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**FORMING
OUR FAITH**

Engaging in Lifelong Spiritual Growth.



PAX CHRISTI

Catholic Community

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 8:00am–4:30pm
Friday 8:00am–12:00pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Nursery available at all Sunday Masses.
Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am.

Weekday Masses

Mondays 8:30am
Tuesdays 8:30am
Wednesdays 6:00pm
Thursdays 8:30am
Fridays 8:30am

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

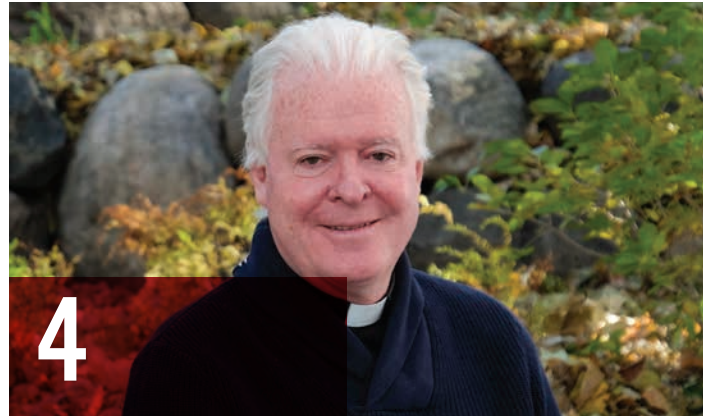
Sacrament of Reconciliation (private)

Saturdays 4:00–4:30pm

Mission Statement: As a community of faith nourished by the Eucharist, we are committed in our discipleship with Christ to act for justice, be of generous service, and authentically welcome all to Pax Christi Catholic Community.

Values: God-Centered, Justice, Inclusion, Spiritual Growth, Stewardship, and Lay Leadership.

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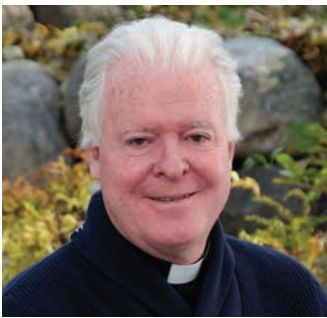
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DEAR FRIENDS...



Fr. J. Michael Byron
Pastor

IN THE YEARS when I was teaching at the St. Paul Seminary, one of my colleagues, Dr. Tom Fisch (who also had been a teacher to me a generation earlier), used to make an important distinction when it came time for the faculty to evaluate the annual progress of the seminarians. Specifically, he would speak of the difference between "formation" and what he called mere "behavior modification." I've never forgotten the wisdom of that insight.

True and ongoing formation is the goal of any worthy encounter with the gospel and with our rich Catholic tradition. It is certainly not limited to seminarians, but it takes on a special importance there because the training of future priests will affect so many in our local church and in parishes for decades to come. What I understood Dr. Fisch's distinction to mean was this: Formation involves a person being vulnerable to a radical transformation of his/her life as the result of an encounter with Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith in its intellectual, spiritual, pastoral, and human facets. Such a person is literally transformed by a radical awakening to what and who she/he is summoned to become in service to the Church and the world.

By contrast, "behavior modification" is the hardened determination of one who is not fundamentally open to growth, but who understands that certain ways of appearing before the community are expectations of those who will judge their readiness to take on pastoral responsibility: go to church; look devout and pious; obey the rules; show up at social events; and pretend to be interested in matters of theology, justice, ministry, and spirituality. A sufficiently motivated seminarian is quite capable of behavior modification for the few years that he is required to become a priest, but there's a kind of deadness inside. It's an unwillingness to trust that there may be more to the Catholic Christian adventure than what one already thinks he's figured out.



All this seminary stuff translates into the formation of every Christian person, because I think we all tend to fall in to one of those two basic religious dispositions. We either are willing to be confronted by the scriptures, preaching, experience, wisdom, community, sacraments, life—with a fundamental readiness to be informed and changed by what we have not previously known or imagined. Or, we set out to keep at bay whatever threatens to interrupt the tenuous synthesis of religious meaning that we are determined to defend at all costs. It's openness/grace vs. defensiveness/fear.

I'm hoping that these reflections serve to put a greater weight on what it often means to speak of the imperative of faith formation in our community. Too often it is tempting to think of that responsibility as "learning enough of the right teaching" or "doing enough of the things that are expected by the parish" (behavior modification). Without setting those things aside, true faith formation is far deeper and more visceral than that. It's about a willingness to become new in response to an encounter with God's Spirit.

Are you ready?

FORMATION INVOLVES A
PERSON BEING VULNERABLE TO A
RADICAL TRANSFORMATION
OF HIS/HER LIFE
AS THE RESULT OF AN ENCOUNTER
WITH JESUS CHRIST
AND THE CATHOLIC FAITH...





LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

FAITH is a lifelong growth process which grows and deepens throughout all of our life stages. Join the Pax Christi community as we learn and journey with one another in our faith. Youth program registration is open now on our website at www.paxchristi.com. Adult faith formation opportunities are open individually by event.

2019–20 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS JULY 31

OUR YOUTH FORMATION SESSION DAY/TIME OPTIONS HAVE CHANGED AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesdays 5:15–6:30pm (pre–K through grade five only)
Wednesdays 6:00–7:15pm
Sundays 6:30–7:45pm following our evening Mass and meal

Please note that our schedule has changed and that our sacrament preparation policy has expanded. All participants involved in sacramental preparation are expected to be members of the parish and registered in one of the ongoing faith formation programs the year before receiving the sacrament, as well as the year of the sacrament, or attend a Catholic school. Since this is a transition year for that policy, this requirement will apply to children who are currently in first grade, current second graders are exempt. Please read about all of our programs and find the registration and volunteer sign-ups, online at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration.

CATECHISTS (faith teachers) are needed for all of our programs. Passing on our faith is our calling as followers of Jesus. Parents and other interested parishioners and family members are urged to consider becoming catechists (faith teachers) in our youth programs. Resources and support are provided by the Pax Christi staff every step of the way, and you'll learn so much about your faith through the process of teaching it. We can't offer a successful Faith Formation program without your help! As an added bonus, your family's Faith Formation fees will be waived if you serve as a catechist. Catechist registration is available online, separate from session registrations.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM/EVENTREGISTRATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ages 4 Years–Grade 3

DURING Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FOR CLOW, JUST COME!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry enables children to participate in the Sunday worship experience and to immerse them in the Word of God in ways that are understandable to them. The children are invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and process to the chapel. They enjoy the Word of God on their level, shared prayer, singing, and activities. The children will return to their parents at the Offertory and join the community in celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist. CLOW is offered during the faith formation program year. Parents are always welcome to join their children if they want to check out our ministry. We are looking for additional CLOW leaders. Training and support are provided. Come share your faith!

GOOD SHEPHERD AND GODLY PLAY

Ages 4 (POTTY TRAINED) THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

GOOD SHEPHERD: Sundays 6:30–7:45pm

GODLY PLAY: Sundays 6:30–7:45pm, Wednesdays 5:15–6:30pm, or Wednesdays 6:00–7:15pm

We provide the Montessori-based programs catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play. These programs use hands-on storytelling pieces made from natural materials. The format lays a foundation for the children to form a relationship with God and an understanding of our faith story.

FINDING GOD

Grades 1–5

Sundays 6:30–7:45pm, Wednesdays 5:15–6:30pm, or Wednesdays 6:00–7:15pm

Faith, fun, and friendships grow in Finding God! Small groups by grade level are led by a trained catechist. The program takes the name from our curriculum *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*, by Loyola Press. This series supports children as they grow in their knowledge and understanding of the four pillars of our faith (creed, sacraments, morality, and Christian prayer). These timeless truths from the catechism of the Catholic Church are taught every year on every grade level. The program also includes hands-on experiences of prayer, community, and opportunities for service. **New this year:** Our Wednesday groups will participate in the 6:00pm Mass throughout the year.



PAXCONNEX

Grades 6–8

Sundays 6:30–7:45pm or Wednesdays 6:00–7:15pm

In the not too distant future, Earth, reeling from the effects of climate change, is struck by an enormous solar storm. The internet has been disrupted. The world will never be the same. Middle school youth, join us this fall for an interactive faith formation experience where you make the choices that will affect the future of Pax Christi and the world beyond. Paxland is a gamified curriculum focused on scripture with the goal of introducing the bible to youth in a fun, active, and engaging way.

SPARK GROUPS (FORMERLY FAITH INTEREST CONNECTORS)

Grades 9–12

Sundays 6:30–7:45pm or Wednesdays 6:30–7:45pm

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join our faith formation program by signing up for a Spark group! These groups connect your interests, passions, and talents with what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world. Spark groups meet during regular sessions on Sundays or Wednesdays, or at a different agreed-upon time and place. There are two Spark seasons—one in the fall and one in the spring. Each season lasts about nine weeks, and you will have the opportunity to choose one group experience for each season. Whether it's volleyball, science, Harry Potter, watercolors, cooking, or something else entirely, there's a Spark group for you! Pax Christi's youth group, the Wayfinders, meets during the Sunday 6:30pm session and can be chosen as your Spark group experience for one or both seasons!

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SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Both the preparation for and the celebration of the sacraments at Pax Christi belong to the whole parish community. By this, it is understood that all members of the community have important contributions to make in supporting those in sacramental preparation. This approach also means that the active presence of the community is essential for sacramental celebration. The sacraments are a gift from God to be shared for the benefit of the individual, the community, and the world. All participants involved in sacramental preparation are expected to be members of the parish and registered in one of the ongoing faith formation programs the year before receiving the sacrament, as well as the year of the sacrament, or attend a Catholic school. For example, if it is the desire to receive the sacrament in second grade, the child must be registered and actively participate in a faith formation program in BOTH first and second grade.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Grade 2 and Older

Preparation for Reconciliation involves the child, the parents, and the community. Sessions coincide with the faith formation program day/time options on Wednesdays and Sundays.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Grade 2 and Older

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is the "source and summit" for our lives as Christians. Preparing children to come to the table of the Lord for the first time is a significant moment in their lives and the life of the community. Adequate preparation will also support their spiritual growth and make it clear that as they are nourished by the Eucharist, they are called to serve others around them.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of events and activities. Watch our eNews, website, and "Calendar of Special Events" to see the wide variety of possibilities. These events include book clubs, Bible studies, faith talks, spiritual art activities, small groups, retreats, and married couples groups.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Thinking about becoming Catholic or just want to learn about Catholicism? We warmly welcome you on this journey of exploration and discernment with various options depending upon your situation.

CONFIRMATION

Grade 10 and older

Youth in grades 10–12 can prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Youth will be expected to complete one full year of regular faith formation (fall and spring Spark season) in the year before they begin their Confirmation preparation or attend a Catholic school. The official one-year preparation process includes participating in a fall Spark group and a spring Confirmation small group, attending a retreat, completing online learning sessions, and meeting with a sponsor. Orientation for the 2019–20 year will be held on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00pm in the main worship space, and both youth and parents are to attend.



Written by the Faith Formation Team. Contact information on page 17 of this magazine.

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EXPLORING MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY

MORE than 30 men gathered the morning of Friday, May 10, for fellowship, prayer, breakfast, and a thought-provoking presentation titled "Exploring Masculine Spirituality," given by guest speaker Terry Shaughnessy. Shaughnessy has extensive experience mentoring as a men's group facilitator, retreat leader, and as the coordinator for masculine spirituality at Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality. His presentation highlighted the ways men are challenged to grow in their spirituality within a culture that promotes individualism and how they can support each other when they gather as an intentional group.

The breakfast gathering drew a diverse group of men, some already participating in small groups that started years ago, and some who were new to Pax Christi. What everyone had in common, though, was a thirst for more interaction with other men on topics of growing in faith and spirituality and of building an environment of fellowship and trust.

This was the first intentional men's gathering in many years at Pax Christi, and was aimed both at gathering some initial thoughts and ideas on what the next steps might be for growing a men's spiritual community and gauging how many men are interested in exploring that area further. The number of men in attendance and the many positive comments that were given about the event confirm that there is definite interest, so you can expect more men's-centered events to come! If you are interested in participating in upcoming men's activities, wish to provide input, and/or want to help develop potential activity ideas with others, please fill out the short online survey and provide your contact information at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NW85CBG>

Thanks in advance for your help and input!

Your Pax Christi Men's Ministries kickoff team,

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COME TO THE TABLE!

The sacrament of the Eucharist began thousands of years ago when Jesus ate a meal with His closest friends on the evening before He died. They shared conversation, prayer, stories, and felt the true presence of Christ's love. At the Last Supper, Jesus instructed his followers to "Do this in memory of me." Weekly we gather together as a faith community to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist.

Together, over 70 children have willingly prepared to receive this very special and important sacrament. Together, we have learned, we have shared scripture stories, we have prayed, and we have participated in a retreat with our families. It's a very special time for our community to embrace these wonderful children and reflect on receiving for the first time in our own lives.

WE WELCOME TO THE TABLE:

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| Ethan Bergeron | Dominic Jordan | Nicholas Roche |
| Connor Bork | Audrey Kamara | Emilia Maspoli |
| Riley Brioschi | Garrett Kaste | Manuel Maspoli |
| Sofia Bunkers | Adam Kieffer | Leandro Saavedra |
| Addison Burns | James Kilanowski | Morgan Sagers |
| Jasmine Burns | Andrew Kojetin | Bella Sanchez |
| Brook Lynn Byfield | Anna Lang | Isla Sarno |
| Juan Caicedo | James Lee | Matthew Sarno |
| Avery Cooper | Griffey Lopez | John Schiek |
| Kyla Cozza | Morgann Ludowese | Benjamin Schindler |
| Kelsey Dean | Isabella Luebbers | Brody Sticha |
| Megan Delarwelle | Julia Magistocchi | Lilly Strand |
| Gabriel Desroches | Collin Mahoney | Max Strand |
| Andrew Dreyer | Connor Malone | Graeme Tredinnick |
| Lucia Faber | Clifford McCartney | Megan Troske |
| Chloe Fennell | Brooklyn McCarty | Mara von Ruden-Doll |
| Levi Guither | Jonathan McCarty | Maya Wagner |
| Lillian Gunelson | Mason McQuillan | Zerah Wang |
| Liam Hallee | Natalie Mezera | Charlotte Wieser |
| Annika Harney | Ainsley Moos | Kyriella Willis |
| Elizabeth Harney | Emma Neumann | Asher Wilmer |
| Logan Hartung | Sophia Peterson | Catherine Young |
| Margaret Hoffer | Sophia Phan | |
| Kaden Johnson | Vicky Phan | |
| Kellen Joos | Jameson Power | |
| Nolan Joos | Brooks Rassmussen | |

*Written by Renee Dignan,
Faith Formation Minister*





CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT

Seventy-three youth from Pax Christi were confirmed by Archbishop Bernard Hebda on Monday, April 29, at Saint Mary's Basilica! The youth experienced a year of intentional preparation, including attendance at a retreat, participation in a confirmation small group, completing online learning sessions, and meeting with a sponsor.

At the Rite of Sending on April 28, they were blessed by our community with these words:

*Dear Candidates, Confirmation **strengthens you** for ongoing service in the Body of Christ in the Church and in the world. The Spirit **sends you** as workers in the vineyard and instruments of the Holy Spirit in renewing the earth and promoting God's kingdom of justice and peace. Confirmation **commissions you** to live out your faith in the world, to act on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, promoting the life and dignity of every person. The Holy Spirit **calls you** to be a sign of God's love and mercy in the world—a love without exclusion or partiality.*

As you receive the Gifts of the Spirit, a few questions may arise: What are your gifts? How are you called to use your gifts to benefit others? Who are you called to be, and what are you called to do with your life?

We send you with our parish blessing as prepared candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation.

As a community we offer congratulations and continued prayers for the newly confirmed youth of Pax Christi!

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| Josie Axelson | Andrew Georgioff | Anna Madison | Ethan Osborne | Christina Spanier |
| Brianna Backes | Danny Georgioff | Abby Mand | Tabitha Pearce | Zoe Stasek |
| Lauren Becker | Michaela Goetz | Molly McCoy | Soren Pederson | Simon Strain |
| Lexi Buehler | Johnny Hartle | Garen McDowell | Micah Perket | Clara Tietz |
| Jeffrey Bulen | Drew Husted | Emma McGee | Remi Perket | Charlie Townsend |
| Andrew Chang | Nick Husted | Max McMahan | Jacob Plourde | Jacob Walden |
| Ben Check | Ethan Johnson | Jacob Meyer | Cleo Robbins | Eleanor Watson* |
| Ashley Chodek | Olivia Klammer | Mallory Miller | Samantha Robinson | Ansel Weisbeck |
| Owen Cloutier | Katie Kleis | Grace Millerbernd | Sam Russett | Sam Wilson |
| Aine Crimmins | Oliver Kyllonen | Allison Miranda | Danny Santulli | Macy Wolf |
| Jake Derouin | Nate Laurent | Hannah Mirsharif | Murphy Schoenecker | *confirmed at the Easter Vigil |
| Evan Divine | Maddie Lenius | Mike Morrow | Katherine Schuette | |
| Sam Farris | Sean Littmann | Long Nguyen | Thomas Shipp | |
| Grant Feind | Andrea Lopezmalo | Lauren Olk | Lauren Shovelson | |
| William Feyereisn | Alaina Lybeck | Emily Oppegard | Justin Silewski | |
| Macy Fick | Addie Lyon | Keegan Orth | Tyler Smitley | |

*Written by Jessie Johnson,
Sr. High Youth Formation Minister*

GRANT RECIPIENTS REPORT 2018-19

Since its founding, Pax Christi has set aside funds from regular donations to make our contribution to furthering goals of Catholic Social Teaching. Current Pax Christi efforts are focused in the areas of education and homelessness, historically in the inner city. Through the careful vetting, discernment, and relationship building by the Justice Grants Board, we are pleased to report the following awards!

<p>Centro Guadalupano</p> <p>Centro Guadalupano is the outreach ministry for Holy Rosary Church. This organization provides a diverse population of community members with the tools and resources needed to achieve a higher quality of life and greater self-sufficiency. Providing educational opportunities for the children of immigrant families through school time programming is a key part of fulfilling this goal.</p>	<p>\$ 10,000.00</p>	<p>PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING (PPL)</p> <p>PPL builds the hope, assets, and self-reliance of individuals and families who have lower incomes by providing transformative, affordable housing and career readiness services.</p>	<p>\$ 12,000.00</p>
<p>Clare Housing</p> <p>Clare Housing provides a continuum of affordable and supportive housing options that create healing communities and optimize the health of people living with HIV/AIDS. The vision is for an AIDS-free world built on a foundation of equitable access to housing and health care.</p>	<p>\$ 10,000.00</p>	<p>PROP</p> <p>PROP was founded on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors through donations of time, food, and money to help those in need. More recently, PROP expanded its services to provide skills which set clients on a path toward greater self-sufficiency. Pax Christi's grant supports PROP's emergency housing fund.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
<p>ELPIS ENTERPRISES</p> <p>Elpis Enterprises provides job training, work experience, and job placement for homeless or precariously housed young people ages 16–23. Young people develop as individuals and potential employees by working in real enterprises, gaining the skills, knowledge, and confidence necessary to overcome homelessness.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>	<p>RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL</p> <p>Risen Christ Catholic School is a K-8, bilingual, multicultural, and financially accessible school of excellence, educating children in mind, body, and spirit to live and lead in the example of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>\$ 20,000.00</p>
<p>Haven Housing/St. Anne's</p> <p>Haven Housing programs strive to support women as they stabilize, heal from trauma, work to identify and overcome their barriers to independence, find their strength, and create a more hopeful future. St. Anne's Place is Haven Housing's emergency shelter—a safe environment for homeless families to escape crisis, to stabilize, and to explore options for their future.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>	<p>SLAM (Ascension Catholic Academy)</p> <p>Ascension Catholic Academy is a consortium of Catholic schools serving highly diverse neighborhoods in Minneapolis/St. Paul. SLAM is committed to welcoming families as beloved children of God and to help all scholars achieve academic excellence. Pax Christi's grant will support the summer SLAM program.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
<p>Launch Ministry</p> <p>Launch Ministry is a safe and stable space for young adults, aged 18-29, to practice the responsibilities of adulthood. This faith-based, non-profit organization was established to expose opportunities that promote healthy, productive transitions.</p>	<p>\$ 10,000.00</p>	<p>Small Sums</p> <p>Small Sums' sole purpose is to help homeless individuals who have recently found jobs with the essentials that they need to start back to work. They frequently provide their clients assistance with things like required work clothes and shoes, trade tools, professional licenses or union dues, and bus passes.</p>	<p>\$ 11,000.00</p>
<p>Peace House Community</p> <p>Peace House Community nourishes the bodies and souls of economically-challenged and marginalized women and men in the Twin Cities. Members know they will be honored as human beings, known by their names, and not judged because of their appearance, their mental health, or past actions.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>	<p>St. Stephen's Human Services</p> <p>The mission of St. Stephen's is ending homelessness. St. Stephen's progresses toward this goal through a range of effective programs including street outreach, shelter, and housing. St. Stephen's programs impact over 1,900 adults and 650 families each year.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
		<p>YouthLink</p> <p>The mission of YouthLink is to support and empower young people on their journey to self-reliance by providing effective, individualized services to those experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
TOTAL OF GRANTS GIVEN FOR 2018-2019			\$158,000.00



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE IS LOOKING FOR A CHAIR TO RUN THIS YEAR'S EVENT

This shopping extravaganza features a variety of handcrafted items from over 50 quality crafters and artisans, a bake sale, and luncheon held the first Saturday each December. The chairperson's duties are written in detail and organized with an established execution timeline, well-honed by 13 years of prior events. Come and flex your organizational muscle to continue a much honored holiday tradition. If the task feels like too much, ask a friend to co-chair and double the fun! Interested or have questions? Contact Lisa Cox, 952-405-7204, or lcox@paxchristi.com.

ATTENTION SUMMER CABIN GOERS AND OTHER "MOVERS"

How would you like to help Pax Christi save money by a simple email or phone call? If you plan on being out of town and notify the post office to forward your mail, also contact Maria Miller in the parish office, 952-405-7217, or mmiller@paxchristi.com, and she will do a temporary address change for the magazine, the PaxChristiNews. Or you can have the magazine stopped until you are back in town. You always have the option to view it each month online on our "NEWS" page. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



BEFRIENDER MINISTRY ~ A LISTENING PRESENCE :

BeFrienders is a lay pastoral care ministry here at Pax Christi. This listening presence ministry brings specially-trained people into a caring, confidential, one-on-one relationship with others during times of special need by visiting with them and offering emotional and spiritual support.

BeFrienders value God's presence in all relationships. They are present to care, not cure, and strive to be open and non-judgmental while they actively listen to your story.

If you are experiencing a challenging time, or are in a transitional situation, BeFriender ministers are here to journey with you and listen with compassion and without judgment. Contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, 952-405-7211 to be connected with a BeFriender minister or to learn more.



For additional information visit www.paxchristi.com/careandsupport.

PARISHIONER NEWS

MAY BAPTISMS

Isabella Mae Viaene	5/12/2019
Mikko William Bruner	5/19/2019
Lucky Barton Santa Maria	5/19/2019
Micah Mark Taylor	5/19/2019
Thomas Liem Dam	5/26/2019
Alyzandra Escano Garcia	5/26/2019
Dash Jeffrey Narloch	5/26/2019
Charleston Aro Stever	5/26/2019

MAY WEDDING

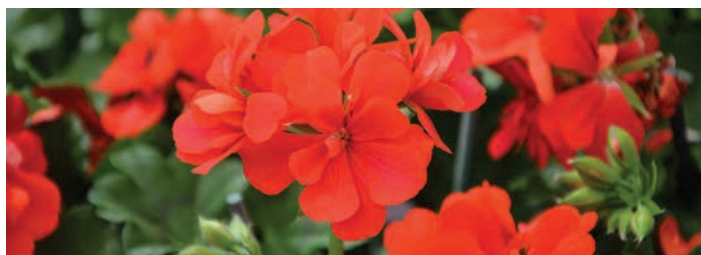
Kara Bodmer and Eric Eberle	5/11/2019
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MAY FUNERALS

Edward J. McCarthy	5/10/2019
Audrey Rose Daggett	5/14/2019
Jerry G. McKinney	5/17/2019
Thomas W. Davis	5/20/2019
Elizabeth "Betty" Shackel	5/30/2019
Morris L. Norman	5/31/2019

MAY NEW MEMBERS

Jeayson Banez and Roslyn Margate
Michelle Bond
Brian and Jennifer Devinny
Nicholas and Laura Falencykowski
Therese Neu
Manuel Otero-Cagide and Sandra Otero
Michael Roth
Alexander Scheinost and Samantha Nye
Stephen and Jeffrey Scott
Daniel and Jonelle Tangert



READINGS FOR JULY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7, 2019

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2019

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42, 36, 37;

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2019

Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28, 2019

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 9:00am

You are invited to an Independence Day Mass at 9:00am in the chapel. The parish office will be closed for business that day in observance of the holiday, and the building will close following Mass.

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER SHINDIG **RSVP**

SATURDAYS, JULY 13, AUGUST 10; 6:15–9:00pm AT THE FIRE PIT

9–12th graders, come on down to the fire pit on the trail behind Pax Christi for lawn games, music, and a bonfire—complete with a gourmet s'more bar and hot dogs over the fire! We'll meet after the 5:00pm Mass. Rain location is the John XXIII Room. RSVP online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 3:00–4:30pm **RSVP**

The Compassionate Care Listening Circle gathers monthly and is open to anyone who finds themselves at a crossroads in life. The listening circle provides a safe place for reflection and meaningful conversation as one strives to find an awareness of God in the face of life challenges. These challenges can include loss, caregiving responsibilities, mental illness, grief, chronic illness, or any life transition. In this small group setting we will have time for ritual, prayer, and sharing around a monthly topic. For more information, or if you would like to join this group, contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, 952-405-7211, or jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JULY 29–AUGUST 2, AGES 3 YEARS – 5TH GRADE, \$75.00/CHILD **RSVP**

Campers will sing, dance, make friends, spend time in service opportunities, and see our drama team bring to life the stories of Super Heroes from the bible. High schoolers, parents, and grandparents are invited to be crew leaders. As a volunteer, you grow in your faith and are supported with training, free nursery, and more. To join the team or receive the early bird rate for your camper, register online now.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm; 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

THE FEE IS \$175 **RSVP**

Middle School youth are invited to join PaxConnex for a week of service and fun at Pax Christi and in our local community. Mornings will be spent at local organizations serving those in need. Service sites may include People Reaching Out to People (PROP), Feed My Starving Children, and Senior Community Services. Youth also have the option of serving as crew leaders at Vacation Bible Camp. During the afternoons we will spend time having fun with games, movies, and trips to Grand Slam, Cascade Bay, and Valleyfair! Fee includes lunch each day, transportation to all off-campus locations, admission to all afternoon activity sites, and a t-shirt.

MAKE PLANS NOW

PAX DAY AT PROP

COLLECTION WEEKEND AUGUST 3/4

Complete details on back cover.

TWELVE BASKETS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 10/11

This annual parish event, sponsored by the Twelve Baskets ministry, helps to make sure children in need are well equipped to start the new school year and focused on learning. Shop early and drop off items when you come to Mass. Flyers with detailed lists of needed items are available at the entrances starting July 27/28. Red bins at doors 1 and 3 will be ready to receive your contributions. Items will benefit students at Risen Christ Catholic School in South Minneapolis, Blessed Trinity Catholic School in Richfield, Community of Saints Catholic School in St. Paul, and Gichitwaa Kateri Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

100-MILE DINNER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 6:00–8:00pm, BUTTERFLY GARDEN PATIO

The Environmental Challenge Ministry invites you to eat locally at our annual 100-Mile Pot Luck Dinner, that is, food that is produced within a 100-mile radius of your home. Watch for complete details to come.

SENIOR HIGH DINNER AND A MOVIE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 5:00–10:00pm **RSVP**

We'll gather in the Pax Christi kitchen at 5:00pm to cook our dinner together, head to the Anne Frank Room to eat, and then watch a movie together downstairs in the John XXIII Room until 10:00pm. Watch for complete details to come or online, www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

JULY

See pages 18–19 for details or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
		BAPTISM CLASS				
7	8	9	10	11	12 VIRTUS SESSION	13 SR HIGH SUMMER SHINDIG
		FARE FOR ALL				
14	15	16	17	18 COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 BURGUNDY BAG FOOD COLLECTION
	VACATION BIBLE CAMP FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE					
	MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE CAMP FOR GRADES 6–8					





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AUGUST 5 IS PAX DAY AT PROP...

so we are planning a special BURGUNDY Bag Food Collection the weekend of August 3/4.

During the summer months, food shelves often get depleted. Donations are generally down, and the need for food increases as children are eating more meals at home instead of at school. Grab a burgundy bag (or any bag will do) and join in our parish effort to respond to those who are facing hunger in our community. If you are a gardener, PROP accepts fresh produce to give healthy options to families.

View the food needs online at <https://propfood.org/get-involved/food-other-donations>.

