



The Season of Advent

at Pax Christi Catholic Community

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IT'S BEEN A GREAT RIDE!

—Sue Kelley, Parish Director

When I graduated from college in the early 70s, I had the opportunity to travel for 4 months throughout Europe with my two best friends, Mary and Janet. Mary was born in Budapest, Hungary, and immigrated to this country when she was 7. The Communists had taken over, and her family escaped in the dead of night, just like you see in the movies, and Mary moved into my neighborhood. We grew up together and went back to her homeland in my college years to spend time in Budapest with her extended family.

While finishing our travel in Hungary, the three of us were leaving on a train headed for Austria. Janet, my other friend, asked me to get onto the train and save us three seats. So I left my luggage and purse with them and just brought my book and found us three nice spots on the train that I thought was headed for Austria. All of a sudden, the train started to depart, and it was then that I heard Janet yell, "Sue, you're on the wrong train!" I quickly asked someone nearby, and she said we were headed for Russia. I had no purse and therefore no passport, and I panicked because in those days of the Communist regime, you always needed to be identified everywhere you went. Without another thought I decided to jump, and I waited until the train went by a post, and then I jumped! Janet still has nightmares thinking I fell under the train, but I just scraped my knees. To this day, I wonder at times about all of the various scenarios that could have happened that day and how that would have changed my life.

Life is very much like a train ride. Trains have a way of winding around the world, sometimes speeding up and seeing great sights and then sometimes getting stalled due to weather or some unforeseen event. For 37 years, I worked in various Catholic churches in this Archdiocese. It has gone very fast, and I have to admit, it has been a thrill to live my life each day. I have met the most fantastic people ever and have had the opportunity to work beside the finest people there are on the face of this planet. I have also been given so much opportunity to learn, grow, share, and minister to the people of God.

When I first started to work in the Church, I started out thinking I wanted to be like the Messiah and tried my best to save everyone. Years ago I would work late into the night as I stayed late to talk with just "one more person" about his/her spiritual journey. In those days, it never occurred to me that I should ask him or her to make an appointment with me during the next day or week. My working hours over the years often included long days, late nights, and much of the weekends. After awhile, you begin to realize that the Messiah actually tried to help people save themselves, and you find out that people actually do need to save themselves.

Over the years, I have described my full-time ministry to people like this: It's like planning a big wedding every week, except on Monday morning the next set of wedding plans begin. You don't get any time to enjoy whatever it is you just created, and you don't get to sit around drinking cof-

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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

fee and looking at the pictures on Sunday morning. Instead, you quickly begin to enter into the next wedding plan. There is no time to waste! You learn to become a great multi-tasker.

Every morning I come to work, and I witness the entire life cycle first hand. For example, it is very possible on any given day I will arrive to see a hearse in the entrance, the family grieving in the Church, and hear the sad story about how the deceased person died. During that same day, I might meet the bride and groom who have an appointment with the Pastor for their interview about their wedding. A staff member might share with me how the suicide of a loved one impacted him/her, and then a couple will come in to see their space for their 50th anniversary celebration. I never take my life for granted because I am constantly reminded on a daily basis through the various celebrations that happen in front of my eyes at church. When one thinks about it, the most important moments in a person's life often happen at church. We begin with celebrating the life of a baby with baptism. When one hits the age of reason, there is First Communion. When we get married, we celebrate at church. And when we get sick and die, we are surrounded by the church through the various rituals and people.

It has been a wonderful life spent ministering to the people of God. I have done it to the best of my ability. Sometimes I did great things, sometimes very difficult things, and once in awhile, I goofed up. Overall, I have loved every minute of it. It has been a great way to spend my life working in the Catholic Church. Recently, I have been discerning about the future and decided it's time to get on the train of life again and make a change.

As each of us ages, we must make the difficult decision when and where to retire. Just as all of our members must make retirement decisions, my time has come, and I have made a decision to leave full-time church ministry and retire. I have two beautiful granddaughters who live out of state, and I want to spend more time with them, along with my family and friends. I want to get off the fast track of the train and be able to experience the beauty in each day a bit differently. I want to drink my hazelnut coffee with my fancy coffee pot in the morning and be able to actually drink the full cup before heading out the door.

I think about that 22-year-old young woman who jumped off that train headed for Russia. I still am that person. I still have a lot of adventures yet to experience and new people to meet. I still feel the need to help people and minister to people. It will just be done differently. I don't know what that is yet, but I am very thankful God has given me the time, good health, and opportunity to be able to make this decision.

I want to thank Fr. Kennedy, the members of Pax Christi, and the staff for allowing me the adventure of a lifetime, to be the Parish Director at Pax Christi. Oh, what we've accomplished together! I have loved this position, and I feel very honored and privileged to be part of Pax Christi. What a great ride we've been on together. Thanks and God speed ahead!

**Next Sunday, December 11,
Sue Kelley will be in Dorothy Day for
Greet, Gather, and Goodies, to greet people after the
9:00am and 11:00am Masses.**

Please join her to wish her farewell as Parish Director.



GRACING LIFE... Thoughts from Pastoral Care

Gracing Life While Grieving During the Holidays

The upcoming holidays are usually wrapped in traditions that have been created and shared among families, some for generations. But how is one to celebrate the holidays after a loved one dies? How do we remember our loved one while still mourning his/her passing? The time of preparations and festivities brings a different tone, especially if this is the first holiday gathering after a loved one's passing.

Following are some suggested ways to navigate the holidays as one journeys through the passageway of grief:

- Do what makes you comfortable, not what others think should make you comfortable. Spend some time before the holidays beginning to listen to your heart and decide what is best for you. Do not set unrealistic expectations for yourself. Decide what you really do and do not enjoy doing.
- Adapt holiday traditions that coincide with the new reality of the loss of a loved one. Hang a Christmas memory stocking or make a holiday memory ornament. Pick a gift for the needy in memory of the loved one. Have Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve, or open presents on New Year's Day or on January 6 (Epiphany).
- Give yourself the gifts of peace and hope. Be gentle to yourself and others. Get plenty of rest. Take time to listen to your favorite holiday music. Increase your physical exercise. Slow down. Allow for unstructured time.
- In this season of light, be reminded of the light your loved one brought into your life. Light a candle to celebrate that love and life that was shared. Utter a prayer of gratitude for the blessing that person was to your life.

For other ways to support you and your loved ones during the holidays, please visit the Pastoral Care resource area near the back of the worship space.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: BECAUSE JESUS SAID SO . . .

Come and Learn About Poverty in Our Own Back Yard

Did you know that nearly 1 in 10 Eden Prairie children is living in poverty and that the number of EP children in K-12 that are eligible for free or reduced school lunches is at 16 percent?

How does one react to numbers like those? Does our faith call us to respond and, if so, in what ways?

You can learn more about poverty in our own back yard by attending a pair of informative presentations that will be held from 6:45–8:00pm, Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, in The Lighthouse at Pax Christi Catholic Community.

The focus of the presentations is Eden Prairie poverty, and they will be given by experts from the City of Eden Prairie.

The December 7 presentation, "An Eden Prairie Perspective on Poverty," will focus on how poverty is defined, and the startling poverty trends in Eden Prairie. It will be presented by Patricia Fenrick, coordinator of Community Services for the City of Eden Prairie and someone who has worked in the social service and ministry arenas for 12 years.

The December 14 presentation, "Demystifying Affordable Housing," will highlight the difficulty in finding affordable housing in Eden Prairie. The presenter is Molly Koivumaki, who is the city's manager of Housing & Community Services.

Their presentations will be followed by some informal discussion on what the numbers mean for us as Catholics and how we might respond. Attend one or both sessions; they are free, and no RSVP is needed.

SHARE THE JOY HOLIDAY GIVING

Pax Christi 12 Baskets Ministry invites you to "Share the Joy" this holiday season. As you give thanks and count your blessings, please consider how you might share with those in need. Visit the 12 Baskets Share the Joy tables in Dorothy Day **THIS weekend and next weekend** to select gift tags or pick up flyers with more information. Choose from the following recipient agencies:

- **St. Andrews/Pax Christi Holiday Store:** Restore some dignity to others by shopping for other people so they can shop for themselves at The Holiday Store for clients in the Phillips neighborhood. Pick up a scroll for gift ideas. Drop off at Pax Christi by December 4.
- **St. Stephen's Men's Shelter:** Select gift tags from an assortment of items including flannel shirts, thermal underwear, socks, winter hats, gloves, chapstick, nail clipper, or wool socks. Drop off at Pax Christi by December 11.
- **Minnesota American Indian Center:** Fill a laundry basket with personal and home care products for seniors. Drop off at Pax Christi by December 11.
- **Little Earth:** Purchase items that can be used for bingo party prizes. Pick up a flyer for suggested items. Drop off at Pax Christi by December 11.
- **Blessed Kateri Church:** Select an ornament listing a child and a gift request from the tree for children in their faith formation program. Drop off at Pax Christi by December 11.
- **Risen Christ Catholic School:** Cash donations towards tuition, field trips, technology, etc. Drop off at Pax Christi by December 11.

Parishioner Art Exhibit Opens December 3

Opening Reception, Sunday, December 4, 10:00am–1:00pm

Several Pax Christi artists will share their work at the Parishioner Art Exhibit. Join us for the opening reception. Enjoy refreshments, view the art, and talk with the featured artists. The exhibit, which is hosted by the Art Committee, will run until 12:30pm, Sunday, December 18, in the Pacem in Terris Gallery in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Room (room 247).

Questions? Contact the Parish Office, 952-941-3150, or www.paxchristi.com

Advent Bible Study

Mondays During Advent, December 5, 12, 19, 6:30–8:30pm

Pax CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Formation & Enrichment) invites you to join in the study of the "Infancy Narratives." This study focuses on the connection between the Old and New Testaments. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be Emmanuel, "God with us." Make special preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The cost is only \$25, and scholarships are available.

RSVP: Parish Office, 952-941-3150, or register online, www.paxchristi.com

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 6:00pm, Wednesday, December 7; 6:45am and 8:30am, Thursday, December 8

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have honored Mary, the Mother of Jesus. A feast celebrating her conception without original sin can be traced back before the year 700 in the monasteries of Syria. Many people think this feast celebrates the conception of Jesus in his mother Mary, perhaps because the date is close to Christmas. The conception of Jesus is celebrated on March 25, nine months before Christmas, on a feast called the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel "announces" to Mary that she is "full of grace" and will bear a son. December 8 we celebrate the conception of Mary; nine months later, September 8, we celebrate the birth of Mary.

Questions? Contact the Parish Office, 952-941-3150, or www.paxchristi.com

Vibrations: Making Music on the Labyrinth

Thursday, December 8, 6:30–8:00pm

Advent is a time of darkness, a time to slow down and prepare for the light of Christmas. Where are you on your Advent journey? Explore and deepen your pilgrimage with meditation on the labyrinth. We will use bells to mark our insights. We will gather in the Sanctuary for preparation followed by a walk on the 36' indoor labyrinth. We thank the bell choir for lending bells, making our labyrinth experience more special. Bring a sweater and come prepared to walk in stocking feet. Space is limited; register today!

RSVP by December 7: Carrie Chevalier Mosher, Carrie@Indigoorbis.com, or 952-974-3713

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

Saturday, December 3

Holiday Boutique 9:00am–5:00pm
Bake Sale 9:00am–5:00pm
Share the Joy Christmas Drive

9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
9:00am Holiday Tea
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL
5:00pm 56er Event

Sunday, December 4

Artist's Reception 10:00am–1:00pm
Share the Joy Christmas Drive

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

Monday, December 5

8:30am MASS
5:00pm Tai Chi
5:30pm Silent Prayer and Meditation
6:30pm Pax CAFÉ Advent Bible Study
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 370
7:00pm Venturing Crew 370

Tuesday, December 6

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:30am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
5:00pm Children's Choir
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Companion Ministry
7:00pm Baptism Prep Session
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 7

11:00am Tai Chi
4:45pm Good Shepherd I, II
4:45pm Classroom Program
4:45pm Middle School Faith Formation
6:00pm HOLY DAY MASS
6:30pm RCIA Session
6:30pm Living Your Strengths
6:45pm Wednesdays @ Pax CAFÉ
6:45pm Classroom Program
6:45pm Middle School Faith Formation

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:45am HOLY DAY MASS
8:00am HOLY DAY MASS
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
6:30pm Labyrinth Walk
6:30pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal
7:00pm FIT Group Mtg.
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alateen
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Singers Rehearsal

Friday, December 7

8:30am MASS

Saturday, December 10

New Member Sign-Up Weekend
Share the Joy Christmas Drive
9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
9:00am Christmas Childrens Mass Rehearsal
12:00pm Boomers Christmas Lunch
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. KENNEDY

5B ANNOUNCEMENTS



2011 INCARNATION SEASON SCHEDULE

Private Reconciliation

Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17 4:00–4:30pm
Monday, December 12 (in the sanctuary) 7:00pm
Multiple priests available

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

Wednesday, December 7 Fr. McMichael 6:00pm
Thursday, December 8 Fr. Kennedy 6:45am
Fr. Murtaugh 8:30am

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24
Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word Fr. Murtaugh 4:00pm
Christmas Mass (Nazareth Hall) Fr. Kennedy 4:00pm
Christmas Mass Fr. Murtaugh 6:00pm
Christmas Mass Fr. Kennedy 8:00pm
Lessons and Carols, followed by 9:30pm
Solemn Celebration of Christmas Fr. Kennedy 10:00pm

Christmas Day No 5:00pm Mass Sunday, December 25

Christmas Mass Fr. Murtaugh 9:00am
Christmas Mass Fr. McMichael 11:00am

New Year's Eve/Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1
Regular Weekend Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8
Regular Weekend Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 9, 8:30am, Regular Weekday Mass

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

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for these loved ones

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.

Pax Christi Boomer Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 10, 12:00pm

Come and join the Boomers for a fun afternoon of Christmas cheer starting at noon with a buffet lunch of ham and fixings with a great dessert. Then, the Flemming Fold, a family group, will entertain with American old time, Gospel, and Alpine music. To complete the afternoon, there will be a white elephant gift exchange. A white elephant gift is something you already have and don't like or want anymore and would like to part with (the more humorous the gift the better). Bring one wrapped gift per person. There is no charge for registered Boomer members. There is a \$10.00 fee for non-members. PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 SO WE CAN ADEQUATELY PLAN FOR FOOD AND SEATING.

RSVP by December 5: Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217, or cwesley@paxchristi.com

55+ Singles' Sunday Brunch

Sunday, December 11, 11:30pm, Axel's - Chanhassen

Are you a 55+ single? Join other area singles for food and fun. This month's site is Axels, located at 560 W 78th St, Chanhassen. Order off the menu, and celebrate the season with great menu options.

Reservations Required by Tuesday, December 6: Mary Ellen, 952-942-0178

Pax Christi Environmental Challenge Monthly Meeting

Monday, December 12, 7:00pm-8:30pm in Room 201

New members are welcome and needed. Please join us.

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

Marriage Booster Retreat

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 9:30am-4:45pm

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

Questions? Michael Griffin, 952-405-7230, or Jane Schmitz, 952-405-7238, or jschmitz@paxchristi.com

Cana Dinner - Register NOW, Early Bird Special!

Saturday, February 18, 2012

The annual Pax Christi Cana Dinner, celebrating marriage, is scheduled for Saturday February 18, 2012. This year you can purchase tickets online with a credit card. If you make reservations by January 2, you'll pay just \$50 per couple, last year's price. Tickets would make a great Christmas gift for your friends, parents, married children, or your spouse. Purchase online at www.paxchristi.com or contact Connie Wesley.

Questions? Contact Connie Wesley, 952-405-7217, or cwesley@paxchristi.com



6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

THIS Saturday, December 3, 9:00am-5:00pm

Holiday Boutique

Don't miss out on this annual event! This juried show will feature a variety of handcrafted items. Over 50 artists are participating in a boutique located in and around Nazareth Hall. A bake sale and luncheon will be held in the Light House, Room 111, in the lower level. Use entrance #5.

Pax Christi Bake Sale: Proceeds Benefit Our Youth

Bake your favorite cookies, breads, pies, and bring them to the bake sale. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church in room #111 on Friday, December 2, 4:00-8:00pm, and Saturday, December 3, 7:30-8:45am. Bake sale begins at 9:00am on December 3.

Contact: Parish Office, 952-941-3150, or www.paxchristi.com

Support Pax Christi Catholic Community In Remembrance Gifts



My gift is given in **memory** of:

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Address: _____

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Please notify the following person of this gift:

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Thank you for your generosity!

Please fill out and detach this form and
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Greeters Needed at Sunday 5:00pm Mass!

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

Prayer Shawls – NOT just for the sick!

Available in the Parish Office



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Members of Pax Christi's Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully create colorful shawls that you can give as a gift of blessing or joy! Hundreds of shawls have been used to comfort people after a loss, stress, illness/recovery, and someone in the military. BUT, they can also be given in times of JOY: Bridal showers, wedding gifts, baby showers, birthday gifts, or anniversaries. Please call the parish office, 952-941-3150, or stop in if you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone. A suggested donation of \$20 covers the cost of the yarn.

Catholic Youth Bibles Available!

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

In Case We Missed You. . .

This past week, Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc., has been working on setting up the ads that appear on the back of our bulletin, for the upcoming year. Please consider advertising in the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. It's a great way to get your name in front of the parish families. Advertisements can be purchased for a business or family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as the battered women's shelter, local food shelf, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested, please contact Gina Shaughnessy, 952-852-4034, or gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

This is also a great opportunity to thank all of you who already support the church by advertising in the bulletin. We hope that the parish families will patronize your businesses, and thank you for your continued support with our bulletin.

ON OUR JOURNEY OF STEWARDSHIP:

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THERE ARE STEWARDS IN OUR MIDST!

A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!
—Isaiah 40:3

When was the last time you witnessed a random act of kindness? It happens - you just need to notice it. You only have two items at the grocery store. Of course you are running behind, and there are mile long lines at the checkout when someone lets you step in front of him/her in the line as his/her cart is overflowing. How about that mystery person ahead of you at the drive-through who decides to pay for your food order? Have you ever turned the corner to your house and stared in wonder at the freshly cut grass/shoveled driveway and realize that your teenager gave you the best gift of your day? In each of these examples, you, the recipient, got something in exchange for the kindness of others. Sometimes the gift isn't anything more than a warm fuzzy; for example, the smile given by an anonymous passerby, the person who always sits near "your" pew in church who remembers your name and hails you with a hearty welcome, or the receptionist or cashier who sincerely thanks you for your business. Large or small, random acts of kindness can "delouse" your lousy day by putting a smile on your face and an extra spring in your step or in the grandiose gestures totally blow you away.

Turning the tables, when was the last time you acknowledged the stewardship gifts you received from others? Instead of noticing the negative in your life, how would your day look if you not only started noticing the positive but really looked for it and then shared your appreciation with the steward. Consider how you would feel if suddenly someone turned to you and said, "Here, you deserve this," and handed you a card that read:

Thanks for being a Good Steward of your gifts!

On this date, you made a positive difference in my life when you:

Wouldn't it be great to be on the receiving end of a positive comment card about your stewardship? See how many good stewards you can spot over this Advent Season. Then take a moment to verbalize your gratitude – proclaim the way they have shared their gifts. You may find that catching people doing acts of good stewardship and telling them about it can be the gift that just keeps on giving.

YEAR END GIVING

Stock

If you are interested in donating stock to Pax Christi Catholic Community before December 31, 2011, please contact Anne Swenson in the parish office, 952-405-7202, to begin the process. It is easy to do and offers tax advantages to the donor when donating stock that has appreciated in value. Don't wait until the last week of the year because it can take a few days to process a stock gift.

Checks/Cash

Gifts of checks and cash can be given during Masses at Offertory in the baskets or dropped off anytime during office hours. We also have an after hours box located behind the receptionist desk at Door 3.


Credit Cards

You can give via credit card by visiting the Pax Christi website and clicking on the 'make a donation' icon, and following the instructions for credit card giving. This is especially easy at year end.

Automatic Bill Pay

A number of members use automatic bill pay to make their contributions. Setup Pax Christi in your online bill pay program with your bank, and your contribution can easily be posted to your member record.

For more information please contact Anne Swenson in the parish office, 952-405-7202.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #20 Contributions	34,478	38,000	(3,522)		
YTD through Week #20	887,325	855,000	32,325	878,116	9,209
11-12 Contributions Goal – \$2,600,000					

EFT and credit card giving available. Visit www.paxchristi.com for more information.

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday ~ 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday ~ 8:00am – Noon
Saturday ~ 8:00am – 12:30pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses *Nursery available at all weekend Masses.
Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am.*
Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Weekday Masses

Mondays ~ 8:30am
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am with Rosary to follow
Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm
Thursdays ~ 6:45am
Fridays ~ 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private)

Saturdays ~ 4:00–4:30pm

Community Council

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Director of Leadership Development	Vicki Klima	x211
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