Pax Christi Catholic Community

Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 2021
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MASS SCHEDULE
Tue. - Fri.: 9:00am
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

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION
Thu.: 6:30-7:30pm
First Friday: 9:30-10:30am

ADORATION CHAPEL
Thu.: 6:30-7:30pm
First Friday: 9:30-10:30am

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
5:00p | Leonard Sigurdson (d)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:30a | Leonard Sigurdson (d)
10:30a | Pax Christi Parishioners
5:00p | Matthew Roth (d)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
9:00a | Oscar Sandoval

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
9:00a | Shannon Rees

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
9:00a | Steven Neher (d)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
9:00a | Mama Costens (d)

NORTHERN DEANERY LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

This week!

Pax Christi	Thursday, February 25th, 6:30pm
Ave Maria	Thursday, March 4th, 6:30pm
St. Francis of Assisi	Thursday, March 11th, 6:30pm*
Our Lady of the Visitation	Thursday, March 18th, 6:30pm*
St. Mark	Thursday, March 25th, 6:30pm

***Please note:** *on March 11th and March 18th, Pax Christi will only have Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will NOT be available that evening as Fr. Andrzej will be hearing confessions at St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Visitation.*

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

Respect Life APOSTOLATE
Diocese of Colorado Springs

"Life is always a good. … Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34)

From February 17th to March 28th, our community will take part in ***40 Days for Life*** … a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

In 2004 the ***40 Days For Life*** movement began with four people, who got together to pray about ways to counter the growing number of abortions taking place five years after Planned Parenthood opened a facility in College Station, Texas. No other event has so strongly influenced the Culture of Life in such a positive way.

Shawn Carney, his wife Marilissa, David Bereit and one of David's staff, a girl named Emily prayed intently for an hour asking for God's

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That all may reject the temptation to "be like gods" who have mastery over human life, and instead may accept and reverence life as a supreme gift of the Creator, *we pray to the Lord…*

HAITI PAX CHRISTI MISSION BEGINS

Sometimes it's easy to become comfortable within our own four walls, and we forget about just how blessed we are to live in this time and place.

Maybe that's what Pope Francis referred to when he said "Pastoral conversion requires us to shift our gaze from ourselves to the world in need around us, from those closest to us to those furthest away."

This Lent, we have a unique opportunity to follow the guidance of Pope Francis together as a parish community by participating in the Pax Christi Haiti mission. Each year, our Lenten Cup Contributions help our brothers and sisters in Haiti with necessary infrastructure and facility improvements. From new parish roofs, to pews, to altars and ambos, your donations make a direct impact on the lives of the villagers who worship in these far away places.

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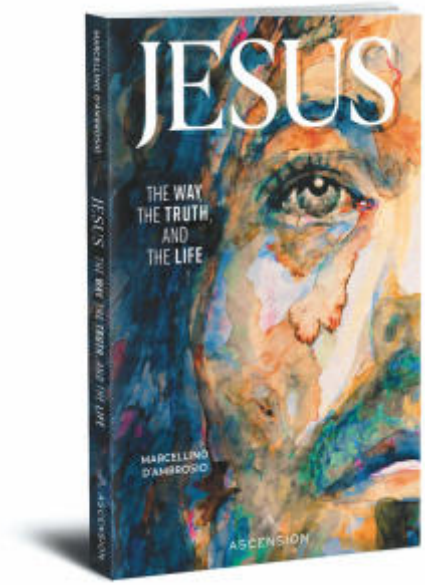

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE BEGINS MARCH 23

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 5

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a 10-week video study program and book. Anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

Presented by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Dr. Edward Sri, this study was filmed in the Holy Land so Catholics can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught—the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land—and see where the most

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40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

BENEFITING ST. ELIZABETH'S PANTRY AND DENVER RESCUE MISSION

The Pax Christi Knights of Columbus Council 10937 is coordinating this year's 40 Cans for Lent program, a simple way for all parishioners to help feed the hungry. This year, all food and monetary donations will benefit St. Elizabeth's Pantry and the Denver Rescue Mission.

How To Help: Collect canned or boxed food items during Lent and drop the cans by the collection bins near the front door, or on the main collection day on Saturday March 27 from 7:30 - 9:30 am.

For more information, please visit our website at: **paxchristi.org/home/calendar-events/**

THIS WEEK @ PAX:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
11:30a | Respect Life Mtg, Gt Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
9:45a | The Search, Gt Hall
6:30p | Catechist Mtg, Rm 1
7:00p | PaxMoms Night Out

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6:30p | Youth Confirmation Mtg, Yth Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
5:30p | The Search, Gt Hall
6:30p | Parish Reconciliation Svc, Church
6:30p | Ignatian Spirituality, Gt Hall
6:30p | HS & MS Youth Group, Yth Rm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
10:00a | Hispanic Growing in Faith, Rm 1
10:00a | St. Elizabeth's Pantry, Gt Hall
6:30p | Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:00a | Point Men, Gt Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
9:30a | KofC Breakfast Burritos, Gt Hall

Text Marcela at 720.739.1519 with questions, to RSVP & for addresses!

...***Haiti Mission*** *continued from page 3*

In addition to building projects, we also sponsor students. For only $180 a year, you could provide books, tuition, a uniform, and a daily meal to a student at St. Joseph's School run by the Salesian Sisters.

Please consider participating in this powerful ministry, and pray for our Haitian brothers and sisters. For more information, contact Kanna McGuire at kannamcguire@gmail.com or visit our table this weekend in the Great Hall.

...***Respect Life Take a Stand*** *continued from page 2*

direction and the wisdom, courage and fortitude to carry out a plan to counter Planned Parenthood. This was the beginning of ***40 Days For Life***, the movement that has spread from that small town in Texas to worldwide campaigns designed to save lives of innocent children in their mother's wombs. Since that night 18,012 lives have been saved, 211 abortion workers have quit, 107 abortion facilities have closed and more than 1,000,000 people have stood up and spoke out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

We as Catholics know the importance of establishing a Culture of Life. Each and every one of us must take a stand for life. Please think about an active participation in this spring's ***40 Days For Life*** campaign.

Next Carryout Fish Taco Dinner

MARCH 12; 6:45-7:15 P.M.

Donations accepted; net proceeds will fund our donations to the Seminarians and future Sister mentioned below!

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS WITH CARRYOUT BREAKFAST BURRITOS

SUNDAY FEB 28 AFTER AM MASSES

With the support of the parish, the Knights are re-starting breakfast burritos. All Knights who prepare the burritos will be screened according to COVID procedures.

Funds generated will be used to support our three Seminarians and one future Sister. The total yearly amount to support our Seminarians and future Sister is $2,000 ($500 each) from the Council.

The name of our Seminarians and future Sister are

- Will Dwayer
- Matthew Kane
- Kolbe Kirst
- Katie Logan - Holy Apostles Parish

Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus – Rev. Robert F. Houlihan S. J. Council 10937

...***Jesus The Way The Truth and The Life*** *continued from page 3*

significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension.

This study shows, in a simple way, how Jesus, the Incarnate God, is both fully divine and fully human—his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his extraordinary influence on his disciples, his followers, and even his enemies.

Most importantly, this encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life in him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

Jesus The Way, The Truth & the Life Begins Tuesday, March 23rd

Sessions meet weekly for 10 weeks:

9:45am-11:45am in the Great Hall

Cost: $35

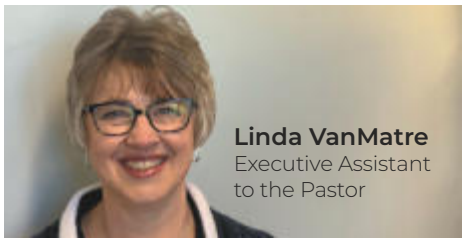
To register, please email:

rdaugherty@paxchristi.org

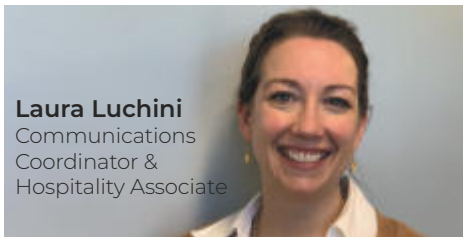
Deadline to register: March 5th

NEW STAFF

Here are the two new faces you may see around the office.



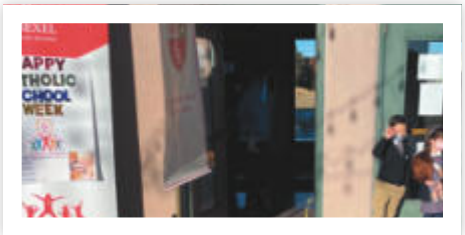
As Father's assistant, Linda will manage his schedule, assist with communication, serve as liaison to the ministry leaders, and be the point of contact for people who are trying to reach Father or schedule a meeting so that he may devote more time to his work as pastor and leader of this community.



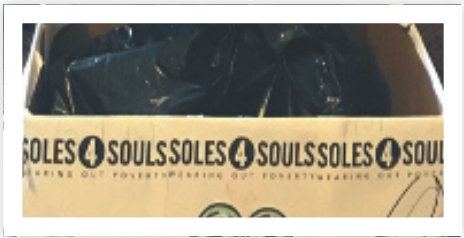
Laura will produce all of our bulletins, parish emails, and electronic displays. She will also work with our webmaster on changes and updates to the website and will staff the front desk. Because she will be working part-time, we will continue to rely on the gracious assistance of volunteers at the front desk for some hours and days of the week. Let us know if you'd like to help out!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

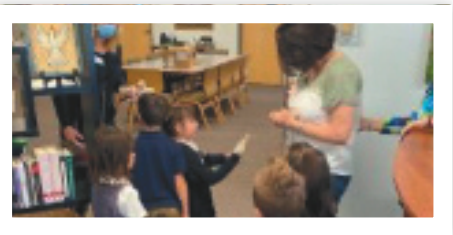
During Catholic Schools Week we had much to celebrate: our parish, our community, our students, our nation, and vocations. And we did it all while living out our motto, "Serve Dei Et Bonum."



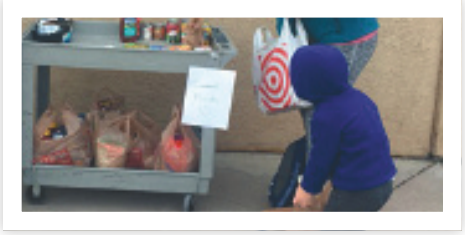
We welcomed parishioners to mass



We collected 162 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls

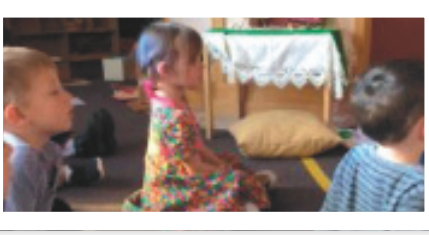


We painted a cross for the office



We donated to the parish food pantry

Sister Linda taught us about vocations



We prayed the rosary for our parishioners

& a lot more!

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COLOR THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

PRAYER

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

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