



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.



DECEMBER 25, 2011

Christmas Day

C h u r c h o f

Pax Christi Catholic Church

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

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Beginning New With Advent

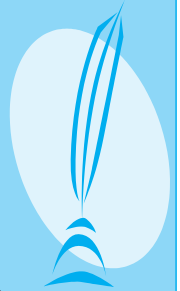
Dear people of Pax Christi and Sts. Peter and Paul,

Advent and Christmas always come to us at the close of the calendar year. We have anticipated the coming of Jesus with joy, but as soon as we celebrate his arrival we begin to prepare for closure to the old year. As much as I'd like us to maintain the "high" of Jesus in our midst, we transition quickly to the New Year with renewed efforts to improve our lives and the lives of those we love. The Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1 is almost an afterthought in the nostalgia of the old year and the expectations of the new year.

I feel that Advent should never end, and that Advent should be a life process of awaiting the goodness of God in our lives. When I asked a second grader at Holy Spirit School this week if he was excited about Christmas, he said, "I wish we could just skip this next two weeks and be at Christmas already." Let us not bypass the moments to love and be loved that God gives us. Let us not regret any failure of sharing God's gifts when the year is over, or our lives have ended. If we remain always in the "advent" of our lives, we will be good stewards of the blessings that are and have been ours.

In the passed six months since Fr. Pratap's and my arrival at Pax Christi and Sts. Peter and Paul's parish, I have found myself both retrospective and anticipatory. I speak for both of us as I thank you for your kindness to us: for your warmth in welcoming us and including us in every aspect of parish life, for supporting and helping us to be ministers with you in building God's Kingdom, and for accepting us in our humanness. We love our priesthood. We love to preach and celebrate with you. And we look forward to the advent of serving and loving you in the years ahead. Thank you for loving us.

— Fr. Joe and Fr. Pratap





Catholic – Intergenerational Opportunity

Is life moving too fast? Do you feel like you're always trying to catch up? You may be living with a nasty case of Adultitis. Take a break with author and cartoonist Jason Kotecki. Jason will share strategies from childhood to help keep our Adultitis at bay. This family friendly event will inspire you to rekindle your childlike faith and to live a more fun and fulfilling life. Please join us at Pax Christi on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 4:30 pm for a meal and 5:30 pm to hear this awesome and inspiring message. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend—that means singles, families, couples, everyone! In the meantime, read more about Jason and his ministry at www.KimandJason.com.



No Donut Sunday for January

Donut Sunday is normally on the first Sunday of each month. Since New Years Day is also the first Sunday of January there will not be Donut Sunday. Donut Sunday will resume in February.

Do You Search on the Web? Try GoodSearch.com

We invite you to try "GoodSearch.com" powered by Yahoo as your search engine. Just choose "Pax Christi Church in Rochester" as your charity and every time you search we earn about a penny. It may not sound like much, but if every parishioner used the site five times a day. With 1,500 parishioners, we could raise \$75 a day! GoodSearch also has an option to shop through their site with a percentage given back to us. Just log onto GoodSearch and link to your favorite store through their site. It's easy, safe and secure!

End of Year Donations

With the end of the tax year upon us, now is the time to catch up on charitable donations. To get credit for 2011, contributions to Pax Christi must be received in the office by noon on Dec. 30. All contributions received after that date must be considered 2012 donations. If you are considering a gift of stock, and it has appreciated in value, you benefit in two ways: there is no capital gains tax and you get the value of the stock as a deduction. If you sell stock which has declined in value, you may claim the loss on your tax return. You can donate the cash from the sale of the stock and have a deduction on your tax return for the amount of your gift. You may wish to consult with your stock broker. If you donate shares of stock to Pax Christi, please contact Carol deLongpre, the parish bookkeeper at 282-8542.

Men's Club Meeting for January

Pax Christ Men's Club will be meeting Tuesday, January the 3rd. Our Program will be Tom Ostrom. He will be talking about the United States Coast Guard from WWI to the Present time. Pizza and Refreshments will be served at 6:30 and Tom will present his program at 7:00. All men of Pax are Welcomed. We hope to see you there.

Pax Christi Youth Ministry Website: Calendar, Permission Forms and much more at www.paxchristiyouth.org.

Give to Youth Ministry: Consider sharing your time, prayer or resources to Youth Ministry.

Youth Ministry Blog: Read about what's been going on in Youth Ministry at paxchristiyouth.blogspot.com.

Contact Us at youth@paxchristiyouth.org or find us on Facebook at "Pax Christi Youth."

PROOF: No PROOF on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

High School Work Camp (8th-12th graders) registration deadline is Jan. 18. 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.

Open Gym Basketball (6-12th grade) is Sunday, Jan. 8 from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Youth Center. Liability waivers can be found on the youth website. Friends are welcome!



Middle School Lock-in 2012 will again be at Pax Christi in the Youth Center on Jan. 28 from 6:30 pm-12:30 am. It is open to any student currently in grades 5-8. Registration information will be available soon.

2nd Friday (6th-12th graders) in January is on the 13th. We are going snow tubing at Ironwood Springs. Meet in the Youth Center at 5:30 pm. All middle-high school students are invited. Bring a friend! Cost is \$20, please turn money and a permission form in by Jan. 11. Forms can be found on our website or at the Youth Center.

12fifteen (11-12th graders) Sunday, Jan. 8 (note this is the second Sunday NOT the first Sunday of the month). Meet in the Youth Center right after the 10:45 am Mass for Food, our DVD series "Does God Exist?" and discussion.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. Middle School students are welcome to come. There's a onetime cost of \$30.

Nativity Program Thank You

Thank you to those that helped tell the story of the birth of Jesus at our annual program on Sunday Dec. 18. From the musicians and cookie social and all the help with rehearsals and costumes, everything went off without a hitch. A special thank you to our children of Pax Christi for sharing their gift of time and talent. It was a special evening of reflection on the birth of our Saviour.

Thank You from Students and Staff at Holy Spirit

The students and staff at Holy Spirit School would like to wish everyone a Spirit-filled Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Thank You

Elder Network Looking for Volunteers

Men and women are needed as volunteers for four Elder Network programs. Peer Support volunteers are people 55 years or better who undergo training to make weekly home visits to support older adults through the changes, adjustments and stresses that accompany later life. Transportation volunteers help seniors who cannot drive make it to their medical appointments. Transportation volunteers can control the amount of time they participate in the program. Friendly Visitor volunteers generally spend one or two hours a week visiting with a senior who has limited social contacts and is often eager for someone to talk to or to listen to. Respite Care volunteers provide companionship to an elderly person, allowing that person's caregiver time to attend a support group, grocery shop, relax, run needed errands, or just take a break from the duties of care giving. Volunteers are especially needed in Stewartville and Eyota as well as Rochester. For more information or to volunteer for one of these necessary programs, call Elder Network at 285-5272.

Notice: Calvary Cemetery Board Annual Meeting

The Calvary Cemetery Board will hold its annual public meeting on Friday, Jan. 6 at 2:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church Conference Room. All are invited to attend. Come learn about the cemetery expansion plans, meet the board members and ask any pertinent questions.

The Call To Be Catholic Speakers Series

Dr. Peter Kreeft will speak on "Determining What's Right and Wrong: Certainty of Opinion?" at Sacred Heart Church in Owatonna on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 3:00 pm.

The choices and issues faced by individuals are often complex and always seem to involve compromises between conflicting values. Can we tell what choices really are good, true, and loving in such situations? The values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church at times seem out of sync with lived experience.



Is it truly possible to define right and wrong in this day and age? Dr. Kreeft is a philosophy professor at Boston College and at the King's College (Empire State Building) in New York City. He has written over 67 books on a wide array of subjects. No charge, but a free will offering is suggested. For more information, call 507-451-1588 or 507-444-0941.

Senior Party Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars! The LHS Senior Class invites you to attend a delicious Spaghetti Dinner at the St. Pius X School Cafeteria on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 5:00-7:30 pm. Victoria's Restaurant has graciously agreed to cater this event. It is a great evening of fellowship and food from "Rochester's Best Italian Restaurant." Proceeds support the Lourdes High School Senior Graduation Party, which provides a safe and memorable evening for our new LHS grads on graduation night. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Children ages 4 and under are free. We hope you will join us for this fun and special annual tradition!



This Week At Pax Christi

Sunday, December 25 Mass Times: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:45 am
Merry Christmas, From Pax Christi

Monday, December 26

9:00 am — Moms In Touch, Nursery
9:30 am — Monday Morning Bible Study, Library

Tuesday, December 27

6:00 pm — St. Vincent de Paul, Room 5 & 7
7:00 pm — Knights of Columbus Officers, Room 8
7:00 pm — Shawl Ministry, Staff Roundtable
7:30 pm — Al-Anon Meeting, Library

Wednesday, December 28

6:00 am — Bible Study, Staff Round Table

Thursday, December 29

No Events Scheduled

Friday, December 30

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, December 31 Mass Time: 5:15 pm

No Events Scheduled

Volunteer Help Needed for Fr. Keefe

Volunteers are being asked to help in cleaning Fr. Joe Keefe's lower level apartment once a week. We'd like anywhere from four to eight volunteers. His apartment is located in the lower level of Mark Scheitel's home, which is at 5840 Summit Lane NE in Rochester. The cleaning job should take two hours a week. Depending on how many volunteers; you'd be scheduled once a month or once every 2 months. If you are interested, please call Peg Delano at 529-1118.

Keeping In Touch With Fr. Keefe

For those who would like to keep in touch with Fr. Joe Keefe during this holiday season, you can mail letters to him at 5840 Summit Lane NE, Rochester, MN 55906. Or you can email him at father.keefe@gmail.com.

Great Part-time Job for College Student

Champion Youth Basketball is seeking a facility host for basketball sessions at the Pax Christi Youth Center starting Jan. 5 thru March 3. The responsibilities would include set-up, clean-up and supervision. Hours are Thursday and Friday 4:45-8:30 pm and Saturdays 8:45 am to 3:00 pm. This is a paid temporary position and great for a college student who wants to work on homework while working. For information, contact Angie Slattery at angie.slattery@paxchristchurch.org.

Elder Network Mystery Fundraiser

Solve a mystery and raise money to help seniors in our community. Elder Network will host "A Countryside Murder Mystery" on Saturday, Feb. 11 at both 6:00 and 8:30 pm at the Plummer House. It's the early 1900s and we have gathered for a weekend celebration when suddenly a murder is discovered. Everyone is a suspect, so come join the fun, wine sampling and delicious desserts, while you are collecting clues. Tickets are \$30. Call Elder Network at 285-5272.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb. 10-12 in Windom and March 16-18 in Frontenac. For information and/or registration, visit our website at www.wwmeSection8.org or contact Jeff and Rondi Kodet at jrek@redred.com or 507-644-3523.



Marriage Prep Offered by Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides marriage preparation for engaged couples. Visit www.ccwinona.org and click on Marriage Preparation for a program near you.



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From Fr. John Nellivila

I would like to wish Fr. Joe Keefe and all the Pax Christi parishioners a very Merry Christmas from India. I would rather have your beautiful snow than this heat. I recall how beautiful the Christmas season is there in Rochester and I want you to know that I miss you all and am keep you all in my prayers every day at Mass. Here we are still building the church—very slowly—and teaching the sacraments to 42 students. (If you'd like to send a note to Fr. John in India, please bring it by the office before Jan. 2. Fr. John's aunt, a nun, will be traveling back to India to see him, and we will forward the letters to her before she leaves.)

Support Our Catholic Schools

Rochester Catholic Schools and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to present two brand-new events for RCS parents, former parents, alumni and friends on Feb. 3 to celebrate Catholic Schools Week: the SOCS (Support Our Catholic Schools) parties! Both the SOCS Luncheon (11:30 am-1:30 pm) and the SOCS Party (5:00-7:30 pm) will be held at the International Event Center. Kick off those snow boots, tap your toes and mingle with your happy feet friends as you support RCS. Contact the RCS Advancement Office for ticket information at (507) 424-1817 or development@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us.

PAX CHRISTI MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm John Dulek †
6:00 pm Paula Larson †
10:00 pm Current and Past Priests of Pax Christi

Sunday, December 25

9:00 am John Nanua
10:45 am Leo, Elizabeth and Robert Rossman †

Monday, December 26

9:00 am Fr. Caesar Dralega

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 am James Wall †

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 am Ronald Gathje †

Thursday, December 29

7:00 am Maj. David Speltz †

Friday, December 30

9:00 am Leo Oldenburg †

Saturday, December 31

5:15 pm Gene Breza †

Sunday, January 1

7:45 am Peter Dano-Duyphong †
9:00 am Tom and Mildred Koenigs †
10:45 am David Orth †

Please contact the parish officed to arrange for Mass intentions.



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: 11 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm

Wed: 8 am, 10 am, noon, 1 pm, 3 pm, 8 pm

Thu: 4 am, 6 am, 7 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 9 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.