



## Bulletin

January 16, 2022

# Pax Christi Catholic Community

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

### *A Note from Our Pastor*

This is the end of Ben Peter's two week residency in the parish. He will be back but I wanted to encourage your prayers for him and all our seminarians (especially parishioners Riley Becher and Nick Gawarecki). It has been a pleasure having him involved in so many areas of our parish life.

This week we began a series of adult ed and spiritual reflection based on Chris Stefani's book, The Search. We gave the book out last Christmas and finally have an opportunity to invite you to delve into it more deeply. We meet either Sunday or Wednesday evening for about an hour. Even if you missed the first week it is easy to catch up by watching the first video on line through our FORMED subscription. Please check the parish website and bulletin for more information.

Our readings this weekend center on the beautiful story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. It is the third of the three Epiphanies (or manifestations) of the Lord. While the marriage itself is not the main point of the story it is an appropriate time to reflect on the Church's teachings about marriage.

The Church teaches that we find the meaning of marriage in nature. That marriage derives its definition from the goals of marriage which are written in nature – the continuation of the human race through the procreation and raising of children as well as the mutual care of the spouses for each other. No other human relationship has these attributes. As one commentator put it, ". . . society has established marriage and given special privileges so that children can grow into responsible adults and members of society."

Marriage is also designed to support the couple in their mutual love for each other. It is within a committed relationship that spouses can truly open themselves in trust to the other and give totally of themselves. We read in the U.S Bishops' document *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*, "God established marriage so that man and woman could participate in his love and thus selflessly give themselves to each other in love. A man and a woman who by their act of consent are no longer two but one flesh (see Mt. 19:6ff) render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions."

In the final weeks of my mother's life we had to make the hard decision that she could not return home – and that was her fondest wish. Her care needs exceeded what we could provide and we were not able to find adequate home health care in our area. At 90, my dad could not continue to give mom the level of care that was demanded. As we discussed, and the tears flowed, my mother finally said, "If anything happened to him, I would never forgive myself. He's my everything." At the time I thought to myself – there is marriage that is truly a sacrament.

My parents' life was not an easy one. There were lots of ups and downs, triumphs and tragedies. Some of the things they experienced tore other couples apart. But because they opened themselves to the Lord as the center of their relationship, the grace they received on their wedding day continued to grow and bore beautiful fruit. That is my prayer for every couple whose marriage I witness. I love seeing the excitement and commitment the couple have for one another. Let us continue to pray for healthy, happy, holy marriages.

*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/PaxChristiChurch](http://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 & Exposition

Every Tuesday from  
4 am-11 pm in the Chapel  
*All are welcome any time!*

For the door code or to sign up for an hour:  
**adoration. Coordinator**  
**@gmail.com**

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*Pastor*



**Father Shawn Haremza**

# Parish Life



## SYNOD 2021 - 2023

Pope Francis has called for a Synod in 2023. He has asked his Bishops and the people of their Diocese to come together to discern where the Holy Spirit wishes to lead the Church in the third millennium. In order to do this, the Bishops have asked each parish to set up synod listening sessions to discern and answer some fundamental questions. Pax Christi will hold their synodal listening session on Sunday February 6. **Everyone** is welcome. The feedback from this listening session will be compiled and sent to our bishop at the end of February 2022 .

The Diocesan website <https://www.dowr.org/synod/index.html> has an introductory video by Father Will Thompson and great information. Watch the bulletin and parish website for more information to follow. Please prayerfully consider attending in February. The questions Pope Francis has asked us to consider are attached.

Mary Jane Jones  
Session Coordinator

## Landscapes of the Sacred

*“Living Faithfully on God’s Beloved Earth”*

The social justice committees of Holy Spirit and Pax Christi invite you to a morning of reflection on Saturday, **February 5**, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM by ZOOM.

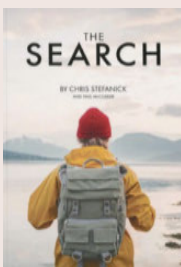
Our presenter will be Colleen Carpenter, PhD, a Professor of Theology at St Catherine’s University in St Paul, Mn.

She has written extensively on theology issues related to the Earth and our Christian relationship to the world around us.

For questions or to register, email [hspaxsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:hspaxsocialjustice@gmail.com).

## EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE

*The Search* explores life’s biggest questions, assists in finding or reigniting meaning and purpose, and strengthens one’s faith. While *The Search* is video based, it is not meant just to be watched . . . and it is certainly not meant to be watched alone.



**For seven weeks in January and February, Pax Christi will be hosting *The Search* Parties, video presentations and small group discussion.**

***Join our Search Party team. Discussion leaders, hospitality, and prayer intercessors are needed. Contact the parish office. (507) 282-8542.***

Watch all episodes and learn more!  
[www.paxchristichurch.org/the-search](http://www.paxchristichurch.org/the-search)

## Knights of Columbus Take Home Monthly Dinner

Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Pick up your pre-ordered meal by driving to the double glass doors between 3:30-6:45pm, cash or check only (change will not be given).

**On January 22nd we will be serving Chicken Alfredo and Spaghetti with Meatballs.**

*Dinner for 4 is also available for pick for \$15  
Please place your pick up order by 4pm on Jan. 17 at*

<https://paxchristi.flocknote.com/signup/78629>



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# Prayer & Liturgy

<i>Readings for the Week</i>		<i>Mass Intentions</i> † Deceased	
<b>Monday</b> January 17	1 Samuel 15:16-23 Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mark 2:18-22	<b>Monday</b> January 17	No Masses
<b>Tuesday</b> January 18	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mark 2:23-28	<b>Tuesday</b> January 18	9:00 am <b>Hue Nguyen †</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> January 19	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Psalm Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mark 3:1-6	<b>Wednesday</b> January 19	9:00 am <b>Larry Hoff †</b> 5:30 pm <b>Idalia Gutierrez †</b>
<b>Thursday</b> January 20	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mark 3:7-12	<b>Thursday</b> January 20	9:00 am <b>Patricia Sheehan †</b>
<b>Friday</b> January 21	1 Samuel 24:3-21 Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mark 3:13-19	<b>Friday</b> January 21	9:00 am <b>Sandy Gunderson L</b>
<b>Saturday</b> January 22	1 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7 Mark 3:20-21	<b>Saturday</b> January 22	5:15 pm <b>Nancy McAlpine</b>
<b>Sunday</b> January 23	Nehemiah 62:1-5 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	<b>Sunday</b> January 23	7:30 am <b>Pax Parishioners</b> 9:00 am <b>Brielle Le Vo L in Thanksgiving for her birth and for the well-being of her mother.</b> 10:45 am <b>Dr. Mevin Ndarusigiye †</b>



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

# Time, Talent & Treasure

## CALVARY CEMETERY OF ROCHESTER ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Calvary Cemetery of Rochester Annual Public Meeting will be held February 8, 2022 at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist fellowship area at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the current status and future planning of the cemetery. Calvary Cemetery provides a dignified, sacred in-ground or columbarium resting place for Rochester area families.

It is supported with business income, donations, and the generosity of Rochester Catholic parish members.

For your personal planning information or memorial donations contact Director Steve Flynn (507) 273-0140 or [calvarydirector@gmail.com](mailto:calvarydirector@gmail.com). The office is located at 1700 North Broadway Suite 154, Rochester, MN 55906. Calvary Cemetery is located at 500 11th Ave. NE, in Rochester.



In the Gospel this week, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

Envelopes are located in the gathering space on the back tables OR you can use a regular envelope and send it to Pax Christi and put St. Vincent de Paul on the outside.

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

## Rochester Catholic Schools



*Join Us for the RCS Winter Showcase  
of Schools and Apply by Feb. 4!*



Prospective families with rising preschool-grade 12 students are invited to the RCS Winter Showcase of Schools on Jan. 24, 25, and 27, where they'll have the chance to explore our five campuses!

Priority application deadline for the 2022-2023 school year is Feb. 4.

*Visit [rcsmn.org](http://rcsmn.org), or use this QR code to register for the showcase or apply!*



### Celebrate Catholic Schools Week With RCS Jan. 30-Feb5!

There's a lot to celebrate at Rochester Catholic Schools! Join us during National Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2022, as we rejoice together. To begin our celebration, families are invited to attend Mass at our RCS parishes on Jan. 30. School and system events will follow throughout the week, including the President's Reception on Feb. 4 where we will honor five members of the RCS community. Also watch for prize giveaways throughout the week! We look forward to celebrating our schools, faith, mission, and YOU - our community!

Learn more about Catholic Schools Week and RSVP for the President's Reception at [rcsmn.org/catholicsschoolsweek](http://rcsmn.org/catholicsschoolsweek).

### Showcase of Schools Jan. 24-27 & Priority Application Deadline for 2022-2023 Feb. 4

The RCS Winter Showcase of Schools is right around the corner! Prospective families with rising preschool-grade 12 students are invited to explore the five campuses and exceptional learning communities of RCS on January 24, 25, and 27 between 4:30-7:00 p.m. Priority application deadline for the 2022-2023 school year is Friday, Feb. 4. Tell your friends and family! Register for the showcase or apply for the fall of 2022 at [rcsmn.org/admissions](http://rcsmn.org/admissions).

# Catholic Community

## THE CALL

Save the date for our next co-ed silent retreat coming in February.

Please stay tuned to [www.rochestercatholicmn.org/silent-retreat](http://www.rochestercatholicmn.org/silent-retreat) for more information

CO-ED SILENT RETREAT | FEB. 25TH - FEB. 27TH

## St. James Coffee

### Events & Ministry Opportunities

Did you know St. James has been serving our community for over 8 years! They offer some great events as well as volunteer ministry opportunities.

*St. James is a great way to get involved in the greater community.*



Check out their website: <http://stjamescoffee.com>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Married Couples Retreat - "Merciful Love"

February 18-19

Couples will reflect on the importance of Divine Mercy in marriage, enjoy a wine and cheese social Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and the beautiful scenery of the Lanesboro countryside.

Register now:

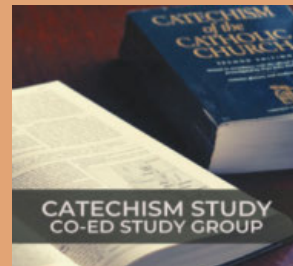
[www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/index.html](http://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/index.html)

Please note - lodging is not included, but Lanesboro is the Bed & Breakfast Capitol of MN.

*Sponsored by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester,*

## Co-ed Catechism Study

Join other young adults for a co-ed study on the Catechism of the Catholic Church every Tuesday night at St. James Coffee from 6:00-7:30 pm.



Contact Abby for more information: [abbyeslater@gmail.com](mailto:abbyeslater@gmail.com)

## ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES

Join us Sundays for a Rosary Rally for our country, conversion, and peace. These rallies continue to be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. SE and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE at 3 pm, lasting about 35 minutes.

Questions? *Janela Hubka*  
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