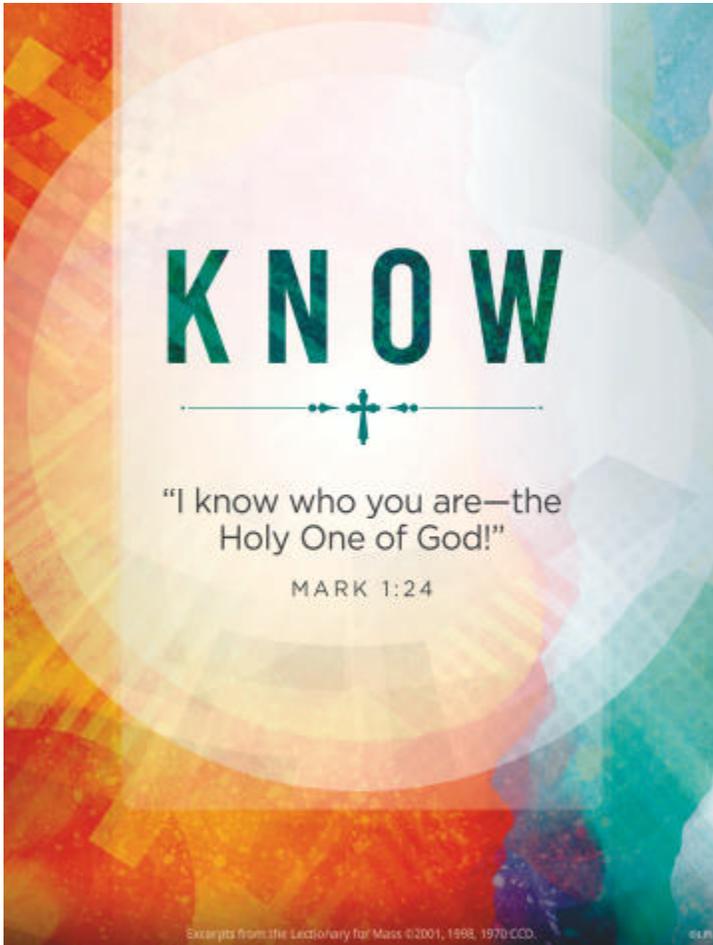




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We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to the 2020 Returning God's Gifts Annual Appeal! Thank you for your continued generosity to help fund the many important ministries and services in the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

As we wrap up our 2020 Appeal, we are at **93.11%** of our pledged goal and have collected **91.14%**!

Thank you for your incredible generosity!

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Pax Christi

as of January 20, 2021

Parish Goal:	\$140,404
Total Pledged:	\$130,604
% of Goal Pledged:	93.02%
Total Paid:	\$129,449
% of Goal Paid:	92.20%

For more information on these and other events, visit www.paxchristi.org

A Message from Father Andrzej

I need to share with you that our wonderful parish receptionist Joanne Lafond has accepted an exciting new position to work at her own parish closer to her home. Joanne has been the face of Pax Christi for the last eight years and an amazing welcoming presence in our office. There is no doubt that she will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the best in this new role.

Her last official day here was Friday, January 29th, but Joanne has graciously agreed to help out on Mondays for a few weeks as we begin to transition things, but she will begin her new job on the 2nd of February.

We have not posted the job yet as we are doing some strategic planning for the parish and wish to determine how we will distribute the various roles and assignments. However, if anyone is interested in joining our staff team, please contact the parish office.



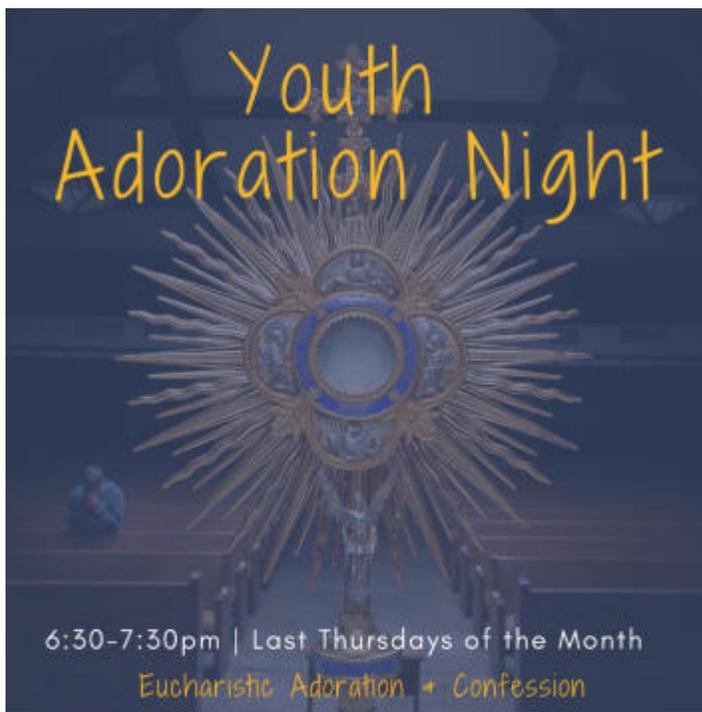
Stewardship Award for Graduating Seniors

The Knights are offering a 4-year scholarship of \$750 per year (\$3,000 total over 4 years) to a graduating high school senior registered as a member of Pax Christi Parish. The applicants shall be an active member in the church and/or community during the 2020/2021 school year. The Knights wish to encourage the Pax Christi Parish youth to find value and consolation in living a life of stewardship in the service of their neighbor throughout their lives.

Scholarship criteria and applications are available upon request by sending an email to alanb840@gmail.com or texting or calling Alan Brown at 720-560-3357.

The application schedule is as follows:

- Request for application and criteria ~ January through March.
- Email completed application to alanb840@gmail.com by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021.
- Email letters of recommendation to alanb840@gmail.com by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021.
- Judging ~ 4 weeks.
- Anticipated notice of award ~ May 28, 2021.
- Issuance of checks to past and present award winners ~ end of July 2021.



"The Eucharist is essential for us; it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."

-POPE FRANCIS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Is it a school with a parish, or is it a parish with a school? It is a question I always consider when people ask me about Catholic Schools Week, though you might look at that opening question and ask, "What?"

It is a good question, because our parish communities have a mandate from the Gospel to preach the good news. Moreover, that is exactly what a good Catholic school does. It is another one of the ministries of a parish: to educate well-rounded individuals in Gospel values, preparing those young individuals to take their eventual place in the larger secular community. All the educational efforts of the parish school are focused on the life of faith.

That faith is formed in knowledge of the teachings of the Church and of the Gospel, and those qualities are demonstrated through a life of service to the community.

A Catholic school is a community of faith, knowledge, and service, as a ministry of the parish community; and Catholic Schools Week provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on whether we have "a school with a parish, or a parish with a school," and make sure our parish school is living its mandate from the Church.



Open Enrollment for SKD

Open enrollment for St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School continues for incoming students in preschool, pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade.

Information to apply can be found on our website at <https://www.skdcatholicsschool.org/apply>. Please contact our School Director, Mandi Lupher, with questions or to schedule a tour at 303-720-0128 or mlupher@paxchristi.org.

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Catholic Schools Week Agenda

- Sunday, January 31:** Celebrate your Parish
*Students attend mass in uniform
Students hand out hand-made prayer cards to parish*
- Monday, February 1:** Celebrate our Community
*Shoe collection for Soles 4 Souls
Parish pantry donations & dress down day*
- Tuesday, February 2:** Celebrate our Students
Students will learn and celebrate each other's and their own virtues
- Wednesday, February 3:** Celebrate our Nation
Front line workers will be invited in and given a thank you gift
- Thursday, February 4:** Celebrate Vocations
*Presentation by religious sisters
Students will give Father Andrzej a gift of thanks for his dedication*
- Friday, February 5:** Celebrate Faculty, Staff and Volunteers
*Handmade gifts and cards to the office staff of Pax Christi
Faculty breakfast and gifts*
- Saturday February 6:** Celebrate Families
*Online thank you video
Thank you cards from the students for sending them to Catholic school*



The Love of Life



Love is not merely a feeling, but is rather the desire for the best possible good for those whom we love. Through our natural intelligence and through Divine Revelation we become aware of

the value of this most basic of all gifts which is life. Mere reason leads us to comprehend that it is better to be alive than never have had been in existence. The knowledge of the value of life that comes through revelation leads us to understand better this gift and to appreciate it: as a result, we worship and love more and more the Giver of this gift. This love is what moves us to protect the life of the unborn or any who might be unjustly treated. We are also led to protect women that might feel tempted or forced to commit abortion, as we know the devastating consequences that abortion will have in their lives. Last but not least we have to love, even if most of them seem to be utterly unlovable, the many perpetrators of abortion: medical personnel, and pro-abortion activists and politicians. We have to do everything that we can to convince them of their errors so that they repent and change their ways, both for their own benefit and for the benefit of society.

Excerpted from Spirit & Life, Monsignor Ignacio Barreiro-Carámbula, Interim President, Human Life International

For all those who have had or participated in abortion, that they may trust in the Father of mercies, who always welcomes His repentant children, **we pray to the Lord...**



Project Linus

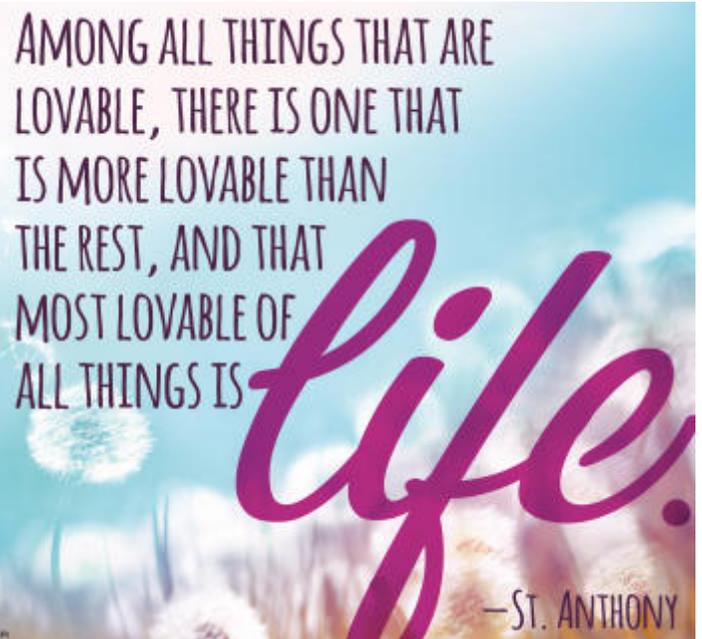
Project Linus, a Pax Christy ministry, has been very busy throughout this pandemic.

Since March 2020, we have delivered 644 blankets/quilts and 180 receiving blankets to family support organizations for children in need.

These organizations include:

- Alternatives Pregnancy Center
- Children's Hospital South Branch
- Life Network
- Mommies Closet
- Mount Saint Vincent
- Newborns In Need
- Special Kids Special Families

We can always use more help. Questions? Please call Darrel Ryan at 720-219-2913.





St. Valentine

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried

on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159

Saint Valentine, **pray for us!**

Baptismal Garments Ministry



Attention all those with creative talents! The Baptismal Garment Ministry is looking for new members to join our ministry. Members usually embroider about 5-10 times a year and each garment only takes about 30 - 60 minutes to stitch the names of the newly baptized children on them.

The Baptismal Garments Ministry started with the very first child baptized at Pax Christi in the early 1990's. This is a beautiful ministry, as it honors the children baptized into a new life in Christ in our community. The names of each of those baptized are added to the garment the child wears during their Baptism and, once it is full, the garment is framed and displayed in a special framed case. It's such a gift to be able to look at all the names of the little ones who have been baptized into our faith.

Each garment is hand-embroidered, with love and prayers, by members of our ministry team. These garments are picked up each week, after a Baptism, and stitched in the member's home. Even if you don't know how to embroider, we have tutorial instructions that can be followed to learn how to do the stitching. The time associated with this ministry is dependent on the number of Baptisms we have at Pax Christi and the number of members in the ministry.

Thanks for your consideration to join. Please contact Kathy Martz at kmartz01@comcast.net or 303-229-2028 with questions or if you are interested in this ministry.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Everyday Moments

When I was a child, I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the Holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard in those days was along the lines of "We need to be as good as we are able." Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently, and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days, and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the Holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see true love knows no bounds. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday February 1

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Tuesday February 2

9:45a-12:00p The Search
1:00p-3:00p Prayer Shawl

Wednesday February 3

6:45p-8:45p MS Youth Group
7:00p-8:30p Marriage Ministry

Thursday February 4

6:30p-7:30p Adoration/ Confession
6:30p-8:00p Ignatian Spiritual Exercises
6:30p-8:30p HS Youth Group

Friday February 5

10:00a-12:00p Pantry

Saturday February 6

9:00a-3:00p RCIA/RCIC Retreat

Sunday February 7

1:00p-2:15p Religious Ed B1



COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Link your King Soopers (KS) loyalty card to Pax Christi. Use the loyalty card each time you shop at any KS to get savings and support Pax Christi. Most items in your shopping cart qualify, but not all. If you don't have a loyalty card, visit the customer service desk at any KS.

If you have a loyalty card, go to <http://kingsoopers.com>. Sign into your KS account under "My Account." Select "Community Rewards." Search for Pax Christi in the "Find an Organization" field. Click "Enroll." You're done.

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Sat.: 5:00pm

Sun.: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tue. - Fri.: 8:30 - 8:50am

Thu.: 6:30 - 7:30pm

or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu.:

9:00am - Noon and 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Fri.: 9:00am - Noon

Parish Office: 303-799-1036

Fax: 303-799-1072

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Thu.: 6:30-7:30pm

First Friday: 9:30-10:30am

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MASS INTENTIONS

1/30	5:00p	Christine Caraglio Balcerzak (d)	2/6	5:00p	John Mockus (d)
1/31	8:30a	Deacon Tom Sandusky	2/7	8:30a	Leonard Sigurdson (d)
1/31	10:30a	Mass for Pax Christi Parishioners	2/7	10:30a	Louis and Jane Brogno (d)
1/31	5:00p	Matt Roth (d)	2/7	5:00p	Mass for Pax Christi Parishioners
2/2	9:00a	Sean D. Allen	2/9	9:00a	Ian Christopher Allen
2/3	9:00a	For the 4 Deceased Chaplains Aboard the USAT Dorchester Who Gave Their lives on 2/3/1943	2/10	9:00a	Lorraine Louither (d)
2/4	9:00a	Vivienne Dauro	2/11	9:00a	Donald Trump
2/5	9:00a	Kurt Gamache (d)	2/12	9:00a	Jasmine Kellogg (d)

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