

Pax Christi Catholic Church

August 22, 2021- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Encountering, becoming and sharing the Presence, Love and Peace of Christ

A Note from Our Pastor, Fr. John Sauer

It is good to be back from vacation. I learned not to commit to being "on the road" every day. Still, it was good to relax a little and to spend some time with family before I left.

As you have heard, Fr. Shawn has pneumonia and Covid. As I write this he is at home. Please keep him in your prayers.

If you have not registered your children for Faith Formation please do so as soon as possible. Uncertainty over where we would be in the pandemic drove the decision to delay our normal spring registration. We have not heard from a lot of our families so would appreciate your attention to this. We are excited for the coming year! I had a chance to meet with some of the catechists at our visioning and discernment night. Great to see so much passion for sharing the faith.

One of our young mothers shared some negative experiences in bringing her children to Mass at Pax Christi. She has received disapproving looks and comments from some to the point that she does not feel comfortable coming to Mass here. As we all know, children do not always act in ways that we would prefer and young parents face many challenges even getting their families ready for Mass. I hope that we would all be welcoming and helpful when we see they might be struggling.

This adaptation of the "Do it Anyway" saying found on the wall of one of St. Teresa of Calcutta's homes is found on the Blessed is She Blog. I am cutting it down a bit for size.

... Toddlers are often restless and resistant to small confined spaces for extended periods of time; they'll climb up and down and all around and make multiple attempts to escape and race up the main aisle. Contain them as best you can and bring your kids to Mass anyway...

Teenagers are often doubtful, defiant and unwilling to go to a Mass that they "don't get anything out of;" they'll follow along, go through the motions, and possibly pout before, during, and after. Bring your sullen teenagers to Mass anyway...

The woman in front of you will scoff at you, as you have (in her eyes) done some form of parenting wrong (it could be nursing your infant, correcting mild-misbehavior of your eight-year-old, or allowing your teenage son with intellectual disabilities to complete his Catholic activity pad). She'll "graciously" remind you that there is a cry room for such behavior and possibly make you angry or embarrassed. Ignore the opinion of others and keep bringing your kids to Mass anyway...

At times you'll wonder if it's all really worth it, because Mass is always a battle, and even though you believe whole-heartedly in what's taking place, most of the time you're so worn and distracted, it feels as though you yourself haven't gotten anything out of Mass. Lean on Truth, push through clouded emotions, and bring yourself and your kids to Mass anyway.

Once (or twice, or multiple times) you may leave Mass in tears, because raising kids in the Faith is so hard, and you may not be getting much support from fellow parishioners, the pastor, or even your spouse. Remember that the Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and bring your kids to Mass anyway.

In the end, you'll stand before our loving and merciful God, and you'll see it was never even about you and them. It was always between you and God anyway.

MASS

Saturday 5:15 pm

Sunday

7:30 † 9:00, 10:45 am

LIVESTREAM †

Watch live or view later.

www.youtube.com/c/PaxChristiChurch

DAILY

T - 9 am

W - 9 am & 5:30 pm

TH - 9 am

F - 9 am

RECONCILIATION

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

4 am-11 pm

T, W & Th

Chapel

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Parish Life

2021-2022 Children & Youth Faith Formation Opportunities

It's time to register your child(ren) for faith formation to begin this fall. Programs at Pax Christi are for all students in public, Catholic, or home school.

We invite you to take a look at our Formation Catalog and then sign up to join us!

paxchristichurch.org/faith-formation

Registration open now!



Knights of Columbus Dinner Saturday, August 28 After 5:15 pm Mass

(4-6:30 pm for drive through pick up)

- Choice of chicken breast or pork loin
- Sweet corn, side dish & fruit

Dine in: \$5/ person, \$20/family max

Drive through: \$10/meal for two

Take Home meals cannot be mixed - choose pork loin or chicken breast - includes sides and uncooked corn

Join us for our first in-person dinner since 2020!

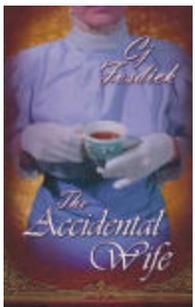
Sign up required for both in-person dining and drive through.

Order by Mon. August 23 @ 5 pm

www.paxchristichurch.org

or

<https://paxchristi.flocknote.com/signup/64151>



Happy Endings Book Club
Tuesday, September 14
1 pm

Pax Christi library, lower level
Book to be read for discussion
is *The Accidental Wife* by C. J.
Fosdick. All are welcome to join us,
being a book club reader or attending
monthly meetings is not required.

Men of Pax Steak Dinner

Tuesday, Sept. 7

5:30 pm - Grilling and Dinner*

(Custom grill your own steak)

* steak, baked potato, salad, French bread & drink

7:00 pm - Fr. John Sauer, Pastor of Pax Christi

Reserve your **FREE** steak by Aug. 24.

Call or email Steve Norgaard 288-5795

s.norgaard@gmail.com



Over 200 people attended our final Summer Picnic. It was so nice to see everyone!

Our first parish picnic in June was too hot, the one in July was too cold (and rainy), but the weather on Aug. 11 was just right!

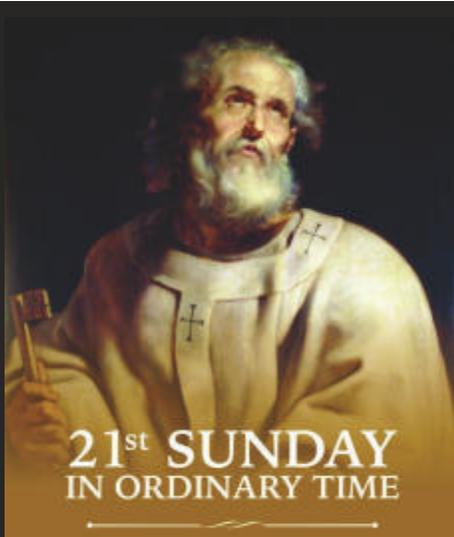


Steve, Collin and Eric grilled our hotdogs and bratwurst.



The idea for summer picnics was in response to parishioners' needs to see each other after a year of social isolation. Do you think this should be an annual summer event? Let us know!

Prayer & Liturgy



Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 6:68

I listen to Jesus asking me "Do you also wish to go away?" I hear the pain in his question.

How do I reply?



Encounters with Mary

Monday, August 23, 7 pm

Sacred Arias and Artwork,
6:45 pm
Church

One of the most popular Marian devotions in the Catholic Church today is that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

often honored alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion has its roots in Sacred Scripture, which makes frequent mention of Mary's contemplative heart, for example in Luke 2:19: "And Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." Our Lord took His sacred humanity from the flesh and blood of his Blessed Mother; Christ's heart is taken from her heart. At Calvary, the perfect hearts of Jesus and Mary were united for the salvation of mankind. This is why the Two Hearts are honored together. After the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was instituted for the universal Church by Pope Pius XII in 1944. The feast was originally celebrated on Aug. 22, the octave day of the Solemnity of the Assumption. It was later moved to the Saturday following the feast of the Sacred Heart, so that the Two Hearts would appear side-by-side on the liturgical calendar. August 22nd was then made the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, connecting the Assumption to her reign in heaven (the 4th and 5th Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary).

Readings for the Week

Monday August 23	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday August 24	Revelation 21:9b-14 Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51
Wednesday August 25	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday August 26	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Matthew 24:42-51
Friday August 27	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday August 28	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday August 29 <i>Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

We welcome these children through the holy waters of Baptism

Lauren Elizabeth Kennedy

and

Ella Ann Kennedy

Parents: Katie and Tyler Kennedy

Saturday, August 21

After 5:15 pm Mass



If God is your copilot,
swap seats.

Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship

We know that this has been a difficult year and we humbly appreciate your generosity.

What we do is a direct result of your faithful giving.

If you are able, we invite you to support your parish:

- 1. Direct Donation** - Complete simple paperwork for an ongoing monthly donation.
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 - Access to giving history - view and print right from your account.
- 3. Planned Giving** - Options include a bequest in a will, life income gifts, and gifts of special assets.
<https://paxchristchurch.org/planned-giving>
- 4. Text-to-Give** - Text "GIVE" to (507) 223-3403.
- 5. Donations in the collection basket.**
- 6. Other Giving Options** - Give without spending anything extra through programs like SCRIP, Amazon Smile, GoodSearch & GoodShop.

<https://paxchristchurch.org/support-us>

**Do you have questions or want to know more?
507-282-8542**

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

- Monday, August 23** No Mass
Tuesday, August 24, 9:00 am Loren Stortz †
Wednesday, August 25, 9:00 am Joe Weis †
5:30 pm Amelia Jimenez †
Thursday, August 26, 9:00 am
Christoph Von Stilfried †
Friday, August 27, 9:00 am Sharon Hames †
Saturday, August 28, 5:15 pm
Peter Robaudo (Birthday)
Sunday, August 29, 7:30 am Pax Christi parishioners
9:00 am Kathy Nolan †
10:45 am Robert Howe †

Pope Francis Prayer

for protection from Coronavirus



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,
O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Aug. 23

6:30 pm - Bible study, Zoom

7:00 pm - Encounters with Mary, church

7:30 pm - 7:30 am Choir practice, choir room

Tuesday, Aug. 24: 9:00 am Mass

9:30 am - Bible study, Hospitality Room

5:00 pm - Finance Council, Youth Center

6:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul, McCauley Hall

6:30 pm - Lumen Christi Prayer Group, church

Wednesday, Aug. 25: 9:00 am Mass & 5:30 pm Mass

6:30 am - Bible study, office round table

5:00 pm - Divine Will, Holy Family Hall (office lower level)

7:00 pm - Bonfire Night, Youth Center, Volleyball court,
Bonfire pit

Thursday, Aug. 26: 9:00 am Mass

Friday, Aug. 27: 9:00 am Mass

Saturday, Aug. 28: 5:15 pm Mass

4:00 pm - Reconciliation, Reconciliation room

6:00 pm - Parish Dinner sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus, Kitchen & Dining Hall

Sunday, Aug. 29: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am Mass

Catholic Community

Seeds of Wisdom in South Sudan Benefit Dinner

Sunday, October 10

6:00 pm

Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Downtown Rochester

Support the parish's grade school in East Africa - hear updates about all the great things that are happening with our students both in refugee camp schools and boarding schools.

<http://www.sowsouthsudan.org/>

Are you traveling this summer?

Find a church:



masstimes.org
MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

**Saint Vincent de Paul
Friends of the Poor Run/Walk
Sat. Sept. 25**

8:30 am - Registration

9:00 am - Run begins, 9:05 am - Walk begins

Resurrection Church 1600 11th Ave. SE, Rochester

9-11 am - Pancake Breakfast

(pending current Covid-19 guidelines)

www.svdp-rochmn.org/fop-walk-2021

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MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

2:00, Sunday, September 19, 2021
St. John the Baptist, Mankato, MN

*All couples, regardless of their anniversary
milestone, are invited to attend!*

Register at www.dowr.org

Watch Sunday Mass

Television - Diocese of Winona-Rochester

- KIMT 3 - 7:30 am
- MyTV 3.2 - 9:00 am
- WFTC 9.2 - 11:30 am (Comcast: 10/807, DirecTV: 29, DISH: 29 Mediacom: 10/803)

Internet

- **Livestream with Bishop Quinn**

11 am ~ from the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
www.dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html

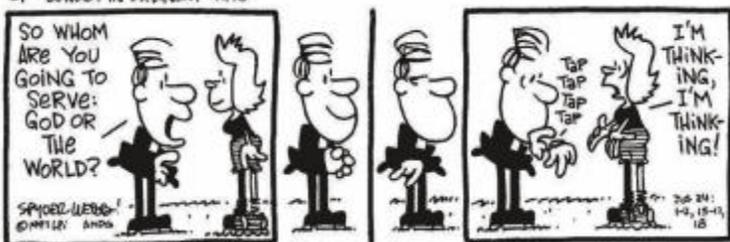
- **Livestream Pax Christi**

7:30 am

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(Watch Mass anytime with these links.)

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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