

Pax Christi Catholic Church



October 10, 2021- Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A Note from Our Pastor

Thanks to all who joined us for the Blessing of the Animals last Sunday. There was lots of yapping and a little meowing so it was lots of fun. My Pangur did not make an appearance. Having been away for a week and knowing he was already stressed I did not force the issue. Maybe next time. I'd love to make this an annual event on a Sunday near the Feast of St. Francis.

It was wonderful to walk into the office this week and see the buzz of excitement as we are finally all together. We welcomed our new staff members, Brigitte and Anna. We welcomed back several of our staff who have returned from vacations. In addition, to build staff cohesion I have asked the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry folks to move to the parish office building. I am grateful for their flexibility.

In the coming weeks we will be laying some formal plans for achieving the goals articulated by the Pastoral Council and our personal office goals. After several years of planning and lots of prayer and conversation we are ready to launch. Please keep us all in your prayers as we support all of our parishioners and community members to encounter, become and share the peace of Christ.

Cardinal Newman was an Anglican theologian whose spiritual and intellectual journey led him to become a Roman Catholic and was canonized several years ago. He continued to write and teach and was named a cardinal for his work and personal holiness. His name is remembered on many university campuses which have a Newman center for the support of the young people who are at college.

One of Cardinal Newman's favorite sayings was "Heart speaks unto heart" – cor ad cor loquitur. He chose this phrase for his coat of arms when he became a cardinal in 1879. Cardinal Newman knew that the heart of Jesus wants to speak to our heart and in return our heart wants to respond. This points us to the very essence of Christianity which is not justice or peace or even love. The heart and essence of Christianity is a person – Jesus Christ. We might think that is obvious but all too often we allow other things to obscure that fact.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the faithful young man that he must put aside his riches and follow Jesus. We hear that he walks away sad because he had many things. Things that ultimately got between him and Jesus.

When we look into our hearts what do we find there? What is the center – the hub of our lives? Is it a personal relationship with Jesus, developed through a life of prayer? Or has something, or someone, else taken the place of Jesus? If we aren't sure we need only look at the priorities of our lives. On what do we spend our time, our energy? What serves as the basis for our decisions?

If we come to the conclusion that it is not the Lord then it is time to reconnect. Time to spend some moments in prayer so that we can once again discover the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ which is at the heart of who we are. For when we find the heart of Jesus – he will speak to our heart and we will find all we need.

Fr. John Sauer

MASS

Saturday 5:15 pm

Sunday

7:30 † 9:00, 10:45 am

LIVESTREAM †

Watch live or view later.

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T - 9 am

W - 9 am & 5:30 pm

TH - 9 am

F - 9 am

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appointment

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4 am-11 pm

T, W & Th

Chapel

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Parish Life

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Monday, October 18

7 pm

Holy Family Hall

Enter through the chapel entrance
from the lower level parking lot.



This ministry makes and provides prayer wraps including shawls, lap blankets, scarves, baby and child blankets and pocket prayer squares for people in need of comfort and support through difficult times.

These items are meant to wrap, enfold, hug, and give solace to a person in need of comfort. They are available to parishioners, their family members or friends during times of sickness or crisis. Prayers are said for the recipient of the prayer wrap while it is being created and they are blessed by our priests before they are given out.

This ministry meets three times a year to discuss ministry business, work on prayer wraps and share patterns, meetings are optional. Prayer wraps are knitted or crocheted at your convenience in your home. Crafters may choose to donate or be reimbursed for the yarn used to make them. If needed we will deliver yarn to you and pick up your completed prayer wraps.

Anyone interested in joining this ministry or desiring more information is welcome to attend our meeting.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a prayer wrap please contact the church office
282-8542.

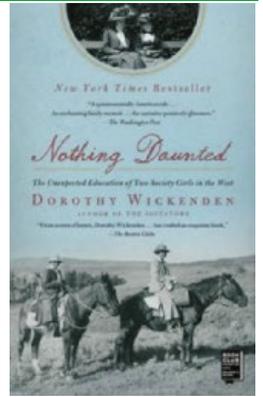
Happy Endings Book Club

Tuesday, October 12

1 pm

Pax Christi library, lower level

Our book to be read for discussion
this month is *Nothing Daunted:
The Unexpected Education of Two
Society Girls in the West*
by Dorothy Wickenden.



All are welcome to join us,
monthly attendance is not required.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

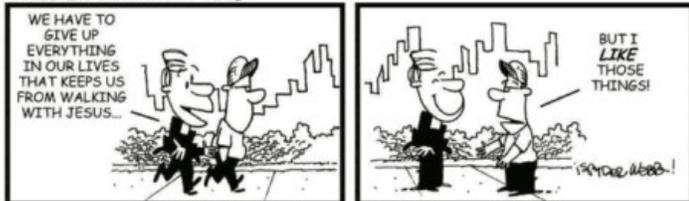
- † Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- † Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- † Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, normally celebrated at Easter. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact Fr. Sauer
507-282-8542

jsauer@paxchristchurch.org

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We've been cleaning closets!

We have some bolts of fabric, small decor for crafting, and other items located on a table at the bottom of the stairs. Please take a moment to see if you can utilize these items before we take them to another non-profit organization.

GPS

(Glorious Praise Through Song)

Saturday, October 23

6:45-7:45 pm

Church

All are welcome to join us for
an informal Praise and
Worship event to offer Praise
through contemporary
Praise and Worship music.

GPS is offered on the 4th
Saturday of each month



Prayer & Liturgy



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

POSSIBLE

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the rich young man to sell everything he has and follow him.

To the young man, the task seems impossible.

What is God asking of you that seems impossible?

Readings for the Week

Monday October 11	Romans 1:1-7 Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday October 12	Romans 1:16-25 Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday October 13	Romans 2:1-11 Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Luke 11:42-46
Thursday October 14	Romans 3:21-30 Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Luke 11:47-54
Friday October 15	Romans 4:1-8 Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Luke 12:1-7
Saturday October 16	Romans 4:13, 16-18 Psalm 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 Luke 12:8-12
Sunday October 17 <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Five Week Video series



**Mondays 9-10:30 am or
Thursdays 6:30-8 pm**

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THE MASS

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Begins Monday, Oct. 11
& Thursday, Oct. 14

Register:
<https://paxchristchurch.org/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass>

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Monday, October 11 No Mass

Tuesday, October 12, 9:00 am Barbara J. Streit †

Wednesday, October 13, 9:00 am Don Pankowski †
5:30 pm Kathy Nolan †

Thursday, October 14, 9:00 am

Harold † & Marjorie Gunderson †

Friday, October 15, 9:00 am Kate † & Jennie † Wills

Saturday, October 16, 5:15 pm Dean Tulledge †

Sunday, October 17

7:30 am Pax Christi parishioners

9:00 am for the deceased members of the Ellis-Sobotta family †

10:45 am Nathan Holtegaard †

Time, Talent & Treasure

**We welcome Brigitte Boever,
Director of Liturgy at Pax Christi**



Ministry has always been my passion, and I'm so excited to begin my journey with Pax Christi! I began a double major in vocal performance and Religious Studies at Benedictine College in 2006, but decided to begin discerning religious life in 2007. In 2008, I moved to France where I entered the Apostolic Sisters of Saint John the following year. After living in France for 8 years, Illinois for three years, Scotland for 6 months, and after a long journey of discernment, I discerned God was calling me back to lay life in 2019. I'm so grateful for my time with the Sisters and I know that God was preparing me to serve Him here today. I married in May to a wonderful Cameroonian husband, and can't wait to see what God has in store for us here at Pax!

**We welcome Anna Nordquist,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Pax Christi**



I was born and raised in Fairmont, MN where I lived with my parents and four siblings. In Fairmont, I attended St. John Vianney Catholic grade school, then moved to Fairmont Junior-Senior High School in 7th grade where I graduated from in 2019. I then attended the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND and graduated with a bachelor's degree in University Studies and minors in Catholic Studies, Theology, and History. This past summer I was a member of Totus Tuus, a youth catechetical summer program, as the team leader. I look forward to being a part of Pax Christi Church and working to inflame the hearts and minds of young people in the love of God.

Anna can be reached by email at:
anordquist@paxchristichurch.org

Catechist Spotlight - Chuck Kroll

My name is Chuck Kroll. My wife & I have three sons, the youngest is Andy a Junior at U of M in Mpls.

Which means we are empty

nesters. This will be my third year

teaching 2nd grade with Connie. We make a great

team. I previously was a catechist when Andy was in

2nd grade. Since I had to drop him off it was easy to

stay and teach rather than just wait around. I

challenge all you parents to do the same (give it some

thought, it is rewarding and no experience needed). I

continued being a catechist for his grade through

Confirmation though at some point (as expected) he

preferred I teach a different section than his. We live

in Oronoco, I work in a Clinical Lab at Mayo, and like

to garden, hunt and fish. Over the years I have been

involved in Boy Scouts, Pine Island youth sports, and

several ministries at Pax Christi. I am a regular at the

7:30 am Mass on Sunday so I may not look familiar

since youth rarely get up that early.

The last two years have been challenging for all with a

lot of adjustments and we learned along the way. The

kids, parents and Pax staff have been great with

understanding and flexibility.



Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct. 11 - No Mass

6:30 pm - Bible Study, Zoom

Tuesday, Oct. 12: 9:00 am Mass

9:30 am - Bible Study, Hospitality Room

1:00 pm - Happy Endings Book Club, Library

5:00 pm - Divine Will Cenacle, Room 2

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

6:30 pm - Lumen Christi Prayer Group, Church

Wednesday, Oct. 13: 9:00 am Mass & 5:30 pm Mass

6:30 am - Bible Study, Office Round Table

4:15 pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, atriums

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Youth Center

Thursday, Oct. 14: 9:00 am Mass

10:00 am - Catholic Foundation of Southern MN Annual Meeting, McCauley Hall

6:00 pm - Saturday 5:15 pm Choir practice, Choir Room

Friday, Oct. 15: 9:00 am Mass

Saturday, Oct. 16: 5:15 pm Mass

4:00 pm - Reconciliation, Reconciliation room

Sunday, Oct. 17: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am Mass

6:30 pm - Kingdom Kids faith formation, lower level

6:30 pm - Youth Ministry & Confirmation, Youth Center & lower level of church

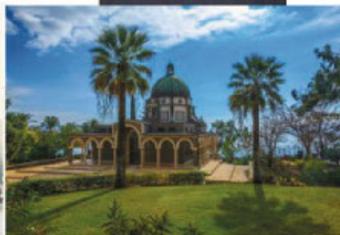
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<https://www.dowr.org/offices/courier/index.html>



The Courier

Worthington Deanery COVID Relief Fund

Back in June of 2020, with the initial great outbreak of COVID in Southwestern MN, Catholic Charities created a fund to help those who lost income because of COVID. These were people who didn't receive stimulus checks or unemployment – those who had “fallen through the cracks.” The money came from the donations of people concerned about their neighbors. We started with three donations totaling \$5000, and the donations continued. Since we began, we have been able to distribute over \$50,000 to 114 families in all of the 6 counties in the Worthington Deanery – helping with housing and/or utilities, an average of \$442.85 per household. Now the money in that fund is depleted, but our thanks go out to all of you who reached out to help those in need in our local area.

We are most grateful for your generosity!

Catholic Charities of Southern MN is offering two ZOOM studies beginning in October!

1. Solidarity: We are Our Neighbors' Keepers
Mondays 7:00 pm, begins Oct. 11 (led by Sydelle McCabe)
2. Harm, Healing, and Human Dignity: A Catholic Encounter with Restorative Justice
Thursdays 7:00 pm, begins Oct. 21 (led by Lisa Kremer)

For info or to register, contact Lisa: 507-360-3423
lkremer@ccsommn.org **ccsommn.org**

Restorative Justice: Healing the Harm
Saturday, October 16

9:30 am - 12:30 pm on Zoom

The keynote speakers, Fr. Larry Dowling and Martine Haglund, will discuss Restorative Justice practices that seek to help repair harm through transformative encounters that model Jesus' reconciling ways.

To register, or for more information email

Lisa Kremer: lkremer@ccsommn.org

Presented by the Diocesan Social Concerns Committee

As the new president of Rochester Catholic Schools (RCS), I am eager to thank the parishioners of Pax Christi Catholic Church for your continued support of Catholic education. Your prayers and financial support have allowed our five Catholic schools to thrive and grow over the past few months. More than 1,300 students are currently enrolled at RCS! I ask for your continued prayers this school year as we partner with parents to form students of character shaped by faith. Be part of our thriving and growing community. Families with preschool to high school-age children are invited to our 2021 Fall Showcase of Schools from Oct. 25-28! Come meet school principals, teachers, and staff, and learn how your family can join the RCS community. Please visit www.rcsmn.org to learn more.
Annemarie Vega, President RCS



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