event
- 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**
- 6:00pm New Member Event

Sunday, February 5

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

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HOMELESSNESS EXHIBIT AT PAX CHRISTI

An oral history project of homelessness in Minnesota, open through February 12 in Martin Luther King, Jr., Room 247.

As we wind down 2011 and reflect on the good things this holiday season has given us, consider those who ask for our attention and understanding of their most basic needs.

Pax Christi, in collaboration with St. Stephen's Human Services, invites you to visit this powerful audio/photo exhibition created from hundreds of conversations with individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Minnesota. Through striking portraits and first person audio, *Homeless is My Address, Not My Name* will undoubtedly alter your perceptions of homelessness.

The Oral History of Homelessness Project (the source of the exhibit stories) documents homelessness in Minnesota through first-person narratives and portrait photography. Interviews and portraits of individuals and families experiencing homelessness provide us with stories of the daily lives, challenges, and successes in overcoming the most extreme form of poverty in this socioeconomic era.

The homelessness of any person or family is both a human tragedy and a community failure, resulting in the loss of human potential and precious public and private dollars. We, individually and collectively, can move forward to address this failure even in these tough economic times by investing in proven, cost-effective strategies. We are a community of Minnesotans who have developed and are implementing strategies that promote individual and community success and provide a sound return on public and private investments. Learn more at www.headinghomeminnesota.org.

This exhibit is presented as a collaboration between the Pax Christi Catholic Community Justice Grants Board (working towards ending homelessness and alleviating poverty) and the Pax Christi Arts Committee (working to provide the community with art that fosters introspection and action).

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Please check www.paxchristi.com for additional information.

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.

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for these loved ones

Sandy, Martha, Carmen, Scott, Rick, Sue, Patty, Marge, Gene, Bill, Mary Jo, Sandy, Kari, Bruce, Diane, Jeff, John, Jim, 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.

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• Environmental Expo

Sunday, February 12, in Dorothy Day Hall Following All Morning Masses

Visit the Experts — Exciting news on LED lights, good choices for family meals, green cooking, water conservation, fun projects for kids using recycled materials, green choices with big savings — grants, rebates, discounts, proper disposal of meds, hair spray, aerosol cans, paint cans, chemical trail to polluted waters, smart packaging/grocery savings. Join us to explore new ways to save the earth. Sponsored by the Pax Christi Environmental Challenge Ministry.

Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150

• 55+ Singles' Sunday Brunch

Sunday, February 12, 11:30pm, Chez Daniel, Bloomington

Are you a 55+ single? Join other area singles for food and fun. This month's site is Chez Daniel Restaurant located in the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2800 American Blvd., Bloomington. This will be a buffet lunch, and cash or credit cards accepted. Reservations required by Wednesday, February 8.

RSVP: Stevie, 952-941-9295, or Kate, 952-934-5281

• Pax Christi Environmental Challenge Ministry

Monday, February 13, 7:00pm-8:30pm in Room 201

New members are welcome and needed. Please join us.

Questions? Michael Griffin, 952-405-7230, or Donna Murphy, 952-944-2861.

• Moms ROCK: Raising Our Christian Kids

***Simplicity: A Gospel Value* with Father Murtaugh,**

Wednesday, February 15, 9:30-11:30am

Come and join us as Fr. Bill Murtaugh spends the morning with us to help us prepare for the Lenten season. Please take this opportunity to get to know Fr. Murtaugh on a more personal level and hear his wisdom as we enter this special time of the year. Complete details are available on the Pax Christi website, www.paxchristi.com/momsrock.

Questions? Mary Kennedy, Dir. of Stewardship, 952-405-7220

• 5th-8th Grade Youth - Snow Tubing Event!

Saturday, February 18, 4:30-8:45pm

Come join us for a late afternoon of swooshing down snow covered slopes! We're guaranteeing snow as we head to Elm Creek Park for this annual event. We'll meet in Nazareth Hall for a quick check-in before boarding our buses. The cost is \$20 and includes transportation and tubing. You may bring additional money to purchase snacks, if desired. We will also be collecting donations for our service project for Operation Christmas Child 2012. Suggested donations this month are school supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, coloring books, story books, etc. (These items will be packed at our March event.) Register on line at www.paxchristi.com or download a flyer and register. The deadline for registrations is Sun. Feb. 5.

Questions? Cindy Novak, Sr. High Youth Minister, 952-405-7214

• Cana Dinner

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Join us for the annual Pax Christi Cana Dinner celebrating marriage. This year you can purchase tickets online at www.paxchristi.com or contact Connie Wesley. This year's entertainment features Father Tim Power, Dale O'Brien, and Karen Fogarty singing and musing about love and marriage.

Questions? Contact Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217

• Put Life Back in Your Life!

Six Week Workshop, Thursdays, February 23 thru March 29, 1:00-3:30pm

Call now to register for a *Living Well with Chronic Conditions* workshop, designed for adults who want to take charge of their ongoing health concerns and get relief from their pain, fatigue, and other symptoms. Cost is \$20 for the *Living a Healthy Life* textbook. There are limited spaces for this workshop. Contact Jane to register or to receive more information.

Questions? Jane Schmitz, Dir. of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238

Ash Wednesday Children's Choir

Let us join together in song as we begin our Lenten journey this Ash Wednesday. New and returning students grades 2-8 welcome! Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 31, 5:00pm. Please be certain you are able to attend all four Tuesday, 5:00pm rehearsals (January 31, February 7, 14, 21) and the Ash Wednesday 5:00pm Mass on February 22 (4:30 warm up and rehearsal). Please contact Molly Shields, mshields@paxchristi.com, to register. Students new to choir at Pax Christi please include full contact information (email, phone, and mailing address).

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.

Pax Christi Men's Softball

We are looking for anyone who is interested in playing on the Pax Christi Men's Softball team for this summer. The season starts at the end of April and runs until the first part of August; all games are played on Thursday evenings. Please contact Chris Epplert, 952-236-7844, or cpepplett@msn.com.

Souper Bowl Saturday Sponsored by PROP

January 28 from 11:00am-2:30pm at Central Middle School (8025 School Road, Eden Prairie)

Join others from the community for this special fundraiser for PROP. Support neighbors in need while enjoying delicious soup, and add to the fun with entertainment, an auction, and more. A free will donation will be accepted at the door. For more information go to www.propfood.org or call 952-937-9120.

How Scripture Came to Be Canon

**A Saint John's School of Theology Seminary Theology Day
February 2, 6:00-9:00pm, Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis**

Join Professor Charles Bobertz to explore the theology behind the selection and use of Biblical writings that came to be known as "Scripture" in the ancient Christian churches. Bobertz, a professor of New Testament and Patristics at Saint John's School of Theology Seminary and the Department of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, co-edited a book of essays on interpretation in the early church. This event is free and there is a light dinner provided. Registration is required, www.csbsju.edu/sot, or call 320-363-3570.

Area Catholic School Open Houses Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 5

Academy of Holy Angels Catholic High School (9-12) – Richfield

www.academyofholyanimals.org
Call for information, 612-798-2600

Benilde-St. Margaret (7-12) – St. Louis Park

www.bsmschool.org
Call for information, 952-927-4176

Blessed Trinity (PreK-8) – Richfield

www.btcsmn.org
Grades 4-8 Open House: January 19 and February 2, 6:30-8:00pm

Guardian Angels (PreK-8) – Chaska

www.gachaska.org
Open House: January 29, 9:00am-2:00pm

Holy Family Catholic High School (9-12) – Victoria

www.hfchs.org
Call for information, 952-443-4659

Immaculate Heart of Mary (PreK-8) – Minnetonka

www.ihmcs.org
Open House: February 5, 9:30am-12:00pm

Nativity of Mary (K-8) – Bloomington

www.nativitybloomington.org
Open House: January 31, 6:30pm

Our Lady of Grace (K-8) – Edina

www.olgschool.net
Call for information, 952-929-5463

St. Hubert School (K-8) – Chanhassen

www.sthubert.org
Contact Mary Roles, Principal, for information, 952-934-6003

St. John the Baptist (PreK-8) – Savage

www.stjohns-savage.org
Open House: January 29, 9:00-11:30am AND
Open House: March 8, 9:00-3:30am

St. Michael (PreK-8) – Prior Lake

www.stmichael-pl.org
Open House: February 1, 9:00am following 8:00am Children's Mass

Shakopee Area Catholic School (PreK-8) – Shakopee

www.sacsschools.org
Open House: January 29, 8:00am-12:00pm

ON OUR JOURNEY OF STEWARDSHIP:

GIFTS CAN COME IN ALL SIZES AND MANY PLACES

I should like you to be free of anxieties. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

-1 Corinthians 7: 32, 35

I recently took a trip to the north again as my siblings and I try to lend a hand and help my parents come to terms with some of the daily living issues of dementia. During my trip I found I needed to pick up a few things at the grocery store and thought the errand would provide me with a brief respite from the emotions I was feeling in my childhood home. I quickly gathered together all of the items I needed and looked for the shortest possible checkout line. I will admit I was tense and impatient, and my concentration was turned inward. I was not looking for any interaction with another person, at least I didn't think that was what I wanted or needed. I chose a line and found myself standing behind an older-looking man and a young girl. She was probably 4 or 5 years old and was entertaining this man, who I soon learned was her father, along with the store's cashier. She danced around displaying rudimentary ballet steps spiced with a couple of gymnastic jumps and some more MTV-inspired dance moves whilst she sang loudly in an off-key voice, "Here's some candy bars -they look good; my dad says I can't have any - too bad for me. Here's some sod-y pop, but dad says I can't have any of that either. La La La La La." The cashier and the father started discussing the antics of this girl, and their attention moved away from the performance. Not me, I was mesmerized. Seeing she had lost one audience, but determined not to lose another, the performance went up a notch. The girl noticed a shelf near the cash register where patrons could place their purse or wallet while they paid the bill. She sang, "Here's a shelf. You can pull this shelf out. You can sit your ___ down on this little shelf right here." And as with most modern lyrics, the girl repeated this last line several times while demonstrating. Now even though her father and the cashier were oblivious, those in line behind me and next to me all were tuned in to this performance. After the initial shock, there were guffaws, giggles, snorts, and more than a few raised eyebrows at the concept of "out of the mouths of babes." As for me, a smile grew on my face and in my heart for this little girl wiped away the angst and pressure I was feeling and shared with me the gift of her happiness. She helped me realize that stewards come in all sizes. She gave me the gift I needed most that day. She also helped me remember that there are hard times that challenge us, but my hard times don't hold a candle to some of the issues others in this world face and survive every day. She also reminded me that opportunities to share our gifts can come at any time, any place, even in a grocery store check-out line.


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