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# Catholic Community

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## BEFORE I FORGET...

—Fr. Bill Murtaugh

*If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen.*

—Loretta Girzartis

*Make a rule, and pray to God to help you keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being at least a little wiser, or a little happier, or at least a little better this day."*

—Charles Kingsley

*The love of our neighbor in all its fullness simply means being able to say to him/her, "What are you going through?"*

—Simone Weil



A man was talking about his grandson, a two-year old with Down syndrome. Like most children that age, the young boy had difficulty understanding the word "no." He was always testing the limits. The grandfather noticed that if you applauded him for anything, he was apt to do it again. Grandpa learned to say "no" less often and to say "good job!" a lot more often.

And, you know what? That's true of everyone of us. That wonderful old philosopher Dr. Samuel Johnson put it like this, "The applause of a single human is of great consequence." It is. Did you applaud anyone today or during the past week? If you didn't, what's stopping you?

Can you imagine what it must be like to be the president of the United States? No matter what the issue is, the president has critics on both sides of the issue. It has probably been the case since George Washington was president. One of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln, needed tangible encouragement to build up his sometimes sagging confidence. When Mr. Lincoln was assassinated, several items were found in his pockets: a watch, some confederate money, and a handkerchief. But the most interesting item was a ragged copy of a newspaper article. The article had been written during the Civil War. The writer extolled Lincoln's virtues, approving of the decisions he had made as president.

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We all need encouragement, don't we? Is there anyone reading this who is offended when someone gives him/her a genuine compliment? I know I feel better when someone compliments me and gives me a word of encouragement. Throughout my life I have been blessed by people who have encouraged me and made my little corner of the world a friendlier place. I believe that we need to build up one another instead of tearing each other down.



## All Saints' Day

November 1

"Today we keep the festival of your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother. Around your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing your praise for ever. Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your Church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them."

So we pray during the Mass of All Saints. We celebrate those who have made the long journey to the holy city, to Jerusalem, to the feast of heaven. The scriptures and prayers for the day tell us that we are part of that vast throng now standing before God's throne in ceaseless praise. From the second reading: "I saw before me a huge crowd which no one could count from every nation, race, people, and tongue...dressed in long white robes." At our baptism, when we received our white robes, we became part of this great assembly. Indeed, every time we go to Mass, before we sing "Holy, Holy," we recall that we sing God's praise with "angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven."

Who is this company, and why is it so wonderful to be part of it? This is another way of asking, "What does the communion of saints mean?" It is not complicated. All the baptized, living and dead, across the generations, walk together, suffer together, sing together—not only those who have died and not only those who lead heroic lives. Vincent Harding, writing in *Sojourners* magazine, put it this way: "What a wild company we belong to! These are wild people, persecuted people, going-out, not-knowing-where-they're-going people." For a picture of what the lives of saints look like, read the Beatitudes (Matt 5:1–12).

**Masses for the Holy Day will be at 6:45am and at 8:30am in the main worship space.**

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This great man, A. Lincoln, was not that different from the rest of us. He needed to be appreciated. He cherished applause from those who observed him—and every last one of us needs the same from time to time in our lives. Human beings need to be affirmed, appreciated, applauded. Isn't that how Jesus treated people? As the disciples of Jesus, we must raise the bar in our society when it comes to respecting one another.

As the early Christian community grew, it was organized thanks mainly to the ministry of St. Paul. People needed encouragement as they became new Christians, and that is exactly what Paul did. In today's reading to the Church at Thessalonica, Paul writes about his affection for these Christians, and that he shared with them not only the gospel but his very self. He gives thanks to God for their faith in Christ and his gospel. He encouraged those early communities, and that was important if they were to survive. Everyone needs encouragement. The world has enough critics. It's painful to live with constant criticism. If it's difficult for adults to listen to criticism and complaints. Just imagine the toll it takes on children and teenagers. In Twelve Step programs we talk about negative thinking, playing the blame game as "stinkin' thinkin'."

Every healthy parent knows, at least intellectually, how important it is to give encouragement. Experts tell us that for every criticism a child hears, he or she needs 10 positive remarks. Parents are human. Sometimes emotions boil over, and stress gets the best of mom or dad. It's helpful in such situations to have another family member who will be present with unconditional love. Maybe that's why we love and need grandparents.

In his book, *The Chicken That Won a Dogfight*, Ben Burton tells about a member of his family whom he calls Blank. Blank was the kid who didn't fit in. Blank's not his real name, but the writer wants to protect his identity.

Blank couldn't do anything right. But one day, Blank's grandfather took him fishing. Blank made an impressive catch. His grandfather told him he was "the best young fisherman (he) had ever seen." After that, everything in Blank's life changed. He fished

constantly and began winning tournaments and acclaim. His grades improved, and he became more sociable. Blank eventually graduated from college and became a powerful lawyer in Arkansas. He married a lovely lady and raised a family. He fought in World War II. He was decorated for bravery. His grandfather's encouragement opened up new horizons for Blank.

Imagine if every adult at Pax Christi started encouraging children and teenagers. What a great contribution we would make to the next generation of adults.

As you reflect on your life story, my guess is that many of you had a grandmother, grandfather, uncle, aunt, or teacher who gave you unconditional love and encouragement. Notice in the reading today how Paul compares himself to a parent "We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children." Whatever our age or situation in life, all of us need those positive words of encouragement.

Hopefully, we think of Pax Christi as a center for encouragement. We gather every weekend to hear the Good News and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here is the good news: God loves you unconditionally. God wants you to be all God created you to be. God wants to offer you healing and forgiveness. Our God is a God of encouragement and applause. God calls us to be a faith community in order to be light in a dark world, to bring love into a world of hate, hope into a world of despair, kindness into a world of cruelty. That's who we are and what we're about.

Unfortunately, there are some people in the church who are critical and make a lot of noise. Yes, there is "stinkin' thinkin'" even in the church. That is a good enough reason to stay connected and to encourage one another, especially those who feel uninvited, judged, condemned, or second-class.

As you look at the cross, remember that it is a symbol of encouragement—"God so loved the world that God gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God calls us to be a people who encourage—who inspire—who give hope—who support—and who cheer for each other on life's journey.

## GRACING LIFE... Thoughts from Pastoral Care

### Gracing Life in Our Remembrances

This time of year brings about a reflective mood in our lives. We are transitioning from an autumn of festive colors, warm days and cool nights, to almost-bare trees, longer nights, and certain cooler days. Our glimpses of the splendor of autumn become hazy in the rear view mirror of life.

This is also the time of year when our thoughtful remembrances belong to those whose lives have touched ours yet no longer walk among us. As a church, we celebrate two important feasts the first two days of November: the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. The church gifts us with these days of honoring and remembering so that we may never forget how blessed we are to have a heritage of saintly people, those officially proclaimed by the church, and those whose sainthood lives within our hearts.

Macrina Wiederkehr offers some wisdom on how to pay attention to this season of change and reflect on loved ones' gifts and presence to us:

This season of harvest and transformation is a good time to look for ways to nurture our homesick spirits. One way to bring about this nurturing is an exercise that I call 'A Harvest of Memories.' When the cool weather leads us to light our furnace's pilot lights, we can take a little time to attend the pilot light of our heart. Autumn is a good season to recall some of the fallen leaves of past memories. Bring out old picture albums. Gain new life and energy by remembering people who were once sheltering trees, places where we went for shade and refreshment. Their leaves may have fallen, but we can still live in the shade of their memories (*The Circle of Life*, p. 189).

### Memorial Mass – Saturday, November 5, 5:00pm

On Saturday, November 5, at the 5:00pm Mass we will honor the memories of those whose lives have touched ours. 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. During the month of November, parishioners are also welcome to write in the Book of Remembrance the names of their loved ones who have died. Questions? Mary Ann Callahan, Pastoral Care, 952-405-7227, or [macallahan@paxchristi.com](mailto:macallahan@paxchristi.com).

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

### Holiday Giving with Dignity Part II

Has the runaway holiday shopping roller coaster grabbed a hold of you and not let go? Halloween is upon us, November begins this week which means Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and therefore Christmas can't be far behind! The shopping days' clock is clicking away and counting down too quickly.

12 Baskets "Share the Joy" has a solution to this. Restore some dignity to others and your holiday giving and shop for other people so they can shop for themselves. This year Pax Christi will be joining St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie to support The Holiday Store.

November 19/20 and 26/27, Pax Christi members will pick up tags with gift suggestions, go shopping and return all gifts to the parish by 11:00am on December 4. These will be sorted and delivered to stock The Holiday Store in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services. Clients referred by LSS will be able to "shop" using heavily subsidized tickets they buy and be able to wrap the gifts themselves. Most of the clients served live in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis (where Pax Christi also offers support through the annual reading initiative for children).

Pax members will help serve as volunteers in this effort and work to restore some greater dignity to those on the receiving end of the seasonal generosity. Help bring some sanity to your own holiday craziness and participate in the Pax Christi "Holiday Store" opportunity. This is one of many opportunities Pax Christi members will have to "Share the Joy" this season. Flyers with additional details will be distributed soon and keep checking the bulletin and [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

### ALL SOULS DAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

**Wednesday, November 2,  
5:30–8:00pm**

**All are Welcome!**

Join us for a community meal, prayer, and powerful program presented by Frank Runyeon, an actor of stage and television (where he starred opposite Meg Ryan in *As the World Turns*). He has studied at Yale Divinity School and earned his Masters with honors from General Theological Seminary. He will share the SERMON ON THE MOUNT, followed by HOLLYWOOD vs. FAITH. The evening is divided into two parts to reflect the tug of war that is at the heart of American life for so many families. We hear one story in church and then from the voices of the media, a very different story the minute we walk out the door. Each of these two major American storytellers is offering “beatitudes,” answers to life’s most basic questions: “Who are we created to be? Where is the real joy in life to be found?” Like the Jewish people in ancient Babylon, many American families need to step back and take an honest look at their lives, listen to their central Scriptures, and ask themselves whose teachings are they actually following? What “beatitudes” do we, in fact, center our lives around?

We will begin with a community meal at 5:30pm followed by prayer and program, concluding at 8:00pm.

**Please help us plan with an RSVP to the parish office, 952-941-3150.**

#### Writing as a Spiritual Practice Spirituality Sampler

**4 Sessions: Sunday Mornings, October 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.

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

#### Hat and Mittens Drive

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

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

#### Reflecting on the Gospel of Mark

**Tuesday, November 1, 7:00–8:30pm, Room 211**

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, the new liturgical year begins, and with that, an emphasis on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of the evangelist Mark. You are invited to join our Companion Ministers on Tuesday, November 1, and dig a little deeper into Mark’s gospel and the unique story told about Jesus.

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

#### Moms ROCK: Raising Our Christian Kids

**What’s New in Decorating with Maggie Nauth, Wednesday, November 2, 9:30–11:30am**

Maggie Nauth of Maggie May Interiors has helped many clients solve their decorating dilemmas and beautify their homes. She will talk about paint color and fabric trends for 2012.

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)

#### Mental Health and Spirituality Support Group

**Next Meeting Thursday, November 3, 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)

#### Walking a Sacred Path: An Introduction to the Labyrinth

**Thursday, November 3, 7:00–8:30pm**

This introductory session is designed to familiarize participants with the labyrinth. We will learn the basics of this ancient Christian tool and some benefits of walking such as reducing stress and enriching a spiritual life. Those familiar with the labyrinth are also welcome. This session will be held in the Sanctuary followed by a walk on the 36’ indoor canvas labyrinth. Bring a sweater and come prepared to walk in stocking feet.

**RSVP by October 31:** Carrie Chevalier Mosher, 952-974-3713

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

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

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.

**RSVP by November 1:** Cindy Novak, Sr. High Youth Minister, 952-405-7214, or [cnovak@paxchristi.com](mailto:cnovak@paxchristi.com)

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

### Saturday, October 29

Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend  
Hat and Mitten Drive Weekend  
9:00am Overeaters Anonymous  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
6:00pm Halloween Social

### Sunday, October 30

Blood Drive Sign-Up Weekend  
Hat and Mitten Drive Weekend  
**9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
9:00am Good Shepherd I  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Spirituality Sampler  
10:45am Good Shepherd I  
**11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
3:30pm Teen Choir Rehearsal  
**5:00pm MASS - McMICHAEL**  
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal  
6:30pm First Reconciliation Prep  
6:30pm Good Shepherd II  
6:30pm Classroom Program  
6:30pm Sr. High Faith Formation

### Monday, October 31

**8:30am MASS**  
5:00pm Tai Chi  
5:30pm Silent Prayer and Meditation

### Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day

**6:45am Mass**  
**8:30am MASS**  
9:00am Rosary Group  
9:30am Women with Spirit Bible Study  
9:45am Newcomers Board Mtg.  
6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
6:30pm Companion Minister Mtg.  
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 370  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 2

9:30am Moms ROCK  
11:00am Tai Chi  
5:30pm Community Night Dinner  
**6:00pm ALL SOULS MASS**  
6:30pm Community Night Prayer/Program  
6:30pm Living Your Strengths

### Thursday, November 3

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

### Friday, November 4

**8:30am MASS**

### Saturday, November 5

Sponsor-A-Mile Fundraiser Weekend  
Thanksgiving Drive Sign-Up Weekend  
Hat and Mitten Drive Weekend  
9:00am First Reconciliation Retreat  
9:00am Overeaters Anonymous  
12:30pm Youth Leaf Raking Event  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
**5:00pm MEMORIAL MASS -**  
**FR'S. KENNEDY, McMICHAEL, MURTAUGH**

## 5B ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attention Liturgical Ministers

The current schedule goes through the end of November. The next schedule will run from December 2011 through March 2012. By Friday, November 4, please let me know any dates on which you are not available or other changes to your ministry. The schedule will be distributed on November 19 via email to those whose addresses we have on file and land mail for all others. As always, thank you for your dedication and ministry to Pax Christi! Contact Kim Albrecht, Pax Christi Liturgy Coordinator, 952-405-7229 or [kalbrecht@paxchristi.com](mailto:kalbrecht@paxchristi.com).

### Nativity Story Director Needed

We are in need of at least two 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.

### Consideration for Justice Grants

The Justice Grants Board of Pax Christi is working to expand the pool of groups and organizations for possible consideration for future grants. The two main focus areas are ending homelessness and child development and education to alleviate poverty. Do you know of an organization with a mission in these areas? Are you a volunteer or board member of a group matching our parish focus areas? Please contact board member Dave Raby, [draby@hrgreen.com](mailto:draby@hrgreen.com), or call the parish office, 952-941-3150.

### The Beatitudes: Fresh Yet Again

Be renewed by the spirit of Christ's teachings, the Beatitudes, with Dick Rice at Saint Ambrose of Woodbury Church on Friday, November 4, 6:30-8:30pm, and Saturday, November 5, 9:00am-11:30am. All are welcome to join us for this short but sacred time of prayer and reflection. No registration is required; a free will offering will be collected. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kenna Millea, [kenna.millea@saintambroseofwoodbury.org](mailto:kenna.millea@saintambroseofwoodbury.org), or 651-768-3020, for additional details. Childcare is available upon request.

### Raising Chaste Teens and Romance w/o Regret

Popular speaker Jason Evert, an internationally renowned author and apologist, has addressed more than 100,000 people each year on topics like sexuality, chastity, and purity. Jason will offer communication techniques, resources, statistics, and a wealth of information to assist parents in their task as the primary sex educators of their children. For registration or for additional information on any of these presentations, please contact 651-291-4489, [schulten@archspm.org](mailto:schulten@archspm.org) or visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family).

**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

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.

**Sponsor-a-Mile Fundraiser for Youth Trip to NCYC**

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

Stop by 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.

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

**Blood Drive at Pax Christi**

**Monday, November 7, 1:00–8:00pm**

In just one hour's time, you can donate one unit of blood that could help save three lives. Blood donation – it's only about an hour of your time, but for the recipient, it can be a lifetime! Make your donation appointment at the ministry table at Entrance #3 after all Masses THIS weekend.

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

**Southwest Grief Coalition**

**Monday, November 7, and 14, 5:30–7:30pm, at Pax Christi**

The *Living and Growing Through Loss* series continues at Pax Christi. A light meal is included, followed by a speaker, and then small group supportive sessions specific to the type of loss. 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)

**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 for 5th–8th Grade**

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

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 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)

**55+ Singles' Sunday Brunch**

**Sunday, November 13, 11:30pm, Tavern on France, Edina**

Join other area 55+ singles for food and fun. This month's site is Tavern on France, located at 6740 France Ave S, Edina. The menu includes a Pancake Bar, made-to-order omelets, and more.

**Reservations Required by November 10:** Mary Ellen, 952-942-0178

**Boomers and Beyond Health Day**

**Monday, November 14, 1:00–2:30pm, Room #211**

Our health day presenter will be Mary Battista, parishioner and certified trainer in Integrative Nutrition. Her talk on Eating for Energy will help us explore factors that contribute to our sense of energy and vitality, including diet and lifestyle. What gives us energy, and what takes it away? A healthy snack will be served. No fee required.

**RSVP by November 9:** Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217, or [cwesley@paxchristi.com](mailto:cwesley@paxchristi.com)

**THANKSGIVING MEAL APPEAL 2011**

**It's a Pax Christi Thanksgiving, and we need you this year more than ever. Sign-up information will be available after all Masses the weekends of November 5/6 and 12/13.**

**Drop-off weekend: November 19/20**

The holidays are approaching, and in the spirit of Jesus multiplying bread and fish to feed thousands, the Twelve Baskets ministry is asking Pax Christi members to help provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families.

**There are three ways you can help:**

- Provide a Thanksgiving dinner for a family
- Provide a grocery store gift certificate
- Provide a restaurant gift certificate

Complete details are posted on line at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com), or you can pick up information at Pax Christi.

**You can sign up to participate in the Thanksgiving drive NEXT weekend, November 5/6 and 12/13. Drop-off will be the weekend of November 19/20.**

The Thanksgiving drive is one of the largest drives coordinated by the Twelve Baskets ministry which is dedicated to building a bridge between our Pax Christi community resources and people in need. Twelve Baskets partners with a number of local and Twin Cities-area agencies that help needy individuals and families.

**Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150, or visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).**

## Concluding Rite

1. Blessing (Oct 30)
2. Dismissal (Nov 6)

## Final Blessing

We who have participated in word and sacrament are asking for God's generous favor to be bestowed upon us as we go out into the world. The word blessing is also used here in the sense of consecrating. We are asking God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to make us holy in our daily thoughts and actions. We make the Sign of the Cross as we pray for this blessing, a sign that we are calling upon the Trinity.

## Roots in Scripture

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).*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven  
*(See the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12).*

Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, raised His hands, and blessed them. As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God *(Luke 24:50-53).*

## Documents of the Church

The concluding rites consist of

- a. Brief announcements, if they are necessary;
- b. The priest's greeting and blessing, which on certain days and occasions is enriched and expressed in the prayer over the People or another more solemn formula;
- c. The dismissal of the people by the deacon or the priest, so that each may go out to do good works, praising and blessing God;
- d. The kissing of the altar by the priest and the deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the priest, the deacon, and the other ministers.

*General Instruction on the Roman Missal, #90*

## Connecting Sunday to the Week

The blessing asks that God will be with us as we go out into the world to live a life of holiness. Remember that holiness is not mere piety. All are called to holiness, no matter what their vocation or station in life, old and young, rich and poor, men and women. We are called to become less selfish and to put others' needs ahead of our own. We may be born 100% selfish; our life journey is to see how close to 100% selfless we can become.

We do this every day, not just at Mass, not just on Sundays.

## New Roman Missal

There is no change in the final blessing although there will be changes in the priest parts if he does one of the longer blessing prayers for special feasts.

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**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:

## GOTTA GIVE GOD OUR GREATEST GRATITUDE

*Give thanks to God unceasingly.*

–Thessalonians 2:13

Right out of college I worked for a fast food chain, and one of our twice-daily tasks was to take inventory. In the fast food business, everything gets counted because the pennies, or fraction of pennies, DO add up. The night manager did the night count; the day manager double-checked it in the morning. The opening inventory less the evening count minus any waste should equal the day's usage. When everything added up correctly, an efficient night manager could make quick work of the evening inventory task. However, when you were off, you were up for one, long evening of searching. I learned early on to be as thorough as possible the first time, double checking the inventory right off the bat. My team's bonus rode on getting the right answer, and speed in attaining the correct answers meant I got to head home sooner. Lots of places take inventory, and besides making good business sense, there is something reassuring about taking inventory. Checking out what you have can be a real eye-opener. You can see where you have plenty of things and where you might need to add to other things.

Taking inventory can also be helpful in a person's life. In fact, one of the benefits that can be found in our Annual Stewardship Renewal is that it provides our members with the opportunity, on a yearly basis, to review the time, talent, and treasure they have been given and determine if they are using these gifts to the fullest potential. Taking stock of your gifts is the best way to ensure you are giving God your greatest gratitude. How have you used your time in the past year? Are you happy with how you have spent your time, or has the busyness of your daily schedule eaten up your time? Have you been able to use your talents, or did you come up short in finding opportunities to share them? Did you share your treasure with the people and institutions that are most important to you? Take an inventory of the gifts you have been given, and then use the opportunity provided by our Annual Stewardship Renewal to show your gratitude to God for all the gifts you have been given. There are plenty of opportunities right here at Pax Christi where you can put your gifts to the greatest use. You have received the invitation to Engage in Stewardship as a Way of Life. Show God your gratitude by responding today. Take an inventory, and see where you stand.

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.

**Speaking of TALENT, if you have artistic gifts, put them on display:**

### PAX CHRISTI PARISHIONER ART EXHIBIT

**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).**



	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
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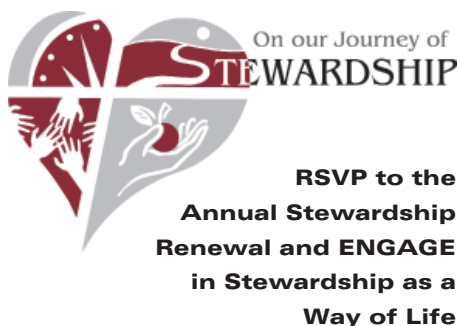
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