MASS and SERVICE TIMES:

Weekends
Saturdays at 5:15 pm
Sundays at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am

Weekdays
Mon, Tues, Thu. & Friday
at 9:00 am
Wed. at 7:00 am

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm or by appointment.

NEWCOMERS

Please register in the Hospitality Room after Mass at Church, or at the parish office.

NOVEMBER 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

C h u r c h o f

Pax Christi Catholic Church

A Eucharistic Community United to Continue the Mission and Message of Jesus

We invite and welcome all people to learn and grow with us in Living the Good News Through Stewardship of God's Gifts - Love Manifested in Service - Peace Achieved through Justice

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Let Justice Roll Down This Advent

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at the end time, and to prepare for the celebration of the Eternal Word become human in the Virgin Mary and of His continued presence through the Resurrection.

I prepare through the experience of human longing. And I long for justice because I see so much lack of justice.

The need for justice is given to every person. A child shows this when she cries, "it's not fair!" Nobody had to teach her that. This need for justice is so innate that there must some way to complete or fulfill this justice. But I often stop short and try to do justice by myself.

The seeking of heads to roll is called justice in the Penn State U. Football program scandal of pedophilia. But does firing people meet the needs of justice for those horribly affected boys of age 10 or so? No, it does not! It is seriously incomplete and the evidence: It creates more victims.

How does a follower of Christ let justice roll down?

Pope Benedict XVI spoke with a small groups of people who were victimized by Catholic priests. He did this in at least three different continents, including the U.S. The results were remarkable because victims received his regenerating gaze of love. They felt received and embraced, which started a healing reconciliation in them. This is what the Presence does.

This was a true step of justice by one who follows Jesus without reservation. That complete justice cannot come from human effort by itself, because without God, man is violent and creates more victims. The powers that be want more victims but the Holy Father is not listening to them but to the Christ he follows.

So our longing as a preparation is not only passive. The just person prepares in Advent by humble and earnest asking to be shown opportunities for just living, remembering not to create more victims, but ready to be with those so unjustly treated. That is what Jesus wants to do though you. Let justice roll down this Advent.

Happy Advent,
Father Joe Keefe

(If there are any comments or questions, you can reach me by email at father.keefe@gmail.com.)

Pax Christi News * Events

PAX CHRISTI BAPTISMS

We welcome the newest members to the Pax Christi Faith Family through the **Holy Waters of Baptism**

Kendra Marie Beckman
Daughter of Shane and Paige
Baptized Sunday, November 27, 2011

Congratulations and Welcome!

Children's Choir for Christmas

Once again this year there will be a Children's Choir that will sing at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas eve. If you have a child in kindergarten through 6th grade that would like to participate in this choir, we welcome them to join us. Rehearsals will take place on the following Mondays from 5:45-6:30 pm Dec. 5, 12, & 19. Please contact Joe Kelley at liturgist@paxchristichurch.org or 226-0396 to sign up.

Nativity Program

All 1-5 graders in the parish are invited to join us on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm to help tell the story of the birth of Jesus. This child-friendly Nativity program requires minimal rehearsals, no memorization, and very basic costumes. Children that play piano at any level, from "Chopsticks" to Mozart, are encouraged to accompany our voices. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, Dec. 6. If you have any costumes or pieces of costumes (shepherds, angels, wise men, Mary, or Joseph) hiding in a closet or if you are willing to make some that you would like to donate, we would also love to have them! Contact Joyce at the parish office for more info.

Men's Club Meeting for December

The Pax Christi Men's Club invites all members, their spouses and/or friends to come to the Men's Club Dec. 6 meeting. Pizza and refreshments served at 6:30 pm. The Lourdes Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will put on a Christmas Concert in the Church Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to the Concert. A Free will offering will be collected to give to the Lourdes Jazz Band and Vocal Ensemble.

Sweet Susie's Cookie Exchange at Pax Christi

Join us from 8:00 am-5:00 pm on Dec. 10 in the Pax Christi Center Space for Sweet Susie's Cookie Exchange. More than 100 friends of Sue Huey have baked their favorite Christmas cookies in memory of Sue's great love for baking for the holiday season. Proceeds will benefit a student or program at Lourdes High School in Sue's name. We welcome you to fill a bakery box with every kind of cookie imaginable for all your Christmas cookie trays. Cookies will be sold for $5 a dozen. Contact Nancy Stuart at 285-1275 for more info.

Dove's Book Club Meeting

The Dove's Book Club will meet Tuesday Dec 13 at 7:00 pm in Room 2. "In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash" by Jean Shepherd will be discussed. All are welcome!

Youth Group

Visit Youth Website
www.paxchristiyouth.org

Pax Christi Youth Ministry: **www.paxchristiyouth.org. There is information on dates, volunteer opportunities, programs, permission forms and a calendar.**

PROOF: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Youth Center. Bring your Angel Tree donation (suggested donation of $10). We have been blessed with 15 Angel Tree Children. Our goal is to collect $600. We're currently at $186.

Youth Caroling: **Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00 pm, Youth Center (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE). Join us for a special evening of Christmas Caroling to our parishioners and senior housing residents. The bus loads at 6pm and will depart at 6:15 pm. We will return to the Youth Center around 8:00 pm for holiday treats. Space is limited. Register early! Registration forms due Dec. 2. Cost: a plate of cookies to share. Parents are welcome to join us, please sign-up in advance.**

Angel Tree Sign Up: High School students can sign-up to host the Angel Tree party on Dec. 2. Limited space available. Sign-up in advance.

Joy Through Communal Reconciliation: **Forgiveness brings healing and joy to the heart. Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm in the church for an opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus Christ. Families are invited. No Open ROCK that evening.**

2nd Friday: 2nd Friday (6th-12th graders) is Dec. 9. Come celebrate St. Nicholas & Christmas w/games, food, and more! Cost is only $5, no registration necessary (bring $5 on Dec. 9). Friends are always welcome! A dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies are optional. Contact Zach for more information.

High School Work Camp (current 8th-12th graders): **Registration deadline is DECEMBER 15! Please download the work camp packet by visiting our website in order to find all the registration information. Packets are also available in the Youth Center or by contacting Zach.**

One Heart One Mind: 4 Events. 3 More Catholic Social Teachings. 2 Youth Leaders. 1 Community. $0 fee. Experience Priceless. Our next intergenerational event is Sunday, Dec. 11 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Participate in a hunger banquet and learn more about the Catholic Social Teachings. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please contact us at alicia.karls@charter.net or kathrsherman@gmail.com.

Advent Candle Bearers for Advent

We are in need of people to carry in the Advent candles during procession at all the Masses during Advent. Please contact Joe Kelley if you would be willing to help with this ministry at liturgist@paxchristichurch.org or by phone 226-0396.

Women's Advent Retreat on Dec. 3

The Women's Advent Retreat will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at Pax Christi. This year's retreat, titled "Let it Be—Waiting in Joyful Hope with Mary for the Coming of Our Savior," will be presented by Terese Horlocker. The retreat begins with Mass at 9:00 am in the church followed by a light breakfast in the Center Space, then the presentation. For more information, contact Pauline Varley at 289-4430.

Raising Prayers for Students

Operation Intercession is a prayer movement in Olmsted County. Our goal is to raise up 4,000 prayer partners to lift the needs of our 20,000 public, private and home schooled students before God. Each prayer partner is given the first names of five grade school, middle school or high school students, and asked to commit themselves to praying for these students for one year. Only the first names are given for privacy reasons. We have prayer guides available so that the prayer partners have 31 days worth of prayers with each guide geared towards the age of the student. There are also guides for teachers and parents. Imagine what would happen if all 20,000 students were prayed for by name. For more information, visit www.operationintercessionmn.com.

Young Adult Ministry Mass and Meeting

Pax Christi and the Diocese of Winona will host a gathering of young adults on the evening of Dec. 8 beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm and continuing with a discussion about developing a community of young adults here at Pax and around the Diocese. All young adults are invited. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you. Contact Zach for more info at zach.rawson@paxchristichurch.org.

Thanks For Musical Fundraiser

Thank you Joe Kelley & Friends, and all people that came to the Dinner & Concert. The whole evening was wonderful! All of us young people really appreciate the support.

First Sunday Rosary With Knights

Please join the Pax Christi Knights of Columbus for the First Saturday of the Month Rosary next Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8:30 am in the Adoration Chapel. As we prepare for Christ, let us as his Holy Mother to intercede for us. All are welcome.

Knights Christmas Cards On Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards this weekend and each weekend through the second weekend in December after all the Masses as part of their keep Christ in Christmas campaign. So come pick up some cards to send to your loved ones, and support the Knights and Christ.

Thanks For Successful Shower!

A huge Thank You to everyone who made the Women's Shelter Shower such a tremendous success! Thank you to the workers, the featured speakers, and all who donated items and/or attended the Shower. It was inspiring to see the mountain of pillows, soft blankets, sheets, towels, and extras that our Pax people donated to women and children in need. Thank you!

This Week At Pax Christi

Sunday, Nov. 27 Mass Times: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am
9:00 & 10:45 am — Sunday School, Classrooms
4:30 pm — Communion & Liberation, Library
Monday, November 28
9:00 am — Moms In Touch, Nursery
9:30 am — Monday Morning Bible Study, Library
9:30 am — CGS Level 1, Atrium
4:45 pm — Kingdom Kids, Classrooms
6:00 pm — CGS Level 1, Atrium
6:30 pm — Kingdom Kids, Classrooms
7:00 pm — Encounters With Mary, Church
Tuesday, November 29
8:00 am — PossAbilities, Center Space
7:30 pm — Al-Anon Meeting, Library
Wednesday, November 30
6:00 am — Bible Study, Staff Round Table
6:00 pm — CGS Levels 1, 2 & 3; Atrium, Old Rock, Classes
6:30 pm — PROOF, Youth Center
Thursday, December 1
7:00 pm — Boy Scout Leaders Meeting, Dining Hall, Room 2
7:00 pm — Social Justice Meeting, Library
Friday, December 2
9:00 am — Paula Bruss Christum home School, Dining Hall
10:30 am — Mom's In Touch, Library
Saturday, December 3 Mass Time: 5:15 pm
8:30 am — First Saturday Rosary, Adoration Chapel
9:00 am — Pax Women's Advent Retreat, Church

Fundraiser for Rosary and Shawl Ministries

Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 before and after Masses, there will be Trinity Cross fundraiser for the Rosary Makers & Prayer Shawl ministries. Each ministry would like the opportunity to raise funds for expenses and let parishioners know about their ministries. Last year, 4,000 rosaries were shipped all over the world. Contact Kathleen Froh 289-1229.

Military Care Packages

The elementary youth of our parish are collecting items and writing letters to be sent to service members from our parish. If you would like to help with this Advent service project, please bring items to the box located by our military wall in the gathering space by Dec. 11. Cash or check donations are also welcome to defray postage costs. There are many websites that list items needed, but popular items are: Slim Jim/beef jerky, coffee, instant drink mixes (Kool-aid, Gatorade, Crystal Light), pumpkin or sunflower seeds, tuna in pouches (no cans), protein powders and bars, Cliff bars, hard candy, travel size baby wipes and hand sanitizer, batteries (AA, AAA, C & 9 volt) DVD movies—new or used, (but recent releases only, please)—Xbox or PSP, PS2 or PS3 games—new or used—magazines, sudoku, word finds, crossword puzzles. If you have a family member in the Armed Forces that you would like a care package sent to, please send updated mailing information to: militairy@paxchristichurch.org

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Openings for Adoration at Pax
Tuesday-Thursday, 4 am to 11 pm in the Chapel
Share your Stewardship of Time in Prayer
Adorers still needed at these times:
Tue.: 9 am, 11 am, noon, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm
Wed.: 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 3 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm
Thu.: 4 am, 7 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, 4 pm
Hourly coordinators also needed at Midnight, 5 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm.
Call Karin Charron at 282-3754 to sign up and for door code.

Encounters With Mary for November

In November, Encounters with Mary will reflect on the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00 pm on Nov. 28 in the Sanctuary. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (as it is known in the Roman Catholic Church), or The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple (its name in the Eastern and Orthodox Churches), is universally celebrated Nov. 21. Within the Roman Catholic Church, on the day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate that dedication which Mary herself made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception. Mary presented herself to God as the Handmaid of the Lord. In the Temple, in prayer, silence and concealment, she did not merely wait for the Birth of Jesus, but actively prepared for His coming.

Longtime DOW Priest's Memoir Available

Fr. Paul Nelson, after 50 years as a priest in the Diocese of Winona, has published his memoirs, recounting the stories of serving in Austin for 20 years, Winona for 19 years, Owatonna for two years, Mankato for one year, and Rochester for more than eight years. The book can be purchased for $14.95 at www.amazon.com or at www.createspace.com/3663328 or at the St. Pius X Rectory here in Rochester. You may also call Fr. Nelson at 252-1063 or 250-6644. This memoir would make a great gift!

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PAX CHRISTI MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26
5:15 pm Frank † and Evelyn † Eaton
Sunday, November 27
7:30 am Brian Shandley †
9:00 am Deceased family members of Tom and Mary Schimek †
10:45 am Frank Durben †
Monday, November 21
9:00 am George Williams †
Tuesday, November 22
9:00 am Valentine Karels †
Wednesday, November 23
7:00 am Frank Malcer †
Thursday, November 24
9:00 am Florence Lutter †
Friday, November 25
9:00 am Florence Lutter †
Saturday, November 26
5:15 pm Arthur Colvin †
Sunday, November 27
7:30 am Grace Weber †
9:00 am James Robert
10:45 am Diane Durben Peterson †

Please contact the parish officed to arrange for Mass intentions.