

# Pax Christi Catholic Church



November 14, 2021- Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## *A Note from Our Pastor*

A week ago, I was in St. Cloud for the funeral of a family friend. Although her husband had been my parents' employer, they were also friends and fellow parishioners. It was beautiful to remember the little community of faith that several neighbors and my parents created in which we were formed in the faith. Mary Lou was buried in the same cemetery as my parents and sister and I had an opportunity to visit their graves. In the same way, the Knights of Columbus gathered last Wednesday for their annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased members and family. Take a moment during this month of November to visit graves of a loved one or remember them in special prayer. May they rest in peace.

As our liturgical year comes to a close our readings become more focused on the end times. This week our first reading and Gospel are examples of what is called "apocalyptic literature." It is a common literary form in many periods of history, especially those that held insecurity for the people.

The author of the Book of Daniel wrote for a people in Exile. They had lost their homeland, their Temple, their rituals, all the things that had defined their lives and their relationship with their God. The very foundations of their world had been shaken. Likewise, the community for which Mark wrote his Gospel was a persecuted community. Because they had embraced the Christian way, they found themselves the object of ridicule, misunderstanding, hatred and violence. It was as if the sun was dark and the moon gave them no light. In the face of these circumstances the people who first read our Scriptures for today had to ask whether their present reality was also their future or whether they dared hope for something more.

Today's Scriptures contain some important truths. First, they remind us that the present is not the end, that we are a people with a future. One of the hallmarks of the early Church was its strong sense that the end was near. In the Gospel we hear that all these signs will take place before the generation to whom it was addressed passed away. But as years turn into decades which turn into centuries which become millennia, our fervor wanes. We no longer look for Christ's immediate return and the ushering in of final judgment. But we profess, each week, that we are a people who wait, sometimes eager, sometimes not aware of our waiting.

Second, we are reminded that the end for which we wait will be a time of radical justice, when the original order of creation will be restored. The Scriptures use violent images when speaking of this end time. I think it's not unlike popping a pulled shoulder back into its place – it hurts like mad but gives way to healing. We sometimes forget the wrenching effects of the sin of Adam and Eve. When they reached out and took that fruit, they caused a rift in their relationship with God and each other which had permanent effects in history.

Finally, we are told that of all things, to forget God and become immersed in the things of this world is the most foolish of all. The world, as we know it, will not endure. If we draw all of our life, all of our strength, all of our joy from the sun and moon, the treasures and glories of this world, we risk losing all when it comes to an end.

If the language of this apocalyptic literature is too offputting, I suggest holding on to those truths. Wait in joyful anticipation. Hope for a just world. Hold on to God.

*Fr. John Sauer*

## MASS

Saturday 5:15 pm

Sunday

7:30 † 9:00, 10:45 am

## LIVESTREAM †

Watch live or view later.

[www.youtube.com/c/](http://www.youtube.com/c/PaxChristiChurch)

[PaxChristiChurch](http://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

All are welcome any time!  
For the door code or to sign  
up for an hour:

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@gmail.com**

**paxchristchurch.org**

**507-282-8542**

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**Pastor**  
Fr. John  
Sauer



Fr. Shawn  
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# Parish Life

## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 21

After all Masses

Pax Christi Dining Hall

To-go meals are also available!



## 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 & Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith, focusing on the teachings and experience of Church to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, normally celebrated at Easter. 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

## Nativity Play

Sunday, Dec. 19

6 pm

All are welcome!

Sign up to participate:

- K-Grade 5
  - Rehearsals - Dec. 5, 12 & 19
- Teens and adults needed to help!



Sign up:

<https://paxchristchurch.org/nativity-program>

Questions?

annebajzer@gmail.com

## GPS (Glorious Praise Through Song)

Saturday, Nov. 27

6:45-7:45 pm

church



On Thanksgiving weekend, treat your family to a contemporary audience participation Praise and Worship music event. All are welcome!

Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

Dates for 2022: Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26 & Apr 23.

## Nativity Painting

Every year a parishioner generously donates her time, talent, and treasure so each of our elementary youth may have a wooden Nativity set. Everything is provided: wooden pieces, paint, paintbrushes, halos for angels, straw for the manger, etc.



**Please register.**

<https://paxchristchurch.org/wooden-nativity-sets>

Join us to paint on  
Sunday, Dec. 5 & Sun. Dec. 12  
11:45 am - 2 pm

New pieces added every year. Missing a piece or two? No problem. We'll get you caught up.

Kindergarten - cow

First grade - shepherd and sheep

Second grade - Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the manger

Third grade - donkey and camel

Fourth grade - star and angel

Fifth grade - kings

## Women of Pax

### Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am - Mass

9:30 am - AWAKEN ADVENT:

Waiting Creatively with  
Mary and Elizabeth



*Come in person or join us live  
online: Search "Pax Christi*

*Catholic Church" on  YouTube*

## Olive Wood Sales

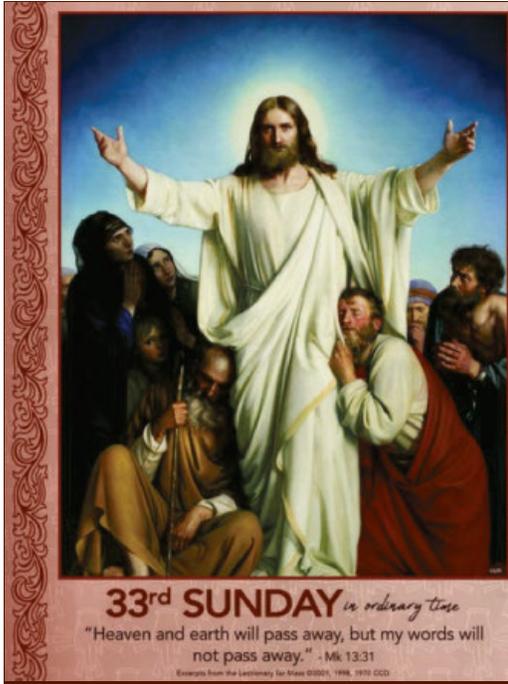
December 18 & 19 after all Masses

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# Prayer & Liturgy



Covid has made this last year difficult. How has my faith in Jesus and his words helped me?

Look at the people in the picture.

What emotions speak to you?

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday November 15</b>	1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Luke 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday November 16</b>	2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Luke 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday November 17</b>	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday November 18</b>	1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44
<b>Friday November 19</b>	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Psalm: 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Luke 19:45-48
<b>Saturday November 20</b>	1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 Luke 20:27-40
<b>Sunday November 21</b>	Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37



We welcome  
**Gemma Rae Nelson**  
through the holy waters of Baptism

on Sat. Nov. 13  
Parents: Joseph & Amber



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday 4-5 pm**  
**Reconciliation Room**  
upper level

## Mass Intentions

† Deceased

- Monday, November 15** - No Mass
- Tuesday, November 16, 9:00 am** Don Pankowski †
- Wednesday, November 17, 9:00 am** Kathy Nolan †  
5:30 pm Vichea Chim †
- Thursday, November 18, 9:00 am** Joseph Klein †
- Friday, November 19**  
9:00 am Bill, † Janet † and Brian Hanas †
- Saturday, November 20**  
5:15 pm Bossou Family (in Thanksgiving)
- Sunday, November 21**  
7:30 am Pax Christi parishioners  
9:00 am George Sobotta †  
10:45 am Billy Beckert †

Celebrate Thanksgiving with Mass  
Thursday, Nov. 25  
9 am



# Time, Talent & Treasure



## Catechist Spotlight

My name is Chidiogo Orakwue, I go by Didi. I am in my last year in undergraduate school where I'm hoping to become a doctor in the future! I enjoy worshiping God with others, reading and dancing. This is my first time as a catechist but I'm super excited to serve the

kids. Serving the country for the last four years as a soldier in the army has taught me the importance of living life for God and others.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Pax Christi office will be closed  
Thu. Nov. 25 & Fri. Nov. 26.  
Happy Thanksgiving



## Divorced? Separated?

Know someone who is?

When a marriage ends, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our seminar helps participants face challenges and discover how to deal with emotions, helpful tips to surviving social events, ways to help children through the holidays, and hope for the future.

**Monday, Nov. 15**  
**6:30-8:30 pm**  
**Room 14, lower level**

DIVORCE Care  
**Surviving  
the Holidays**

Questions? Joyce Lehman  
joyce.lehman@paxchristichurch.org  
507-282-8542 ext. 108

**Register:**

<https://paxchristichurch.org/divorcecare-surviving-the-holidays>

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Next week, as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build this kingdom here on earth. As you place your gift in one of our envelopes, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out. Envelopes are located in the back of church on the tables or donations may be mailed to:

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
% Pax Christi Catholic Church  
4135 - 18 AVE NW, Rochester, MN 55901

*THANK YOU for your continued support in these trying times we are experiencing.*

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Nov. 14: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am Mass

1:00 pm - CEW Renewal meeting, McCauley Hall  
6:30 pm - Kingdom Kids faith formation, lower level church  
6:30 pm - Confirmation and Youth Ministry, Youth Center & lower level church

### Monday, Nov. 15: No Mass

6:30 pm - Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30 pm - DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays, Room 14

### Tuesday, Nov. 16: 9:00 am Mass

9:30 am - Bible Study, Hospitality Room  
9:30 am - Rosary Makers, Library  
4:30 pm - Divine Will Cenacle, Room 2  
5:00 pm - Finance Council, Library  
6:30 pm - Lumen Christi Prayer Group, Church  
7:00 pm - Pastoral Council, McCauley Hall

### Wednesday, Nov. 17: 9:00 am Mass & 5:30 pm Mass

6:30 am - Bible Study, Office Round Table  
4:45 pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, atriums  
6:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Youth Center  
6:30 pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, atriums

### Thursday, Nov. 18: 9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm - Saturday 5:15 pm Choir practice, Choir Room  
6:30 pm - RCIA, Library  
6:30 pm - Women of Pax leadership, Zoom

### Friday, Nov. 19: 9:00 am Mass

### Saturday, Nov. 20: 5:15 pm Mass

10:00 am - RCIA, Library  
4:00 pm - Reconciliation, Reconciliation room

### Sunday, Nov. 20: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am Mass

Pancake Breakfast after all Masses  
6:30 pm - Kingdom Kids faith formation, lower level church  
6:30 pm - Confirmation and Youth Ministry, Youth Center & lower level church

# Catholic Community

## Rochester Rosary Rallies

Sundays 3-3:35 pm

(Divine Mercy Hour)

near the Rochester Government Center  
corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE



The MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare, a partner organization of the MN Catholic Conference, is a coalition of nearly 80 organizations that advocates for compassionate alternatives to the legalization of assisted suicide. We need individuals like you to help ensure that real care is available throughout life's journey. To receive updates and action alerts on how you can support this critical effort register at [ethicalcaremn.org/joinus](http://ethicalcaremn.org/joinus)

## Ruby's Pantry

**Our Mission** - to activate people in being alert to the needs of others and to be proactive in encouraging faith, showing friendship and meeting tangible needs of neighbors, friends, and strangers regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity.

### What is Ruby's Pantry?

Ruby's Pantry is for anyone who is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. There is no income nor residency requirement. Each guest donates \$20 and receives an abundance of grocery items. Ruby's Pantry is not government funded; it is a 501c3. Donations are used to cover operational costs like trucking, gas, and warehouse staff. All food is donated by corporate food donors making it possible to reach more families each month at locations across MN & WI.

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

2703 9th Avenue NW, Rochester

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month**

9:00 am - Registration begins

9:00-10:30 am - Food bundles distributed

## Grief Support

Tuesday December 7

6:30--8:00 pm

Join us for a short presentation by Randy Stocker and then we will gather in small groups to get to know each other and to share our stories.

Topics to include:

- ♥ Grief Misconceptions
- ♥ Coping with grief during the Holidays
- ♥ How to help and understand someone who is grieving
- ♥ The seven intentions of mourning

**Note: Please bring a picture of your deceased loved one(s) to the meeting**

If you or a family member are grieving the loss of a loved one--please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Church of the Resurrection

1600 - 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

Rochester, MN 55904

## Diocese of Winona-Rochester

### Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call:

Victim Assistance Coordinator

507-454-2270, Extension 255

A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries.

The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org) under the Safe Environment Program.

If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact:

Mary Hamann 507-858-1244

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