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BEFORE I FORGET...

-Fr. Bill Murtaugh

If you seek me, you shall find me, if you search with all your heart. -Jeremiah 29:12

Prayer may not save the world, but it might make the world worth saving.

-Rabbi Abraham Heschel

God can be addressed, not expressed. -Martin Buber



Prayer and meditation are important in the lives of believers. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Native Americans, Buddhists, Hindus, etc., all have a rich tradition of prayer/meditation. Jesus took time for prayers before He began His public ministry, before He chose the 12 apostles, before He was arrested and crucified. The apostles said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." He shared with them, and us, the prayer we call the Lord's Prayer/Our Father. We need to engage in prayer as believers. It is a rich part of our tradition.

Prayer is entering into God's presence with openness and humility. Prayer helps us come to know ourselves, our true selves, and come to know more about God. In prayer, "KNOWING" means gradually getting to know a person with whom we spend time, not gathering lots of data.

We begin to pray with an immediate concern; let this happen, or don't let that happen. Does prayer really make a difference? Yes, but not the difference we hoped for as children. Prayer is not magic, although there is the temptation to confuse the two. Spiritual writers tell us that prayer is a form of attention; we begin to pay attention to God. When we pray for someone or for some specific outcome, what we are actually doing is thinking about that person or situation in a larger perspective, our relationship with God. We begin to sense God's presence, telling us that we are not alone.

We often come to prayer with a certain agenda, but as we pray, we find that prayer takes on a new meaning as we find ourselves and our concerns changing. We may come to prayer small and needy, but through the process we find comfort and a changed view of self.

I need time to pray, exercise, read, write, think, and sleep. I will be a better person and a better priest if I make time for these things in my life. We're all busy and wish we had more time to pray, think, read, write, sleep, and exercise. It seems that we never have enough time to do what we want to do or need to do.

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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

Prayer actually helps us take the focus off the self. It is a healing experience that serves to heal our relationship with our self. We use the healed self to find God in prayer. We enter into God's presence without wearing a mask or pretending to be someone we are not. Prayer transforms us as we open ourselves to God.

Father Anthony Bloom tells the story of a parishioner, a woman in her seventies, who complained that after years of faithful praying, she had never experienced the presence of God. "How can God get a word in edgewise if you never get quiet?" was Bloom's first reaction. But, he re-framed his response more gently: "After you have finished saying your prayers, sit quietly, perhaps knit or crochet, and see what happens." She returned joyously a few days later reporting that she had, indeed, felt the presence of God. She told Bloom that she followed his advice, sat down, and quietly and peacefully looked around her. For the first time in years, she felt she had the permission to just sit. Now she could notice how peaceful and quiet the room was. She felt that the peace and silence that surrounded her — that had been outside— now came within her. The silence opened to a richer silence that was not merely the absence of noise; it had a richness all its own. At the center she found God's presence.

Our prayer may simply be silence.

Prayer provides the time, the space, the reminders to us of our deepest love. Prayer helps us grow in love by reminding us of occasions for gratitude; it allows us to be open to being loved, and it helps us put things together and see how they fit. Love is not a spectator sport; it is a way of thinking, doing, and hoping.

Prayer requires a relationship between two parties, the self and God. Often, we expect the relationship with God to be what we want it to be. We can learn a great deal about prayer through our human relationships. We learn about waiting, patience, disappointment, reunion after separation. We learn how to start the conversation once again, how to be honest, and how to admit our failures. Over time, prayer helps us grow both in our relationship to God and discover just who the real self is. Who am I when I am with God in prayer? God awakens in us parts of ourselves we never recognized. We come to realize that the one we love, God, is also loving us. In prayer there is warmth, gratitude, and love between the two parties. Something happens to us over time.....a closeness to God..... a deep and honest love.

Praying by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.



GRACING LIFE...Thoughts from Pastoral Care

Gracing Life While Journeying Through Separation and Divorce

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 stresses of emotions, life changes, and developing ways to live a new life.

Joan Chittister, in *There is a Season*, speaks of the healing process that can occur when one is a witness to the changes that we journey through in the richness of life. She writes:

...it is the spiritual power of the healing process in each of us that goes unnoted and so unappreciated. We flee the hurts—ignore them and dismiss them and detest them—and so miss the values of the healing time itself: “Where there is sorrow, there is holy ground,” [Oscar] Wilde teaches. It is in the healing process that we come to a new appreciation of life. What the human being survives is the mark of the mettle of humanity. What we manage to transcend is what we have triumphed over. What we have wrestled with and won is what measures in us the quality of our lives (p. 50).

The local coalition of Catholic Churches offers a fall speaker series that addresses some of the issues a person meets during this life transition. The first topic is *Reconnecting our Hopes and Dreams: Spirituality and Divorce* and will be held on Monday, September 26, from 6:30-8:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5071 Eden Ave, in Edina. No registration is necessary, and there is no charge. More information about the speaker series and the *Divorce and Beyond* support group can be found at www.paxchristi.com/separateddivorced.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: BECAUSE JESUS SAID SO . . .

Come and Hear About Risen Christ School on September 28

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, starting with Risen Christ School of Minneapolis on Sept. 28. All are invited to attend and hear how the justice grant is being used and how the school is addressing important social-justice issues. Here's a profile of Risen Christ provided by its president, Helen Dahlman.

“One blanket just isn't enough.” These words, uttered by a student as she explained why her parents came to this country from Ecuador, poignantly crystallize the mission of Risen Christ School. “Marta” was explaining to me that her parents owned only one thing between them when they got married—a blanket. They came here to

provide a better future for their children and enrolled them at Risen Christ School.

We have been fueling the hopes and dreams of low-income and immigrant families by providing children with an outstanding Catholic education since our establishment in 1993. Today, 348 children are enrolled at RCS – 95 percent of them live in poverty, 70 percent are Latino, and 65 percent are English learners.

The Pax Christi community has been crucial to our success and sustainability. As the recession, lack of affordable housing, unsafe neighborhoods, inadequate schools, language barriers, and other poverty-related challenges have created

daunting roadblocks to the American Dream for too many of the most vulnerable in our midst, justice grant funds have helped keep quality, faith-based education accessible to the neediest. With RCS family incomes averaging less than \$24,000 per year, only 8 percent of annual revenue comes from tuition. You help fill the gap.

Your generous donations of school supplies, winter clothing, and Christmas gifts make life better for our families, and Pax Christi volunteers are needed and appreciated for making reading, math and now, business, come alive for those who struggle. By partnering with RCS you are helping children break down the barriers to success and achieve their God-given potential. Thank you.

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



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER FOR OUR YOUTH

**Sunday, October 2,
8:00am–12:30pm,
in Nazareth Hall**

The Pax Christi Sr. High youth who are traveling to Indianapolis, IN, for the National Catholic Youth Conference this fall will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser. We will be serving pancakes and sausage, juice, and coffee. Suggested donation is \$10.00/person or \$25/family. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbors, and support our Pax Christi youth while having a great Sunday morning breakfast! Thank you for supporting our youth!

**Questions? Contact Cindy Novak,
Youth Minister, 952-405-7214,
or cnovak@paxchristi.com**

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Inside of each of us is a still, silent open space that goes forever. It is a place where time and space have no relevance and no existence, a place where fear has no meaning, a place so real and accessible that all anyone needs to do is recognize it. **COME EXPERIENCE THE SILENCE** - Mondays, 5:30–7:30pm, in the Mother Teresa Room (when the building is open). Come any time between 5:30 and 6:45 and Be Still. Discussion starts at 7:00pm if you wish to stay. Use what works for you. **Questions? Contact parishioner Tim Daley, 612-308-7627.**

Outstanding Art Exhibit Opportunity! *Etchings On Biblical Themes* September 25 – October 23, Pacem in Terris Gallery, Room 247

Pax Christi is very pleased to offer an inspirational and unique art exhibit. 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. You are invited to an artist's reception on Sunday, October 9, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Joan will give a brief talk on the art of etching at 10:30am and 12:30pm that day. Come see the exceptional art and meet the artist.

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

Ministry of the Separated and Divorced Fall Speaker Series

First Session, Monday, September 26, 6:30–8:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, Edina

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Questions? Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or jschmitz@paxchristi.com

People of Faith Sampler

Tuesdays, September 27, and October 11, 7:00–8:30pm, in Room 239–Chief Joseph

The lives of Joseph Cardinal Bernadin and Thomas Merton O.C.S.O., will be explored in the last two sessions of the People of Faith Sampler series. Join Fr. Bill as the lives of these holy people are shared and discussed. Were these uncommon people doing common things, or were they common people doing uncommon things? What made them who they were? What were their struggles and accomplishments? Are they people we can relate to and, if so, how? These questions will be teased out in this first Spirituality Sampler series.

Questions? Contact Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or jschmitz@paxchristi.com

The Spirituality of the Gospels

Thursday Evenings, September 29–November 17, 6:30–8:30pm, (NO Session October 20)

Join us for this seven-week series beginning September 29. 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 or by contacting the parish office.

Questions? Michael Griffin, Dir. of Faith Formation, 952-405-7230, or mgriffin@paxchristi.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 5A

Saturday, September 24

- 9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**
- 6:00pm New Member Event

Sunday, September 25

Art Exhibit Opens

- 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 Rehearsal
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL**
- 6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
- 6:00pm Emmaus Group
- 6:30pm Good Shepherd II
- 6:30pm Classroom Program
- 6:30pm Sr. High Faith Formation
- 6:30pm Sundays @ Pax CAFÉ

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

- 8:30am MASS**
- 9:00am Rosary Group
- 9:30am Women with Spirit
- 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
- 7:00pm Spirituality Sampler
- 7:00pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

- 6:45am MASS**
- 9:00am Pax Christi Quilters
- 1:30pm Alzheimer's Resource Group
- 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
- 7:30pm Singers Rehearsal

Friday, September 30

- 8:30am MASS**

Saturday, October 1

- 9:00am Blessing of the Animals
- 9:00am Overeaters Anonymous
- 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
- 4:30pm 56er Event (off-site)
- 5:00pm MASS - FR. KENNEDY**

Sunday, October 2

- 9:00am MASS - FR. KENNEDY**
- 9:00am Good Shepherd I
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- 10:45am Good Shepherd I
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5B ANNOUNCEMENTS

On August 13/14, 2011, Fr. Thomas Hunstiger came to Pax Christi to speak on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach, focusing on African relief:

"God bless you for responding to my recent plea at Pax Christi to help the poorest of the poor. Thank you for your generous gift of \$25,748."
-Fr. Thomas Hunstiger

Tutors Needed

Volunteers are needed to tutor various subjects at schools serving culturally diverse, economically challenged families. These schools are (1) Pax Christi Justice grant recipients or (2) schools supported by Justice grant recipient Catholic Tutor Corps. The tutor programs run from October 1 through the end of May. The time commitment is 2-3 hours per week with a flexible schedule for conflicts such as vacations or work schedules. Tutors receive an initial orientation and weekly tutoring aids from instructors. If you'd like to learn more or are interested in volunteering, contact Ed Ogrin, 952-934-3639, eogrin@comcast.net.

Assisted Listening Device

In the worship space, please see a Greeter if you would like to use an assisted listening device during Masses.

Join the Youth Ministry Team at Pax Christi

Do you love being Catholic? Do you love our teens? Then we need YOU! Our senior high and middle school youth are in need of adults to help facilitate their programming. Join our team and lead our youth through faith formation, service, and community-building experiences. All are welcome and needed! Contact Cindy Novak, Youth Minister, 952-405-7214, or cnovak@paxchristi.com.

Come Share Your Faith

The grades 1-6 classroom program needs YOU! Sessions meet on Sundays at 6:30pm and on Wednesdays at 4:45 and 6:45pm. Training and materials are provided. Faith Formation tuition is waived, and childcare is available for full-time volunteers. On-line registration is available. PLEASE answer this calling and contact Reneé Dignan with questions or to offer your time and talents for a specific grade/day and time. Contact Reneé, 952-405-7212, or rdignan@paxchristi.com. **The children are ready. Are you?**

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for these loved ones

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.

Resource Group for Male Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients

Next Meeting Thursday, September 29, 1:30-3:00pm

The Alzheimer's Resource Group provides a safe, confidential environment where men can exchange practical information on caregiving challenges, learn about resources available to them, establish connections, learn of the importance of taking care of themselves, and experience a brief respite period in a community of others sharing the same burdens. This group is facilitated and sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Meetings are held at Pax Christi on the last Thursday of each month.

Questions? Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, with questions.

56er Event: Hayride and Corn Maze at Apple Jack Orchards

Saturday, October 1, 4:30-9:30pm

Calling all 5th & 6th graders to join the fun of the first "56ers" event of the year! We're taking a bus to Apple Jack Orchards in Delano. Our evening will be filled with navigating through their five-acre corn maze, going on wagon rides, jumping pillow fun, a hot dog dinner, and ending with cider and apple donuts around a bonfire. Invite your friends; all are welcome. The cost is \$18, and the deadline to register is Sunday, September 25. We are collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for PROP. Please bring a donation. More information and registration available at www.paxchristi.com, under "Calendar of Events."

Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, 952-405-7212, or rdignan@paxchristi.com

Southwest Grief Coalition

Mondays, Beginning October 3, 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 work together to provide support and education for those who are grieving and will begin its six-week fall series, Living and Growing Through Loss. 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 the second week. For more information visit the website at www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry.

Questions? Contact Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or jschmitz@paxchristi.com

Boomers and Beyond Service Opportunity

Thursday, October 6, 9:30-11:00pm, Feed My Starving Children, Chanhassen

What about sharing one and a half hours of your time with the Boomers and Beyond as we pack meals at Feed My Starving Children? We will be at the Chanhassen location; all are welcome to this event! This is an enjoyable way to serve children while getting to know other Pax Christi people and friends.

Questions? Contact Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care, 952-405-7238, or jschmitz@paxchristi.com

55+ Singles' Sunday Brunch

Sunday, October 9, 11:30pm, Dangerfield's in Shakopee

Are you a 55+ single? Join other area singles for food and fun. This month's site is Dangerfield's, located at 15831st Ave E, Shakopee.

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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1, 9:00am, St. Francis Shrine, with Fr. Bill Murtaugh

St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is considered to be the patron saint of the environment and of animals (due to writing the *Canticle of the Sun* and due to stories about him preaching to the birds and taming a wolf). Many parishes celebrate a Blessing of Animals around the feast day of St. Francis, October 4. The tradition of blessing animals can be traced back even farther to stories about St. Anthony of the Desert in the Fourth century.

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: Lord's Prayer

This prayer is called the "Lord's Prayer" because when the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, the gospels say that this is the prayer that He taught them. Books have been written about the meaning of each line of the prayer. Here are some thoughts about it:

Our Father, who art in heaven – We are created by God, God's children, brothers and sisters of one another;

hallowed be thy name – God's name is holy;

thy kingdom come – We ask that the Reign of God be established;

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven – We ask that God's purpose be fulfilled here on this earth;

Give us this day our daily bread – We pray that God will meet our needs and nourish us with physical food as well as spiritual food;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us – We pray for forgiveness; we say that we will forgive others;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – We ask for protection against sin and evil.

Catholics ended the prayer here while other Christian religions added, "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and for ever. Amen." When we began using English some forty years ago, the Church added a prayer by the priest and then this translation of that ending: "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever." This pattern remains the same in the New Roman Missal.

Roots in Scripture

This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one (*Matthew 6:9-13*) (*Also found at Luke 11:2-4*).

Documents of the Church

In the Lord's Prayer, a petition is made for daily food, which for Christians means preeminently the Eucharistic bread, and also for purification from sin, so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #81*).

Connecting Sunday to the Week

From this prayer, we can take many lessons, such as the following, into our week: allowing God's parental love to sustain us, treating others as brothers and sisters, working for the establishment of the Kingdom of God, trusting that God will lead us and meet our needs, trusting in God's forgiveness; recognizing that we need to forgive others, trying to avoid temptation, trusting God to protect us from evil.

New Roman Missal

The new Missal does not change the words of the Lord's Prayer.

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

ON OUR JOURNEY OF STEWARDSHIP:

IT TAKES ALL KINDS ...

WHAT SORT OF STEWARD ARE YOU?

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

—Matthew 21: 33-35

"It takes all kinds to make this world," my grandmother used to say as she listened to yet another story of someone's crazy attention-getting stunt. She was correct. To answer God's call to discipleship, it takes all kinds of different people with different talents, varying amounts of time, some rich, some not so much; but it does take all kinds. In addition to all of the different kinds, there are all sorts of needs that call out to be met. Each person that we encounter has the opportunity to make a difference to us or to others around us. Some need our help; others offer us help. What makes one person face a particular situation or challenge while another turns around and walks away? The answer may be in the confidence of a person in his or her own skills and talents. Or it may be the timing of an opportunity: sometimes things seem to work out; other times the same type of opportunity just doesn't come together in a timely fashion to be workable. Frequently, we may wait for someone else to step up and take care of the situation. It may be easier, but it may not serve you well in answering God's call to living as a steward. And what if you are the one and only person who is most able, skilled, and available?

What sort of steward are you with the gifts you have been given? Is it the same sort of steward that you hope to be? What are you waiting for? Need more time? The truth is that you have been given all the time you are going to get. Don't let the demands of a busy social schedule distract you from what's most important to you. As your fall calendar begins to fill, make sure you keep track of what your priorities are so you take time for what's most important to you rather than what may be more important to others.

Trust that God gave you many unique gifts, specifically for your individual journey. It's up to you to determine how, and when, and where you should use them. What you have been blessed with others may not have been given and vice versa. Remember, it takes all kinds to make this world. What sort of steward have you been called to be?

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, or 952-405-7220.

SPECIAL COLLECTION WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 24/25 FOR OUR CATHEDRAL

Our beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul requires everyone's help! Please consider a sacrificial gift for this collection to assist with the remaining \$6 million for the emergency restoration completed a few years back as well as the need for \$14 million to repair interior damage. All gifts received in this special collection will be designated and restricted to the restoration needs of the Cathedral. Envelopes for this special collection on September 24-25 will be available on special tables near the entrances. Checks should be made out to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. In 1907, when the first cornerstone was laid, Archbishop John Ireland called upon every Catholic to support the building of this great monument of faith. Today the call goes out to all in the Archdiocese to help preserve it for future generations. Thank you in advance for your generous response. For more information please call the Archdiocesan Development & Stewardship Office at 651-290-1610 or visit www.cathedralheritagefoundation.org/donate.



	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #10 Contributions	54,541	53,000	1,541		
YTD through Week #10	434,862	422,000	12,862	419,883	14,979

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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