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December 27, 2020 Feast of the Holy Family

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Mass

Saturday 5:15 pm *
Sunday 9 am *
10:45 am *

* **registration NEEDED** - sign up to receive parish emails: **paxchristichurch.org/covid19response**

Livestreaming
Watch on our YouTube channel or view an hour after Mass
Sun. 7:30 am

Daily Mass
Tuesday 9 am
Wednesday 9 am & 5:30 pm
Thursday 9:15 am
Friday 9 am.
All streamed EXCEPT Wed. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4-5 pm
Reconciliation Room or by appointment 282-8542

Adoration

Our Chapel is once again open! Contact the office for the door code.

Our church is open for personal prayer
Monday - Friday
11 am - 4:30 pm

Follow us on Facebook

Pastor
Fr. John Sauer

paxchristichurch.org
507-282-8542
4135 - 18th AVE NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Parish Life

Did you miss any of our Advent or Christmas videos?
Find them at:
youtube.com/c/paxchristichurch

Family Promise Needs

Family Promise helps homeless and low income families attain sustainable independence through a community based response. Before the pandemic, Pax Christi transformed classrooms into bedrooms four times a year to host families at our church. Now that Family Promise has a home large enough to house their guests, we will send volunteers to them. Items are needed for their new facility.

Find links to donate items from
Target or Amazon:
https://paxchristichurch.org/family-promise

You can also donate directly:
www.familypromiserochester.org

Our Christmas gift to you is a book from Chris Stefanick, *The Search.* If you did not pick up your family's copy at Christmas Mass, there are a few available in the Gathering Area.

Watch videos related to the book:
paxchristichurch.formed.org

The Search will help those who are curious about the Faith but not ready to commit. It recasts the vision for what life's all about to those who've walked away—those who are asking big questions. We need to answer them well so they see the Catholic Faith as it truly is.

Help Needed

Ideal for students needing service hours

Help us set up learning centers in McCauley Hall and prepare the church for our First Reconciliation students.

- Mon. Jan. 4 & Tues. Jan 5, noon until we are done

Assistance is also needed to sanitize the centers areas as families complete them

- Tues. Jan. 5 - Thurs. Jan. 7, 4:30 -7:30 pm

Please contact Michelle Todd:
mtodd@paxchristichurch.org

Women of Pax

Zoom meeting

Tuesday, January 5
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Come check in and socialize virtually
with other women of Pax.

There is no agenda,
just a chance to chat and see how everyone is doing.

Contact Mary Mataitis to get the Zoom link to join us.
288-7828
mmataitis@live.com

Thank you to all who helped at our Christmas Masses. We're particularly grateful for our liturgical ministers, who are essential to Mass. It's an obvious blessing to have a cheerful voice welcome parishioners; less obvious may be the sacristan who prepares the sacred vessels for Mass and projectionists, ushers, those who wash the linens, clean, and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you so much for your help.

During this time of year, we also want to thank our choir and the volunteers who care for and prepare our environment. Music is such an important part of the season, as is the environment in which we celebrate. Thank you!

Prayer & Liturgy

How is your family holy?

Do you?

- Pray together, especially before meals
- Bless children before bed
- Have a holy water font by your front door
- Read the Bible together
- Share God's love with others - volunteer

Prepare your child for Baptism

Attend a Pre-Jordan class

Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 am

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 6:30 pm

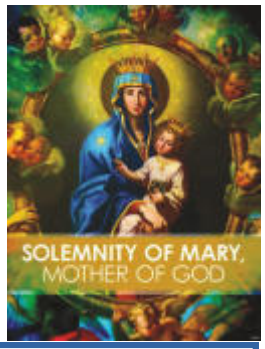
Register: www.paxchristichurch.org/baptism

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass times

Thurs. Dec. 31, 5:15 pm

Fri. Jan. 1, 9 am



Mass Intentions

All Masses are public except 7:30 am Sunday

† Deceased/ * Livestream Mass

Monday, January 28 No daily Mass

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 am * Dean Tulledge †

Wednesday, December 30

9:00 am * Loretta Di Marco

5:30 pm Gladys Davila †

Thursday, December 31

9:00 am * Chris Arens †

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:15 pm in thanksgiving for Elias Heyliger

Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am * Heyliger & Robaudo families

Saturday, January 2

5:15 pm Artner family (healing & health)

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Pax Christi Parishioners

9:00 am Bob Stricke †

10:45 am Clifford Tibor †

Readings for the Week

Monday **December 28** *Feast of the Holy Innocents*	1 John 1: 5 – 2: 2 Psalm 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Matthew 2: 13-18
Tuesday **December 29**	1 John 2: 3-11 Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2: 22-35
Wednesday **December 30**	1 John 2: 12-17 Psalm 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2: 36-40
Thursday **December 31**	1 John 2: 18-21 Psalm 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1: 1-18
Friday **January 1** *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*	Numbers 6: 22-27 Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21
Saturday **January 2**	1 John 2: 22-28 Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 1: 19-28
Sunday **January 3** *Epiphany of the Lord*	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mathew 2: 1-12

Director of Liturgy and Pastoral Ministry

Pax Christi Parish, a vibrant, diverse Catholic parish of 1600 families in northwest Rochester, MN, seeks a full-time Director of Liturgy and Pastoral Ministry to plan and coordinate liturgical and pastoral ministries as well as recruit, train, and schedule liturgical and pastoral ministers. The ideal candidate will possess a degree in theology, liturgy or pastoral ministry or equivalent experience and have excellent organizational and communication skills. Please send cover letter, resume, and three professional references (including, if possible, a Catholic priest for whom you've worked) to:

Jessica Scully, Parish Administrator
Pax Christi Catholic Church
4135 18th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901
Email: to Jessica.Scully@PaxChristiChurch.org

Submission date is January 4, 2021.

Full job description:

https://paxchristichurch.org/employment

Time, Talent & Treasure

Faith Formation at Pax Christi

Faith formation sessions for preschool-grade 12 will begin again in January. Join us either in person or virtually.

Contact us for more information.

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The Pax Christi St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank the Pax Christi Knights of Columbus for their matching donation drive to support our mission. It was a BIG success and that comes back to you the parishioners of Pax. When there is a need or an event going on, you come out to support it in a BIG way. In doing so, you are serving as the face and hands of Christ to those in need. Again, thank you for ALL the prayers and monetary donations that has helped us throughout the year!!

Take Home Dinner
sponsored by the Pax Christi Knights of Columbus
Jan. 22 & 23
Fundraiser for Madonna Living Center (MLC)
Dinner choices will be spaghetti & meatballs or soup.

For details about ordering a meal
to reheat at home:
https://paxchristichurch.org/knights-of-columbus-1

2020 Tax Donations

End of Year

To qualify for a 2020 tax deduction, contributions **must be received** in the office by noon on Dec. 31, or in the Sunday collection Dec. 27. Contributions after these dates will be credited to 2021.

Required Minimum Distribution

Consequence for failing to take RMD: "If you do not take any distributions, or if the distributions are not large enough, you may have to pay a 50% excise tax on the amount not distributed as required."
www.irs.gov

Donating using a qualified charitable distribution

"A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to $100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. If you take a withdrawal, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction."
www.fidelity.com/learning-center/personal-finance/retirement/qcds-the-basics

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fair Trade Coffee

One of the many events cancelled due to the pandemic has been the Fair Trade coffee sales sponsored by the Pax Christi Social Concerns Committee.
Support Guatemalan coffee growers by purchasing coffee directly. San Lucas Catholic Mission web-site: **https://sanlucasmission.org/**. All proceeds go directly to the mission and the coffee farmers. Help the people in San Lucas, Guatemala who have been devastated by Covid.

Amazing Opportunity Coming in January

What: Assist in our faith formation K/1 classroom
Who: Any baptized people age 16 and beyond
When: Sundays from 6 - 7 pm until mid-May
You may volunteer either in person or online.
Please contact Michelle:
mtodd@paxchristichurch.org

Catholic Community

Mailing address for our former pastor:
Father LaVern Trocinski
Springbrook Village, #C-219
1384 County Rd 25
LaCrescent, MN 55947

At the present, Springbrook is closed due to Covid challenges. Father T tested negative.

Annual Pax Christi/Holy Spirit Social Justice Retreat

Saturday morning, January 30

Two local speakers:

- Kendall Hughes, founder of Three Rivers Restorative Justice
- Karen Edmonds, founder of Project Legacy

Join us for this opportunity to learn about restorative justice and its implementation through a new organization in Rochester and how another local group applies those practices in its work with at-risk youth. Although we will miss our traditional soup luncheon and camaraderie, we will be enlightened and encouraged to learn about work in Rochester to help heal the lives of others.

For more information or to register for this **free virtual event**, contact **hspaxsocialjustice@gmail.com**

Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a free opportunity.

Life In The Spirit Seminar

using "The Wild Goose" series
by Father Dave Pivonka
Wednesday January 6 - February 17, 2021
We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00 pm CST.
Zoom login information sent upon registration.
Contact Joshua for more info and to register:
(218) 349-9660
jjj3279@aol.com

You may also view the series through our parish subscription to Formed: **paxchristichurch.formed.org**

Pax Christi Community

Lighter Side - Are You My Father?

St. Peter needed a brief break from the pearly gates, so he asked Jesus to stand in. As he waited, Jesus saw an old man carrying carpenter's tools leading a donkey up from earth to heaven. When the old man got to the gates, Jesus asked the man to explain his life and why he felt he should be admitted into heaven.

> "In English, my name would be Joseph, but I didn't live in America or England. I lived a modest life, making things out of wood," the man said. "I'm not remembered very well by most people but almost everyone has heard of my son. He didn't really come into this world in the usual way." The man continued, "I sent my son out to be among the people of the world. He was ridiculed by many and was even known to associate himself with some pretty unsavory characters, although he himself tried to be honest and perfect. My single biggest reason for trying to get into heaven is to be reunited with him."

Jesus was awestruck by the man's story. He looked into the old man's eyes and asked,

"Are you my earthly father?"

The old man's face brightened. He looked at Jesus and asked,

"Are you my Pinocchio?"

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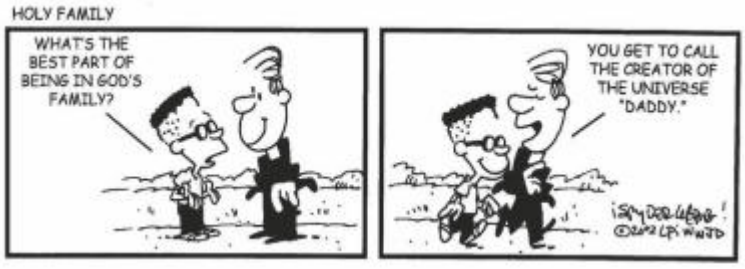

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