



MASS TIMES:

Saturday 5:15 pm
Sunday 7:30 9:00 and 10:45 am

Weekdays

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 9:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 am

New year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31
5:15 pm

New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1
9:00 am

NEWCOMERS

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



DECEMBER 27, 2009
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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Fr. Joseph Keefe, Pastor Father Caesar, Parochial Vicar

The "Holy" Family

The Gospel recounts an event that happened while on required religious pilgrimage. They go to Jerusalem to celebrate what God has done for their people in leading them out of slavery to a place of freedom. From here let Fr. Larry Gillick SJ tell story.

"Now a strange reversal is taking place. Jesus, for the first time, does not conform to His religious ways. He remains in the temple, in Jerusalem, not the usual thing for a lad to be left alone and then even worse, and again for the first time, questioning the religious leaders so central to the Jewish tradition. His parents find Him, question His behavior and after His mysterious reply to their questions about what He has been up to, he returns for the next eighteen years for observing the religious tradition of family reverence and authority.

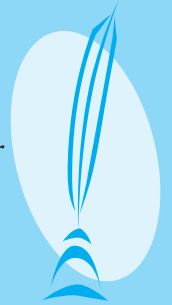
Many families are guided by the basic principle of, "What will the neighbors think?" I personally thank my parents for either not abiding to this principle, or realizing early that it was not going to work with their family.

I wonder if Mary and Joseph were ashamed of Jesus besides being worried? Was Mary, "full of Grace" disgraced that she and Joseph could not control their only child? Did he get a good "talking-to" about His Jewish religious traditions and that is why He went back home and was obedient to them.

Here is something a bit new. Holiness does not do shame. Shame is what the "Unholy Family" felt when Adam and Eve put on their first costume after the apple-eating party. Shame is what we do to prevent our true selves, our true condition to be seen. Adam and Eve did not worry about their neighbor's view of them, but since then, we humans forget our innocence and our holiness in God's eyes and worry how we appear in the eyes of others.

Jesus remained in the temple as a beginning gesture of reversing the human experience from shame to holiness. He would live His whole life, even through His apparently shameful death, so as to redeem us and save us from being God's Shameful Family. Almost every person or group He would eventually meet, Jesus would challenge them about their cover-ups and invite them to know and receive their true selves.

*Whose eyes through which do we see ourselves determines whether there is peace on our part of the earth and whether we will be of good will to all."
"Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men." Bar. 3, 38*



— Fr. Joe



Pax Christi News * Events

If You Give Stock Donations to Pax ...

If you donate shares of stock to Pax Christi, please contact Carol deLongpre, the parish bookkeeper at 282-8542. There are times the broker does not include the clients name on the transaction slips.

End of Year Donations and Taxes

With the end of the tax year upon us, now is the time to catch up on charitable donations. To get credit for 2009, contributions to Pax must be received in the office by noon on December 31. All contributions received after that date must be considered 2010 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.



New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Mass Times

New Year's Eve Mass at Pax Christi will be Thursday, December 31 at 5:15 pm. New Year's Day at Pax Christi, Friday, January 1 at 9:00 am.

Registration for RCS for 2010-2011

Enrolling in Catholic schools is to experience a living spirituality. It is a tangible link of turning faith into action. Registration applications are now being accepted for Preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools and for Lourdes High School freshmen for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration will begin on February 8 at RCS elementary schools and for current Lourdes students. Schedule your tour at any of the Rochester Catholic Schools by calling the school office: St. Francis of Assisi, 288-4816; St. Pius X, 288-5161; St. John the Evangelist, 282-5248; Holy Spirit, 288-8818; and Lourdes high School, 289-3991.

Parish Support November 2009

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Church support	
November Budget.....	\$ 78,425
November Stewardship	\$ 89,755
Other Income	
November Budget.....	\$ 9,904
November Actual	\$ 9,164
YTD Totals	
YTD Income.....	\$ 441,044
YTD Expense.....	\$ 471,873
Church support includes adult and youth envelopes, direct deposit donations, plate collections, and holy days.	



Visit Youth Website
www.paxchristiyouth.org

Special Thank You ... To all the youth and parents who participated in caroling to our Homebound parishioners and hosted a Christmas party for the Angel Tree Ministry families. As a youth group we raised close to \$500 to purchase gifts for children with parents in prison. What a wonderful gift of charity and love! Thank you and Merry Christmas!

No PROOF over Christmas break. We'll resume meeting on January 6, 2010.

"Christ fulfills what He makes you desire." GS Winter Vacation 2010 for 9-12th Graders: Looking for a winter break? Join us February 12-15 in Wisconsin Dells for singing, hiking, praying, games, talks and friendship! Cost is \$225 on or before January 19 or \$275 after January 19. Registration forms available online or contact Angie at 292-8542, Ext. 107.

Looking for volunteer hours? Pax Christi's RCIA participants are looking for volunteers to supervise the nursery on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7pm. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Angie.

SHINE Work Camp 2010 – Chicago!

Who: Current 8th graders – High School Seniors

When: July 4th – July 10th, 2010

What: SHINE Catholic Work Camp is a mission and retreat program. It offers daily mass, adoration, praise and worship bands, multi-media presentations, concerts, keynotes, and work projects. **Cost:** \$305 for Pax Christi Parishioners/\$355 for non-parishioners. Deposit of \$100 and registration form due by February 1, 2010. Registration forms available at www.paxchristiyouth.org and contact Angie about fundraising opportunities.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC CITYWIDE YOUTH EVENTS

Looking for something to do over Christmas break?

Come ski with us at Welch Village on Wednesday December 30 from noon to 8pm. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited. Rental information and permission forms available online. Payment and forms are due December 28 to Angie at the Parish Office.

Life Line Road Trip January 9 (8th-12th Grade): Bring your friends and join Catholic youth and parents from the greater Rochester area for the first Lifeline of 2010 featuring music and worship with SONAR, a vibrant Mass, and dynamic breakouts for teens AND PARENTS alike. Whether you are new to Lifeline or a "regular," plan to have your faith awakened, strengthened and renewed as a young apostle of Jesus Christ! Cost: \$10 per person for the bus. All are encouraged to bring \$ for the offertory during Mass and \$7 for pizza and pop following the event. To register: Turn in completed permission slip with \$10 fee payable to Holy Spirit Church by Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Forms available online.

Nourishing the Body and Soul through Meditation

Monday morning Bible Study at 9:30 am will not be meeting for the rest of December. Our next Bible Study will meet in Monday, January 11. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year, Sister Gavin.

Drivers Needed for Transportation Ministry

Drivers are needed for parishioners who need a ride to Mass on the weekends. Flexible scheduling is available. If you are willing and able, please call John and Jen at 282-8480.

Games Now Available in the Dining Hall

There are now games for children of all ages in the dining hall for you to use at any time. Please return to where you found them when finished.

Happy Endings Book Club

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12 at 1:00 pm in the gathering space. Since our December meeting was canceled we will discuss the book we had scheduled for December, "The Christmas Pearl" by Dorothea Benton Frank. The book for the February meeting will be the Rochester Reads adult selection, "The Camel Bookmobile" by Marsha Hamilton.

Nourishing the Body and Soul through Meditation

Join us for a retreat, Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, presented by S. Linda Weiser. Come away for a day of quiet and meditation in the serenity of the Assisi Heights Spirituality Center. Participants will have an opportunity to practice different forms of meditation honoring various faith traditions, with a focus on mindfulness and stress reduction. Explore several meditation styles, including: Centering Prayer, Loving Kindness, Tai Chi movement, Zen Walk, Tonglen, Music and Eating Meditation. This day will be beneficial to all, whether you are beginning the practice or seasoned in the art of meditation. Note: Dress in comfortable clothing and bring your own blanket. \$55 includes lunch. Partial scholarships available. Assisi Heights, 1001 14th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Please come to the main lobby entrance under carport. Questions? Carol Marie Hemish, SSND, at (507) 280-2195 or carolmarie.hemish@myclearwave.net.

Marriage Retreat in Owatonna in February

A Valentine's marriage retreat will be held from 11:00 am February 13 to 12:30 pm February 14 at the Gainey Center in Owatonna. Deacon Gordon and Alma Richard will assist couples discover renewed commitment and sacramental expression in their marriage. Weekend liturgy will be celebrated with renewal of wedding vows. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Bring your bibles and your wedding albums. Registrations are due by January 20, and the \$175 per couple includes accommodations and meals. Space is limited to 20 couples. Mail check (payable to the Diocese of Winona) and registration to Marriage Retreat, Diocese of Winona, PO Box 588, Winona, MN 55987. Website for Gainey Center is www.stthomas.edu/gainey.



This Week At Pax Christi

Sunday, December 27 Mass Times: 7:30 9:00 10:45 am

No Events Scheduled

Monday, December 28

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Tuesday, December 29

6:30 pm — En Spirit, Room 4

7:30 pm — Al-Anon Meeting, Library

Wednesday, December 30

6:00 am — Bible Study at Office Round Table

5:30 pm — R.C.I.A., Library

Thursday, December 31

5:15 pm — Mass, Sanctuary

Friday, January 1

9:00 pm — Mass, Sanctuary

12:15 am — Mom's In Touch, Library

Saturday, January 2

8:30 am — First Saturday Rosary, Sanctuary

10:00 am — Overeaters Anonymous, Library

An Invitation to Join the Knights of Columbus

The Pax Christi Knights of Columbus invite all Catholic men, 18 and older, to join our 82-member (and growing) council and take the steps to enhance the core values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in your personal life. Contact Ken Linn at 287-1095 or David Silker at 282-3003 if you are interested in becoming a member. Visit www.kofc.org for more information.



Nations shall walk by your light. Isaiah 60:3

Next Sunday, the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany, is Minnesota Statewide Immigration Sunday. The current system of immigration does not provide a just and reasonable system of human migration but instead creates obstacles that separate families and marginalize immigrants. We are called to treat all women and men as children of God and advocate for systems that are humane and build the common good. Please stop by in the library after Sunday Masses on January 3 to watch *Guatemala: A Tale of Two Villages*. This 15-minute Frontline documentary speaks directly to the causes of immigration. It is especially relevant because it

showcases the

immigration raid in Postville, Iowa. We at Pax collected donations for Postville last Advent and they visited us in the spring, so we have a special connection. On Thursday, January 7, we will discuss *Under the Overpass*. This will be in the library at 7:00 pm and is hosted by the Social Justice Committee. Please join us for a challenging discussion of homelessness.

Social Justice

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Advertiser of the Week:

Catholic Aid Association
Susan Stenzel
282-1793

For your insurance and financial needs

Openings for Adoration at Pax

Sunday noon through Friday Midnight in Chapel

Share your Stewardship of Time in Prayer

Adorers still needed at these times:

Monday: Midnight, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 5 am, 6 am, 9 am

Tuesday: 1 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 11 pm

Wednesday: Midnight, 1 am, 2 am, noon, 2 pm, 11 pm

Thursday: Midnight, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, noon

Friday: 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 5 am, 8 am,
10 am, 2 pm, 8 pm, 11 pm

Sunday: Noon, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 11 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.
Schedule and sub list is on the Pax website.

An Update from Fr. Syl Brown to Pax

Christmas is always the season for gift giving. How grateful I am for your giving wonder filled days in my journey.

Last Friday I had the results for my P.E.T. scan. It revealed the cancer has spread to my lungs. I've noticed difficulty in my breathing for some time so I was not surprised. The doctor said I have two weeks to two months to live. This Christmas season I am receiving the greatest gift: God's promise of Life beyond Life. This body is telling me that a resurrected body will be a better one than this, and a place "where an eye has not seen, nor ear heard, what God has ready for those who love Him."

My spirit is good and I thank you for your part in my having that.

My voice is raspy and painful to use. I am resting more but do appreciate your thoughts and prayers you leave on this website. Visits need to be extremely short because my heart is enriched by your presence but my body wears out quickly.

— God Bless, Father Syl

Pax Men's Club Meeting for January

At the Pax Men's Club meeting, January 5 at 7:00 pm, we'll discuss Retirement Hobbies for Grumpy Old Men. Joe Connell will describe the process of building a homebuilt aircraft. This is a Power Point presentation of the construction. Parts, tools and plans will be available. Free beer and pizza also at 6:00 pm social event. Please join us at the lower level of the church. All men are welcome, no dues, no free-will offering. Just show up.

PAX CHRISTI MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

5:15 pm Gene Breza †

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am Betty Albano †

9:00 am James Wall †

10:45 am J. Harold Anderson †

Monday, December 28

9:00 am Rodney Stanton †

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 am Lyndell Stanton †

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 am Herb Holabird †

Thursday, December 31

4:00 pm Robert † and Kathleen Gaylor †

Friday, January 1

9:00 am Jesse Barden †

Saturday, January 2

5:15 pm George † and Rita Pilon †

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am Phillip Munduni †

9:00 am Paul Hanson †

10:45 am Ann C. Lampman †

Please contact parish office to arrange for mass intentions.

