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## MY FRIENDS: WHAT RETURN SHALL I MAKE TO MY GOD?

—Psalm 116:12

—Fr. Patrick Kennedy



Early in September, we prepared for you the Annual Financial Report for the past fiscal year of July 2010-June 2011. I hope you have had time to read the information enclosed. There is plenty of it, and even though it seems like a lot of figures, it gives you an understanding and appreciation of our stewardship over the last year.

In the next few weeks, we will once again come before you and ask you to make a financial commitment for the upcoming year so we can continue our ministries here and in the other places that we do them. Now I know what you are thinking, "Not Again!" When I was reminded that this was the time of year we make an appeal for our annual budget, I said the same thing, "Not again!!" The people reminding me of my duty just nodded politely and then left me to my own thoughts.

I don't like asking for your money any more than you like me asking for it. You would think by now we would all know the drill. Just waving a pledge card in the air at the Masses on Sunday should be enough to move all of us to do our part in giving a portion of our financial resources to help continue the good work we do here every day. And actually, when I think about it, I am not so sure we should even have to do that. But the fact of the matter is, you deserve an opportunity to listen to me and others as we lay out for you why it is terribly important each of you consider giving something to help Pax Christi fulfill the mission it has as a Catholic Community in Eden Prairie.

I often drive by our neighboring church communities, Grace, Wooddale, Eden Prairie Methodist, and others. I wonder sometimes if they have the same difficulties we do in making ends meet. I wonder if only a third of the households they have registered give regularly (actually, the lion's share of the monies collected and time and talent offered), while others give when they come on occasion, and then a whole other group doesn't give at all.

My scouts tell me they too struggle, but they have an advantage over us. Before people actually become members in some of these faith communities, they are asked what their contribution of time, offering their particular talents, and yes, money will be to promote the mission of the church. There is a clear expectation that each individual will offer something significant in ways of time, talent, and financial resources. It is clear from the beginning to the existing membership and the new individual or family wanting to join. These conversations take place because without the sustained support of every member, the community cannot do its work. They assure success by being very intentional

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with new members about the roles and responsibilities each has in being involved in the life of the community. Engagement is not an option in most cases. It is fundamental to why a person would sign up and join in the first place.

The Catholic Church is different in the way in which we go about raising a sense of responsibility when it comes to being good stewards of one's time, talent, and treasure. The same result, namely an engaged membership, becomes critical to the overall success and vitality of our mission as a Catholic Community. Better people than I have tried various ways to educate, inform, and enlighten every individual about what it means to become generous and to implement this generosity motivated by a grateful heart.

Although success has been spotty and history around engaging people in the life of the community has shown how difficult it is to seek a response from each member, it remains the task of all of us to continue to explain the needs our community has. By explaining, I am hopeful that we inform, and through informing, each person will figure out how he or she is called to participate.

Many years ago when I was pastor of Epiphany in Coon Rapids, we, the leadership, staff, and myself, made a conscious commitment to begin to teach the parish at large the true meaning of being an engaged member through an understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a good steward of what God has blessed each of us with in life. As you can imagine, there was a natural reluctance on the part of many to do anything differently or to change their thinking about their involvement other than what they were already doing. People grow comfortable and resist any kind of change especially when they believe somebody is telling them what to do and how much to give. Many believed in the dictum one should never let the right hand know what the left hand was doing - especially the Pastor!

But through patient endurance and a commitment on the part of those leading Epiphany at the time, we started to use many different venues to help members come to terms with not only what was needed but more importantly, what were the gifts they were blessed with and how could they discover meaningful ways to share those with the parish. Time was spent having conversations with members. In various settings, we employed the strength of the past built on how Epiphany was formed and shaped by the early founders. They had the will and determination to develop a community of faith, not just for a few but for everyone who wanted to participate. The evidence was still fresh in the minds of many, and exposing the foundation erected by an earlier generation resonated with those present for the conversations we had.

While it is always exciting to start something from scratch, our mission, if you will, was to maintain what was constructed, strengthen the quality of what was established, and to realize a whole new generation of people were now in the room looking for spiritual sustenance through the Word and Sacrament. Plodding along and continuing to claim our own work in this particular time honed our message that the involvement of everyone is vital for this to happen. While we were not building anything new, we were constantly building community. We were about a reorganization of what it means to be church for each other and for the wider community we had the privilege to serve.

The message we tried to instill and many learned in a new way was "Everything we have is from God. Our abundance is meant not just for ourselves and our own comfort. We are duty-bound through baptism to share what we have to build up the Kingdom of God." It is not just about money, either. It is more about how we have come to understand the true meaning of sharing. Our entire Catholic theology is rooted in the act of Jesus giving His very self for the redemption of all. "There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends." That selfless way of giving is expected by all of us who follow Him.

The Catholic Church has been going through tremendous change these past many years. We are a tension-filled community, not by things of the Gospel but because of our humanity and the sins we have committed against one another. In our frailty, we keep seeing people of good will exit the Church, looking for other opportunities to express their faith and their God-given privileges as a baptized Christian. We have witnessed a paring down of services, an elimination of long-standing parish communities, and a decline of ordained and lay ministers all complicating our decisions about our stewardship.

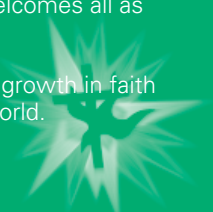
There is no doubt in my mind the Church is feeling the deep affects of our internal struggles and growing rigidity. Parishioners everywhere wonder whether or not their intentional response to invitations to give will be respected and used wisely. I believe here at Pax Christi, even with the growing constraints placed upon us by those in authority, we strive to do the best we can with what each of you graciously offers us.

So, in the next few weeks, we will once again be asking for your commitment for the coming year to offer a portion of your financial resources to help us continue and fulfill our mission as the Catholic Community in Eden Prairie. I also am hopeful those of you who already give generously will continue to do so, that those of you who occasionally contribute will think about doing more, and that those of you who for whatever reason cannot give, will do so when the opportunity affords itself again in your own particular situation. I have said that no one person is called to do it all. All are called, though, to do something. May all of us respond then as we see fit.

**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





## GRACING LIFE... Thoughts from Pastoral Care

### Gracing Life with Creativity

*Learn to get in touch with the silent within yourself and know that everything in this life has a purpose.*  
–Elisabeth Kübler Ross

We are all artists—some of us are declared, accomplished, and publicly esteemed artists. Others of us are the private kind, making artful homes and artful lives and shying away from the public practice or pursuit of our art. Some of us—officially “not artists” and “without a creative bone in our body” –are artists nonetheless because creativity is in our blood. In our DNA.

*There is one and only one label that seems useful to me in discussing ourselves. That label is “creative.” I have been teaching for twenty-five years. I have never, ever encountered a person who was not creative in some form.*  
–Julia Cameron in *Walking in This World: The Practical Art of Creativity*

### Did You Know?

Beginning on Sunday, October 23, and for the following three consecutive weeks, come and 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 or to register, contact Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or [jschmitz@paxchristi.com](mailto:jschmitz@paxchristi.com).

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

### Learn About Grant Recipient Northside Achievement Zone, October 12, 6:45pm

*Pax Christi's justice grant recipients are being spotlighted in a series of Pax CAFÉ programs from 6:45–8:00pm, Wednesdays in the Lighthouse room. Appearing Wednesday, October 12, are representatives from Northside Achievement Zone, a new grant recipient. All are invited to attend and hear how the justice grant is being used and how NAZ is addressing important social-justice issues. Here's a brief profile of the organization.*

Minnesota's school achievement gap, especially as it pertains to race, is consistently among the largest in the nation, and among the places where this gap is most evident is in North Minneapolis. This is a community that has seen concentrated poverty, a high teen pregnancy rate, and an epidemic of youth violence – not to mention fragmented service-delivery and education systems.

But a collaboration known as the Northside Achievement Zone – composed of more than 60 organizations and schools, led by the PEACE Foundation – is working to build a culture of achievement on the Northside so that all teens graduate from high school college-ready.

The core of NAZ's “high-touch” approach is to engage North Minneapolis families and enroll them in NAZ Connect, a shared case management system that focuses on both the families and students. As a result of that process, the families and students are connected to opportunities and resources provided by more than 50 organizations that serve the Northside – in the areas of housing, physical and social/emotional health, employment, advocacy, and more.

In addition, NAZ establishes “checkpoints” along this route to higher achievement. Local schools, mentoring programs, family support organizations, health services, and even holistic areas like art and worship organizations have a defined role in helping the families succeed with their achievement plans. Where one program ends, another is there to pick up the process of supporting Northside children, from prenatal to college.

During next Wednesday's program, learn more about this innovative program supported by Pax Christi. There is no cost to attend and no pre-registration is needed.

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)**

### The Spirituality of the Gospels

**Thursday Evenings, NOW – November 17, 6:30–8:30pm, (NO Session October 20)**

The modern quest for spiritual fulfillment is met with profound insights from the gospels and the enduring examples from the lives of the saints it has inspired, both ancient and contemporary. The cost of the series is \$25 (scholarships are available). You may register online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com) or by contacting the parish office.

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

### Middle School Youth Service Project at Cabrini House

**THIS Saturday, October 8, 12:15pm–4:30pm**

We will be doing some household projects at Cabrini House in Minneapolis. If time permits, we'll also be baking some cookies for the residents! **Space is limited** for this service project, so sign up NOW! We will meet at Pax Christi in the Garden Level youth room at 12:15pm and carpool to Cabrini. Permission slips are available on the bulletin board at Pax Christi and on our website. Adult help with driving and chaperoning is also needed!

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

### “Film, Food, & Faith” for Middle School Youth

**Saturday, October 8, 5:00pm–8:00pm**

All middle school youth are invited to a couple hours of hang-out time in our Garden Level youth room. Bring your friends as we watch a movie, have some pizza and other snacks, and discuss the movie in light of our faith. There will also be time to enjoy some of the great games in our youth room. See you October 8 at this FREE activity!

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

### Outstanding Art Exhibit Opportunity! Etchings On Biblical Themes

**Artist's Reception THIS Sunday, October 9, 10:00am–1:00pm, Pacem in Terris Gallery, Room 247**

At 10:30am and 12:30pm, the artist will give a brief talk on the art of etching. Come see the exceptional art and meet the artist. The artist, Joan Bohlig of Eagan, MN, has shown her etchings in over 115 solo shows in the USA and Europe. Her art is represented in collections in America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

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

### Southwest Grief Coalition

**Next Session, Monday, October 10, 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 10, 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; small group support sessions are closed to new members after October 10. 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)**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

### Saturday, October 8

#### New Member Sign-Up Weekend

- 9:00am Emmaus Group
- 9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 12:30pm Social/Service Event
- 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

### Sunday, October 9

#### Greet/Gather/Goodies Weekend New Member Sign-Up Weekend

- 9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**
- 9:00am Good Shepherd I
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:45am Good Shepherd I
- 11:00am MASS - FR. KENNEDY**
- 3:30pm Teen Choir 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
- 6:30pm Confirmation Prep
- 6:30pm Sundays @ Pax CAFÉ

### Monday, October 10

- 8:30am MASS**
- 5:00pm Tai Chi
- 5:30pm Silent Prayer and Meditation
- 5:30pm Southwest Grief Coalition
- 6:30pm Separated/Divorced (off-site)
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 370
- 7:00pm Venturing Crew 370
- 7:00pm Environmental Challenge Mtg.

### Tuesday, October 11

- 8:30am MASS**
- 9:00am Rosary Group
- 9:30am Women with Spirit Bible Study
- 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
- 6:30pm Spirituality Sampler
- 6:30pm Twelve Baskets Mtg.
- 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00pm Holiday Tea Planning Mtg.

### Wednesday, October 12

- 11:00am Tai Chi
- 4:45pm Good Shepherd I, II
- 4:45pm Classroom Program
- 4:45pm Middle School Faith Formation
- 4:45pm First Reconciliation Prep

- 6:00pm MASS**
- 6:30pm RCIA Session
- 6:45pm Wednesdays @ Pax CAFÉ
- 6:45pm Classroom Program
- 6:45pm First Reconciliation Prep
- 6:45pm Middle School Faith Formation

### Thursday, October 13

- 6:45am MASS**
- 8:00am Communication Conference
- 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
- 6:30pm Spirituality of the Gospels
- 6:30pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Alanon
- 7:00pm Alateen
- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00pm Financial Initiative (FIT) Mtg.
- 7:30pm Singers Rehearsal

### Friday, October 14

- 8:30am MASS**
- 5:00pm Pax JAM - 7th/8th Grade

### Saturday, October 15

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

### 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
- 6:30pm Sundays @ Pax CAFÉ

**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@paxchristi.com](mailto:kalbrecht@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7229.

### 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!

### 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).

**Ministry of the Separated and Divorced Fall Speaker Series**

**Next Session, Monday, October 10, 6:30–8:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, Edina**

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 fall 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 October 20) can be found at [www.paxchristi.com/separateddivorced](http://www.paxchristi.com/separateddivorced).

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

**People of Faith Sampler**

**Tuesdays, October 11, 7:00–8:30pm, in Room 239–Chief Joseph**

The life of Thomas Merton O.C.S.O. will be explored in this session of the People of Faith Sampler series led by Fr. Bill. Come and learn more about the journey of faith Thomas Merton walked and how his life can give meaning and hope for us today.

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

**Holiday Tea Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 11, 7:00pm**

The seventh annual Pax Christi Holiday Tea will be held on Saturday, December 3, 9:30am, in the Hall of Martyrs. We invite all of you to consider hosting a table at this wonderful kickoff to the holiday season. If you are interested in being a hostess, come to the planning meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 7:00pm. Since the tables go fast, you must be at the meeting to get a confirmed table. If you have any questions about the Holiday Tea, contact Mary Kennedy, and she will refer you to one of the tea chairs, Maureen Voltin, Becky Jensen, or Beth Halvorson.

**Contact:** Mary Kennedy, Director 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 way 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)

**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)



**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: Lamb of God**

Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God? It comes from the Exodus story in the Old Testament. The Israelites were slaves of the Egyptians. God sent Moses to free the people, but the Egyptian leader (Pharaoh) would not let them go. God sent plagues to convince Pharaoh to let them go, but he did not agree until the tenth plague.

God told the Israelites to kill a lamb, put its blood over the doorway, and then have a meal of the lamb. That night, the angel of death entered the homes without the blood on the door and killed the first born sons, including Pharaoh's son, but "passed over" the houses with blood on the door. Pharaoh finally let them go. (Read the full story in Exodus 3-15 or just the Passover account in Exodus 12.)

The lamb was killed to save the people from the angel of death and from slavery. Jesus is the new Lamb of God who was killed to save us from the slavery of sin and death.

The prayer is a litany which means there is a repeated phrase. It is sung to accompany the action of breaking and putting the consecrated Body of Christ into vessels.

**Roots in Scripture**

The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." –*John 1:29*

**Documents of the Church**

The priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread, assisted, if the case calls for it, by the deacon or a concelebrant. Christ's gesture of breaking bread at the Last Supper, which gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name in apostolic times, ["The Breaking of the Bread"] signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life which is Christ, who died and rose for the salvation of the world. The fraction or breaking of bread is begun after the sign of peace and is carried out with proper reverence, though it should not be unnecessarily prolonged, nor should it be accorded undue importance. This rite is reserved to the priest and the deacon.

The priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the living and glorious Body of Jesus Christ. The supplication *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)* is, as a rule, sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation responding; or it is, at least, recited aloud. This invocation accompanies the fraction and, for this reason, may be repeated as many times as necessary until the rite has reached its conclusion, the last time ending with the words *dona nobis pacem (grant us peace)*. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #83*

**Connecting Sunday to the Week**

Every week we pray for mercy and for peace at Mass. What are we doing to make the world a more merciful place? What are we doing to bring about peace? What do I have to change about the way I lead my life in order to experience mercy and peace and in order to extend mercy and peace to others?

**New Roman Missal**

The *Lamb of God* is not changed.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**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:

## GET ENGAGED BY SHARING YOUR GIFTS

*Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Many are invited, but few are chosen."* —Matthew 21: 33-35

My daughter received an invitation to the wedding of one of her high school classmates. It's a cyclical thing. For a long time you don't have any weddings on the horizon. Then a whole slew of them appear. The weddings are followed in a few years with house warmings, Baptisms, then First Communion, and Confirmations. A brief respite from invitations and then graduations, first high school, followed by college, and the cycle starts over again. The only differences that occur in the cycles are the generational transformations of society from one rotation of celebrations to the next. New to me was that enclosed within the invitation were the website addresses for the gift registries where the couple had selected what they would like to receive from their invited guests. To the internet we flew, and I was amazed at the complexity of the gift registry nowadays. Gifts could be ordered, wrapped in the wedding colors, and delivered before or after the event. One could make a gift selection according to size, style, color, price, quantity, and some sites even included the why/where/how the couple intended to use the potential gift if you purchased it for them. In a matter of minutes we selected a gift within my daughter's price range, and that was that. Of course, gone was the excitement of finding a perfect gift that fit the couple, although I am sure they will enjoy the gift that was selected. After all, that's what they indicated they wanted to get, right? Yes, you can automate gift giving, but you also run the risk of missing the whole purpose of giving a gift to someone, whether it is to honor a person, a couple, or to commemorate an important occasion. Thinking back on the best gifts I have ever received, it was always the ones in which the giver spent some time in finding the gift that was a perfect fit for me and them.

So how does this discussion on gifts lead to Pax Christi? How have you decided to share the gifts you have been given to make a difference? You already are in possession of the perfect gift to fit a specific need that exists in your family, at Pax Christi, or in the greater community. We know that because each of us has been individually and uniquely gifted by God with gifts of time, talent, and treasure that are the perfect fit. God's gifts weren't selected for us via a heavenly gift registry, but how you share them can use a similar vehicle. Open the center section of the recently delivered 2011-12 Guidebook and Directory or head over to [www.paxchristi.com/annualrenewal](http://www.paxchristi.com/annualrenewal), and check out the Time and Talent Form or Gift Inventory to see if any ministry or activity fits the gifts that you possess. Fill out the form, turn it in, and bask in the knowledge that your gifts will make a difference as they are a perfect fit for our needs. If there is nothing in your search that piques your interest, expand your search by checking out opportunities in your family, within the greater community, or give me a call at 952-405-7220, or email me at [mkennedy@paxchristi.com](mailto:mkennedy@paxchristi.com) and let's figure out what works best for you. Give the best gift to Pax Christi in the upcoming year: the gift of an engaged you.

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.

## 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 Strength* 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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### YTD through Week #12

**11-12 Contributions Goal – \$2,600,000**

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61,894

519,444

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62,000

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