



# PAX

# CHRISTI

# Catholic Community

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## BEFORE I FORGET...

-Fr. Bill Murtaugh

*I see no backward voyage across the Sea of time; I will ever press forward. I believe that God intends the present to be better than the past, and the future to be better than the present.*  
-Archbishop John Ireland, 1838 - 1918, 1st. Archbishop of St. Paul, 1884 - 1918

*Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage: anger at the way things are and courage to see that they do not remain as they are.*  
-Sr. Augustine



most of these are references to adults; as in the "we're all children of God" sense.

More than just spending the majority of his time with adults, most of them poor and powerless, "the nobodies," he did something else: Jesus treated adults as adults. He allowed them to arrive at decisions on their own. He gave them space and time to find the answers to their questions and problems; he respected people and their need for space. He allowed them to take personal responsibility for their decisions. Fear and threats were not something he used. The 12 apostles were allowed to question his ministry and even have doubts about him.

This weekend we read Matthew 22:1-21 at Mass. The Pharisees and Herondians, all Jewish leaders, attempt to trap Jesus,

hoping he would approve or disapprove of paying the tax to Caesar. To answer either way spelled unavoidable trouble. To encourage people not to pay the tax would bring a charge of sedition, in other words, undermining the government and the authority of the emperor. With one of his most quoted lines Jesus avoids the trap and answers in a way that forces the issue on his inquisitors, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus provides no details. He puts the ball in their court. They have to figure it out for themselves. Jesus was never afraid to treat his disciples as adults; he spoke the truth directly and honestly to them. He didn't beg or intimidate his disciples into doing or living his commands. Jesus wanted a free response from them and from us, even if he had to hear, "Thanks but no thanks."

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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

As disciples of Jesus in the 21st. century, hopefully we are attracted to Jesus and his gospel because it makes sense to us, even though he and his message are challenging, and we embrace the Christ and the gospel freely as adults. To be a disciple of Jesus means we want to be identified as Christians, but more than that, we want to be like Jesus as far as we can; we want to have a mind and heart that is so influenced by him that we become one with him. We are not forced to do so as thinking adults with free will, but deep within we hear the call and respond fully to discipleship. His teachings, his way of living, and his very self speak to a disciple's soul.

Jesus wanted people to think BIG, to stretch their minds, their imaginations, and their hearts to welcome into God's community one and all, no exceptions. Jesus didn't have to think outside the box because he didn't have a box to begin with. He invited women to become his disciples even though it was unheard of and caused scandal to the religious elite, for as far as Jesus was concerned, women were also children of God, worthy to be partners in proclaiming the Good News. He attracted "the nobodies" and "the anybodies." One didn't have to be one of "the somebodies." Jesus acted out of the words of the Prophet Isaiah; "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (*Isaiah 55: 8*).

Throughout the history of the Christian Way, men and women have allowed their minds, thinking, imagination, and life-style to be challenged and stretched by Jesus Christ and His gospel. How about this as we live the way of Jesus in these days: Cardinal Juan Fresno of Chile wrote, "Whoever stands up for human rights stands up for the rights of God." His words echo what Jesus told us He will say to each one of us at the Last Judgment, "Whatever you did for the least of my sisters and brother, you did to me." The final question will deal only with concrete acts of love and compassion. As Christian adults, do we have the courage and conviction to stand up for the rights of others, especially the poor, and challenge the system and status-quo?

We have free-will; we are not meant to be controlled like puppets. We don't follow one another like a flock of birds.

The Christian community consists of conservatives, traditionalists, moderates, liberals, and radicals. We are all over the map. We are not a voting block nor "the Catholic vote." We don't always see eye to eye with each other, and we may even disagree with our bishops over a range of issues. We don't march in lockstep to the polls. We are a people of faith but with no strings attached. And with a properly formed conscience, we are called to bring hope to our hurting world.

We live in challenging times. It seems that we're constantly confronted with challenges to the dignity and rights of every human being, born and unborn. The answer is not a simple one like endorsing candidates, nor is it dividing the Church between "good" and "bad" Catholics based on how we vote. During the next twelve months as we prepare to vote in the 2012 election, we will be bombarded with differing views about several issues that will face us as a state and a nation. Adult Christians need to read, study, discuss, and pray about all the issues, and be open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. That is how we form an informed conscience. The highest law that must be obeyed is the law of one's conscience. One's conscience is a person's secret core and sanctuary where God speaks to us. St. Thomas Aquinas writes about this, as well as the bishops at Vatican II (See The Church in the Modern World, #16).

We can learn much from history. The first bishop in our country was John Carroll. He thought it was "dangerous" and "improper" for Catholics to be seen as politically controlled by Rome. Protestants already questioned their patriotism as citizens of this new nation. So Carroll sought to have the new bishop elected by the clergy, not appointed by Rome, what he called a "foreign jurisdiction." Rome agreed. The clergy selected John Carroll as bishop of Baltimore. Rome treated the church in America as adults!

It's always healthier to be treated as adults. That's how Jesus did it.

## GRACING LIFE...Thoughts from Pastoral Care

### Gracing Life with Memories of Love

*I shall look at the world through tears. Perhaps I shall see things that dry-eyed I could not see.*  
—Nicholas Wolterstorff

*Make that possible to us, O Lord, by grace, which appears impossible to us by nature.*  
—Thomas à Kempis, Germany

The season of autumn brings a visible, vibrant reminder that the changes in nature are great teachers to us about the reality of transitions in our lives. Leaves falling to the ground in their own time help us understand that the challenge of the passages of our lives, whether it be the death of a loved one, the passing on of a hope or dream, or a life-changing event in our lives, is as much a part of life as breathing, albeit sometimes very painful and sad.

When we say “good-bye” to a loved one who has died, we are left to remember and ponder the memory of that person whose life has touched ours in a variety of ways. Kathleen Hughes in *Saying Amen: A Mystagogy of Sacrament*, reflects on the funeral Mass that is celebrated to honor the life of the loved one and the intimate relationship that is ours with Christ:

Remembering, the anamnesis of the church, takes on a whole new meaning in the various moments of the funeral liturgy. As Christians we gather to make memorial of Christ, dead and risen; during the funeral we keep the memory, too, of the one who died in Christ.

As a community of believers in the resurrection, Pax Christi Catholic Community remembers those who have died in our annual Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 5, at the 5:00pm Mass. Names of all those whose funerals we celebrated at Pax Christi from November 2010 through October 2011 will be read during the Prayers of the Faithful at this Mass.

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

### Holiday Giving with Dignity

The social mission of Pax Christi as a parish and of the Church in general is to share the love of Jesus Christ with the world around us. We have many programs and ministries serving as a response to this call of discipleship. Some of these efforts focus on the needs and realities of people in poverty. There are drives, collections, and activities year round, but there is a particular focus during the holidays. Pax Christi members have shared generously with those in need at this time of year.

Former Pax Christi staff member Allison Boisvert spent much of her time helping our community understand the deeper realities faced by people in poverty. She was very passionate about talking about the differences between situational pov-

erty (usually short-term), and generational poverty (long-term). Both need help and support, but generational poverty often has a steady erosion of dignity attached to it. Allison sought to help this parish reform outreach activities to raise the dignity factor in all that we do.

This is especially true at holiday giving time. The 12 Baskets has taken this perspective on poverty to heart and is transforming some of the ways our members will be invited to help this season. We will no longer participate in the adopt-a-family program as in the past. Instead, we will join the established effort of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in their Holiday Store program. After Masses later this fall, members will be able to choose tags containing

gift giving ideas. Shopping can be done using these tags. These items will help stock a “store” where people in need can purchase tickets at heavily subsidized prices to in turn buy and wrap gifts for their family. They are active in the process and raise some consideration and dignity along the way.

Look for more details about this exciting new program later this fall. Contact the parish office if you would like to help, 952-941-3150.

To learn more about what Pax Christi is doing for Social Justice, contact us at [justice@paxchristi.com](mailto:justice@paxchristi.com), or contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



### HELPING YOUR CHILD BELONG

with **Karen Linscott**  
**Wednesday, October 19,**  
**9:30–11:30am**

Join Moms ROCK and Eden Prairie Family Center parent educator Karen Linscott as we discuss how to help our children learn friendship-making skills and anti-bullying techniques. We will discuss our role as our children navigate the social jungle.

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 and registration materials 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)**

### **PaxJAM: "Fake Out" (A Night on Popularity for 7th/8th Graders)** **Friday, October 14, 5:00pm–8:00pm, in the Garden Level Youth Room**

We'll enjoy some social time playing games together, have some snacks, and spend some time exploring the night's topic of popularity. This subject is something we all seem to put away too much time and energy into, either trying to fit in or trying to ignore the whole issue. Come find out how to look at popularity from God's point of view! No need to register for this FREE event; just show up! Parent help is also needed to chaperone; call Cindy if you're interested (you'll need a background check and Virtus training).

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

### **Southwest Grief Coalition**

**Next Session, Monday, October 17, 5:30–7:30pm, at Pax Christi**

Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. Learning about this process of grief, along with sharing our experience in a caring, supportive, and confidential setting, helps us to cope and leads to personal growth and healing. The Eden Prairie churches of the Southwest Grief Coalition continue their series, *Living and Growing Through Loss*, at Pax Christi on Mondays, October 17, 24, November 7, and 14, from 5:30–7:30pm. 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. For more information visit the website at [www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry](http://www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry).

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

### **Writing as a Spiritual Practice Spirituality Sampler**

**4 Sessions: Sunday Mornings, October 23, 30, November 6, and 13, 10:00–11:30am, Room 211**

Join Clem and Elizabeth Nagel, parishioners, poets, and published authors, as they share their own insights in exploring the art of writing as a spiritual practice. Come and understand your own journey of faith through the expressive art of word. No experience in writing is necessary, and each session is not dependent on the other. The sessions will be held after the 9:00am Masses.

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

### **Eat at Davanni's and Support Our Youth!**

**Monday, October 24, Davanni's in Eden Prairie; Fund Raiser for Youth Trip to NCYC**

Davanni's restaurant in Eden Prairie has generously offered to donate 20% of your dining costs to our youth program on October 24! To help us out, simply pick up one of the flyers from Pax Christi (available on the youth bulletin board at the back of the church, on the website, or at the front desk) and bring it with you to Davanni's on October 24. When ordering, hand it to the cashier so your tab will be counted in the total toward our donation. Thanks for your support and bon appétit!

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

### **Hat and Mittens Drive**

**Weekends of October 30/31, November 5/6 after all Masses**

Pax Christi's Sr. High youth will be collecting new hats and mittens for people in need. Please help keep others warm this winter! New hats and mittens are needed for babies, kids, teens, and adults. You can bring your donations to Pax Christi on the weekends of October 30/31 and November 5/6 and drop them off in the bins at Doors 1 & 3. Thank you for responding with a generous heart!

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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

### Saturday, October 15

- 9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 10:00am Greeter Training
- 10:30am Eucharistic Minister Training
- 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL**

### Sunday, October 16

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

### Monday, October 17

- 8:30am MASS**
- 5:00pm Tai Chi
- 5:30pm Silent Prayer and Meditation
- 5:30pm Southwest Grief Coalition
- 6:30pm Interfaith Planning Mtg.
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 370
- 7:00pm Venturing Crew 370

### Tuesday, October 18

- 8:30am MASS**
- 9:00am Rosary Group
- 9:30am Women with Spirit Bible Study
- 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
- 6:30pm Leadership Meetings

### Wednesday, October 19

No Faith Formation

- 9:30am Moms ROCK
- 11:00am Tai Chi
- 6:00pm MASS**
- 6:30pm RCIA Session

### Thursday, October 20

- 6:45am MASS**
- 9:00am Pax Christi Quilters
- 1:00pm Boomers Planning Mtg.
- 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
- 6:30pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Alanon
- 7:00pm Alateen
- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:30pm Singers Rehearsal

### Friday, October 21

- 8:30am MASS**

### Saturday, October 22

Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend

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

### Sunday, October 23

No Faith Formation  
Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend

- 9:00am MASS - FR. KENNEDY**
- 10:00am Spirituality Sampler
- 11:00am MASS - FR. KENNEDY**
- 3:30pm Teen Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**
- 6:00pm Emmaus Group

**Art Exhibit continues to run through October 23, in the Pacem in Terris Gallery, Room 247. Complete details on page 4.**

## 5B ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PAX CHRISTI ARTISTS SAVE THE DATE!

**Artists Invited to Submit Works for Parishioner Exhibit December 3–18, 2011**

Members of our community created several pieces in Pax Christi's permanent art collection. To celebrate our artistic gifts, the Art Committee plans again to present the Pax Christi Parishioners' Art Exhibition.

Artists interested in having their work considered for the exhibition are encouraged to **submit an application**. All applications must be received by Monday, November 14, to be included in the selection process. All fine art and fine craft media accepted, including sculpture, pottery, and photography, with the exclusion of film and/or video. Three dimensional entries encouraged. Application forms are available at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com) or in the church office.

The exhibition is scheduled to run from Saturday, December 3 to 12:30pm, Sunday, December 18, in the Pacem in Terris Gallery in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Room #247. An opening reception with the artists will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 10:00am–1:00pm**.

**Questions? email [pax@paxchristi.com](mailto:pax@paxchristi.com).**

### Nativity Story Director Needed

We are in need of at least 2 adult volunteers to direct and coordinate the Christmas Eve Nativity Story. If we can find adults to lead this effort, third and fourth grade students will be invited to participate in the re-enactment of the nativity story at the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. In order to successfully present this story, we are in need of parent volunteers to direct and coordinate it. We must have the directors in place by the end of October in order for there to be sufficient time to organize the Nativity Story. If you are interested, please contact Kim Albrecht, Liturgy Coordinator, [kalbrecht@paxchrsti.com](mailto:kalbrecht@paxchrsti.com), or 952-405-7229.

### Pete's Boutique Craft Fair

All are welcome to shop St. Peter's 33rd annual craft fair, called Pete's Boutique, on Saturday, October 29, 9:00am–4:00pm. Shop for handmade treasures, one-of-a-kind holiday gifts, and home-baked goodies. Crafters may rent a table by calling Theresa, 612-767-1781. St. Peter's Church is located at 6730 Nicollet Avenue South. Call 612-866-5089 for more information.

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

Scott, Rick, Sue, Patty, Randi, Patty, Marge, Gene, Bill, Mary Jo, Sandy, Jim, Kari, DeAnna, Bruce, Maria, Diane, Jeff, John, Jim, John, Marlin, Ed, and Steve. 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.

**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).

### Mental Health and Spirituality Support Group

**Next Meeting Thursday, November 3, 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, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or [jschmitz@paxchristi.com](mailto:jschmitz@paxchristi.com)

### Middle School and Sr. High Youth Service: Leaf Raking

**Saturday, November 5, 12:30–4:30pm, Meet in the Garden Level Youth Room**

It's coming! It's an opportunity to get out in the surrounding community and help our neighbors rake their yards. We want to make a big contribution, so MANY youth are needed! Meet at Pax Christi with your rakes (work gloves are also a good idea). We'll organize into work teams and get our assignments. Parents are also needed as drivers—contact Cindy if you can help so we can get the necessary forms on file at Pax Christi. Driver's background check and criminal background check forms along with Virtus training are required in order to drive or accompany youth. PLEASE NOTE: youth are not allowed to drive themselves or other youth to our job sites. **RSVP online** by November 1 so transportation and other arrangements can be made.

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

### Sponsor-a-Mile Fundraiser for Youth Trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

**Weekend of November 5/6 following all Masses in the Martin Luther King Room, Near Door 3**

We are taking an enthusiastic group of youth from Pax Christi to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN, November 16–20. This conference is a unique opportunity for our teens to join with 20,000 Catholic youth from all over America in experiencing their faith in a joyful, inspiring setting. In order to raise the funds needed for this trip, after all Masses November 5/6 we will be asking parishioners to "Sponsor-a-Mile" by donating \$1/mile for the distance of your choice. The trip is 1,210 miles—round trip—and we are trying to raise \$1 for each of those miles! You may also mail in a donation to Pax Christi, Attn: NCYC Trip. Thank you for supporting the youth of Pax Christi.

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

### Youth Help Needed Sorting Mittens/Hats

**Monday, November 7, 6:30-8:00pm, Garden Level Youth Room**

Help sort the hat and mitten donations! All 6th–12th grade youth are welcome to help out! Join us in the Garden Level youth room (go in Door 1, then down the stairs on the right).

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

### Roller and In-line Skating Party

**Saturday, November 12, 3:45–7:00pm**

Calling all 5th-8th graders! We reserved the rink! We reserved the ENTIRE RINK! Come skate, laugh, and hang out with friends and jam to contemporary Christian Music at the St. Louis Park Roller Garden. All are welcome to attend, so call, text, or facebook your friends. Registration forms are due by November 4 and available on-line. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes transportation and skate rental. Bring hats or mittens for our service project.

**Questions?** Renee Dignan, Faith Formation, 952-405-7212, or [rdignan@paxchristi.com](mailto:rdignan@paxchristi.com)



## HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

**Saturday, October 29, 6:00–8:00pm**

Come for Mass; stay for the bash! We welcome Pax Christi families to our annual Halloween Social. Wear your favorite costume, and come prepared to have a ball with music and dancing in Nazareth Hall. Bring the whole family, both old and young, for a haunted walk, food, games, prizes, and fun!

If you are interested in joining in the fun, there are volunteer jobs available to greet attendees, sponsor a room, or provide hospitality. Please contact Kate Gartin, 952-405-7242 or [kgartin@paxchristi.com](mailto:kgartin@paxchristi.com). If you would like to contribute Halloween decorations, or small prizes, or candy, please drop them off at the nursery.

### Halloween Social Chairperson or Co-chairperson NEEDED!

This is an opportunity for an energetic, organized leader to work with Kate Gartin on the planning and execution of this fun-filled event. We really need you to come forward to make this event happen.

**Questions?** Kate Gartin, 952-405-7242, or [kgartin@paxchristi.com](mailto:kgartin@paxchristi.com)

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

1. Preparation of the Gifts and Altar  
(Aug 7 and 14)
2. Eucharistic Prayer  
(Aug 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 18)
3. Communion Rite  
(Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23)

**Communion Rite: Invitation to Communion**

The priest invites us to partake in communion, calling the event “the supper of the Lamb.” The “Lamb of God” is Jesus who died to save us from sin and death – see the last week’s bulletin article for a full explanation of this title for Jesus. We are invited to a preview of the Lord’s banquet in heaven.

Our response matches a gospel story in which a Roman soldier asks Jesus to heal his servant. The soldier says he is not worthy to have Jesus in his house. He believes that Jesus can heal his servant by speaking a word and not coming under his roof.

We may consider ourselves unworthy, but Christ told us to do this in memory of Him. He told us to eat His Body and drink His Blood in the consecrated bread and wine. He invites us to partake of this banquet feast, and that means we are worthy to receive Him.

**Roots in Scripture**

Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb” (*Rev 19:9*).

And Jesus went with them, but when he was only a short distance from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof. Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed” (*Luke 7:6-7*).

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever” (*Rev 5:11-13*).

**Documents of the Church**

The priest prepares himself by a prayer, said quietly, that he may fruitfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood. The faithful do the same, praying silently.

The priest next shows the faithful the Eucharistic Bread, holding it above the paten or above the chalice, and invites them to the banquet of Christ. Along with the faithful, he then makes an act of humility using the prescribed words taken from the Gospels. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #84*

In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and of the true tabernacle; we sing a hymn to the Lord’s glory with all the warriors of the heavenly army; venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #8

**Connecting Sunday to the Week**

Christ invites us to share His Body and Blood at a banquet that mirrors the great feast in heaven. We don’t share in a banquet by ourselves. Guests include other parishioners, but who else has been invited? How do we treat people in this company of both friends and strangers? Who will be across the table in the Kingdom of heaven? How am I treating that person here on earth?

**New Roman Missal**

*This text is changed.*

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

**REMINDER: If you miss a video or want to view one again, you may do so on our website: [www.paxchristi.com/ltutpvideo](http://www.paxchristi.com/ltutpvideo)**

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# ON OUR JOURNEY OF STEWARDSHIP:

## ENGAGE IN STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE AT PAX CHRISTI

*"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*

—Matthew 22: 21

When you see the word "stewardship" is money the first term that pops into your mind? Even though it is only one of three legs on the stool of stewardship (that being time, talent, and treasure), the treasure part seems to take precedence in many people's minds. Perhaps it's because the society of today puts such a great emphasis on money. You need it to survive. You want more of it to garner respect from your peers or to keep up with those elusive Joneses in your life. How does someone attempting to follow stewardship as a way of life sort through the money maze? Are your obligations done once you decide the amount or percentage you contribute to the church? Stewardship is about responsible ownership of all of God's gifts. It's about taking care, not just taking. It's not enough to concentrate on the percentage you give to the church and other charitable organizations but about how you live your life with what's left over after your gifts have been made.

Back to the image of the three-legged stool – just as important as the stewardship of our financial resources is what we do with our time and our talents. We need to strive to balance what we do, with how we live, with how we share. If you open your wallet and throw some money at a need, you will probably feel pretty good. If you spend some time thinking and praying about how you can put your money to the best use before you share, you may feel even better. If you roll up your sleeves and share some of your time and your talent along with your financial gifts, you will have the opportunity to build relationships and personally see the difference you can make in the lives of others.

Sharing generously of your time **and** your talent **and** your treasure is what engagement in this community is all about. Our theme for the Annual Stewardship Renewal this year is: *You Are Invited to ENGAGE in Stewardship as a Way of Life.* By now you should have received an invitation and intention card in the mail. You are encouraged to answer, with a prompt reply, the invitation to engage in the life of this community. Our goal is to hear from each and every household of Pax Christi, and the answer we hope to hear is "yes." "Yes, I will share my gifts in a particular way with Pax Christi." The quantity of your commitment is up to you and based upon your individual situation, but please be assured the entire community of Pax Christi is strengthened with each and every reply. Through your generous support of Pax Christi, we will be able to meet the needs of all who find their way to Pax Christi, whether it is to worship, celebrate, learn, or find comfort and community. We will also be able to continue our support of ministries and activities that impact the greater community. Make a commitment to engage in Pax Christi in the upcoming year. Fill out and return your intention card today, or complete your time, talent, and treasure responses on line at [www.paxchristi.com/annualrenewal](http://www.paxchristi.com/annualrenewal).

## LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SESSION STARTING SOON

**Introduction/Orientation Meeting, Wednesday, October 26, 6:30pm, Followed by Six Sessions**

Each of us is totally unique, and the strengths God has blessed us with can help us in our journey of stewardship as a way of life. Perhaps it's time for you to find out what strengths you bring to the table. A new *Living Your Strengths* session is starting Wednesday, October 26. Join the group and learn how to use your greatest strengths to accomplish the work God calls you to do.

The Introduction/Orientation meeting will provide attendees with an overview of the Clifton StrengthsFinder and answer questions on how the online assessment and program work.

This session is followed by 6 Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00pm, November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7, and 14. Come for Mass, stay for the seminar, and then learn how God is calling you to use your strengths. Child-care is available by making reservations with the Nursery, 952-405-7242.

Cost for the Living Your Strengths Seminar is \$17.00 which includes the textbook, journal, and online assessment code. Seminar size is limited, so reserve your space today.

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



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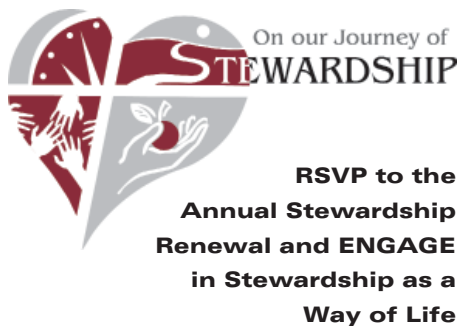
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 Fridays ~ 8:30am

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