

*As Christian stewards, we **receive** God's gifts gratefully,
cultivate them responsibly,
share them lovingly in justice with others,
and **return** them with increase to the Lord.*

Time, Talent, and Treasure



Pax Christi
Catholic Church

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Pax Christi Catholic Church

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Weekend:

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

Weekday:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm
or by appointment

The Reconciliation Room is in the north hallway of the upper level.

Communal celebrations are available during Advent and Lent.

Welcome

It is true that, “Many hands make light work.” But ministry in the Church is not just about making the tasks easier. It is about acknowledging and sharing the gifts we have received from God. I often begin a prayer with, “Good and gracious God, we thank you for your many gifts.” It is a way of reminding myself that all that we have is a gift from God. But God doesn’t give us these gifts to hold close. He lavishes us with these gifts so that we can share them. We call it stewardship. We call it service. We call it ministry. But it is all a response to the gifts that God has given us. St. John Henry Newman observed: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.”

We are blessed by the many wonderful parishioners who share their gifts with us. Whether through time, talent or treasure, the sharing of these gifts helps us build up the Church. This is important because the mission of Christ is carried on through the Church.

This resource contains many ways that you can embrace your mission and share your gifts with our parish and the wider community. Ask the Holy Spirit and he will help you discern where the Lord wants to use you to bring a blessing to others.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. John Sauer



Fr. John Sauer
Pastor

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Community Organization which aligns with our mission and vision.

Welcome

To make your experience with us more enjoyable we offer:

- **Children's Books** in the bookcase in the Dining Hall, lower level.
- **Diaper Changing Tables** located in all men's and women's restrooms.
- **Extra Clothing** for children in case of accidents. You will find a variety of sizes in the cabinets below the counter in the nursery, lower level. Please wash and return.
- **Family Room** for those who need a little more space, or for crying infants and energetic children during Mass. This glass enclosed space is located on the east side of the church.
- **First Aid Kit/AED** located in our Hospitality Minister's Room in the north hallway, upper level.
- **Further Study Materials**
 - Books may be borrowed from our Library, lower level.
 - Books and CDs may be purchased from the display in the Gathering Area, upper level. Don't see a title you would like? Call us!
- **Games Cupboard** located in the Dining Hall, lower level. A variety of board games for your family to use any time.
- **Handicapped Accessibility** - elevators are located in the north hallway. A wheelchair and a walker are also available.
- **Hearing Assisted Devices** for use during Mass, located in the Hospitality Minister's Room.
- **Hospitality Room** with a rocking chair and privacy for nursing moms.
- **Lost & Found (St. Anthony's Bin)** located in the lower level at the bottom of the stairwell.
- **Low Gluten Hosts** - Talk to a Hospitality Minister.
- **Mass Tote Bags** located by each door. These bags contain activities to assist with keeping children occupied during Mass.
- **Seat Cushions** in the Gathering Area for those who need padding for our wooden pews.

Welcome

Vision, Mission, Purpose & Values

Vision/Mission/Values

MISSION OF CHRIST

“I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” *John 10:10*

MISSION OF THE CHURCH

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:19-20*

VISION

We are a Eucharistic community united to continue the mission and message of Jesus.

PURPOSE

Encountering, Becoming and Sharing the Peace of Christ

VALUES

Rooted in Christ and the Catholic Church

Definition: We will live as disciples of Christ in the fullness of the Catholic faith.

1. Active celebration of the Sunday Mass and the Sacraments
2. An active personal prayer life
3. Ongoing formation in the faith

Loving Service

Definition: We will be known for our unbelievable compassion.

1. Engage in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
2. Meet the needs of the vulnerable in our community
3. Actively support diocesan, national, and global ministries

Welcoming

Definition: We will see Christ in others and welcome them, respect them and value them.

1. Ensure new members are welcomed
2. Celebrate the diversity of our parish
3. Advocate for the marginalized



Safe Environment

VIRTUS & Circle of Grace

*Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
from the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops)*

VIRTUS: Enabling a Safe Environment

The Diocese of Winona **requires** all volunteers 18 years of age and older who are working with our children, youth, or vulnerable adults to attend a 2½ hour national best practice program called VIRTUS.

VIRTUS is especially focused on the prevention of wrongdoing and the promotion of right doing. All parishioners are encouraged to attend a VIRTUS session.

For training dates and times go to: www.virtus.org

**Those volunteering in ministries
marked with an asterisk (*) MUST:**

- Attend an initial VIRTUS training session
- Re-certify every five years
- Authorize a criminal background check every five years
- Sign a Code of Conduct



Safe Environment

Circle of Grace

All Faith Formation programs and Catholic schools in the Diocese of Winona implement a safe environment curriculum for our children and youth called *Circle of Grace*, designed by the Archdiocese of Omaha. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.



Prayer for Stewardship

Stewardship Prayer

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift,
of the vast array of our universe,
and the mystery of each human life.

We praise you and we thank you
for your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift.
After having created us, you have given us
into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with his truth and
our hearts with his love,
that in his spirit we may be bonded together
in a community of faith, a parish family,
a caring people.

In the name and Spirit of Jesus,
we commit ourselves to be good stewards
of the gifts entrusted to us,
to share our time, our talent,
and our material gifts
as an outward sign
of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen.

This booklet contains information about:

Ministries

- Parish Leadership
- Faith Formation
- Fellowship
- Liturgy
- Outreach
- Prayer

Sacraments

Treasure

*Thank you for your continued generosity.
We depend on your gift of time, talent, and treasure.*

Parish Leadership

Finance Council

The Pax Christi Finance Council is an advisory group to the pastor and administrator. Members of the council are appointed by the pastor. The council meets monthly to advise the pastor on financial budgeting and operational topics for day to day parish management and long range financial planning. They also ensure compliance with civil laws in parish administration and oversee the physical properties of the parish.

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Pastoral Council

The Pax Christi Pastoral Council is a group of six parishioners nominated by the parish and selected for service through a discernment process. Additionally, the council includes the parish administrator, the parish trustees and the pastor. The Pastoral Council is the primary advisory body to the pastor responsible for attending to the pastoral care of God's people. Working for the pastor, the council guides, directs and supports all the work and activity of our parish community. The council discerns the needs and concerns of our parishioners and proposes meaningful and practical ways for the parish to respond to those needs, while maintaining our parish vision and mission. We also host a Meet & Greet about once a quarter. Whether you are a new member or would just like to know more about your parish, all are welcome. Watch the bulletin for dates.

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Trustees

Pax Christi has two lay trustees who are parishioners appointed by the pastor to provide guidance and leadership to the pastor and the parish on all topics relevant to the ongoing operation of the parish. They serve on the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as working directly with the pastor in carrying out the ministry and mission of the parish. They are to be advocates for the parish and to the parish.

Amy Crowley 507-421-3853

Pete Streit 507-285-1666

Faith Formation

Children & Youth

Faith Formation Programs

Faith Formation

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Faith Formation

Children (preschool)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 years old - 5th grade

Wednesdays 4:15-5:45 pm and 6:15-7:45 pm

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Catholic faith formation program; our curriculum is rooted in the Bible, Mass, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We utilize Montessori methods to nurture each child's relationship with God while educating them about the pillars of our Church. Children meet in a specially prepared room with materials to aid their learning experience, this room is known as an atrium. Each week children, participate in small group lessons with a trained catechist and assistant catechist, independently work with materials, and engage in prayer time. Catechists participate in a nationally recognized training program to familiarize themselves with the curriculum and learn more about Montessori principles. We offer three levels of CGS.

Level I - preschool & kindergarten

Level II - 1st - 3rd grade

Level III - 4th & 5th grade

Michelle Todd 507-282-8542 ext. 105

*** VIRTUS required**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

3 years old - 1st grade

Sunday during the 9:00 am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a celebration of each Sunday's Gospel to help young children understand the Word of God. Children are invited to leave Mass with a catechist during the readings and the homily for an age-appropriate exploration of Scripture in the nursery. All children, ages 3 through first grade, are welcome and encouraged to attend. No pre-registration is necessary. Volunteers are needed to help lead the ministry, and this is a great opportunity for adults to guide middle school/high school youth to mentor the children in learning Scripture.

Michelle Todd 507-282-8542 ext. 106

*** VIRTUS required**

Faith Formation

Children (preschool & elementary)

Children's Ministry Activities

Ages vary, up to 5th grade

Throughout the year we offer a variety of multi-age activities for families with young and school age children. We have Fall & Spring concerts, a Nativity program during Advent, a Nativity painting for grades 1-5th, Stations of the Cross during Lent, as well as service and learning opportunities throughout the year. We encourage you to read the bulletin or look on our website for more specific information about all of the possibilities available to children & families.

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*** VIRTUS required**

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation and First Communion

2nd grade and older

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a healing Sacrament that offers us an experience of God's boundless mercy. It frees us from our own sins but challenges us to have the same compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. The Eucharist, like Baptism, is a Sacrament of Initiation where God shares his holiness with us, so that we can share it with the world around us.

We offer preparation for these two Sacraments to everyone in second grade and older through:

1. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
2. Kingdom Kids
3. Catholic School - preparation during their school day

Children and parents from all three programs come together several times a year for community-wide activities. We prepare children for both sacraments beginning in September, traditionally celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in January and First Eucharist in May. All are welcome!

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*** VIRTUS required**

Faith Formation

Children (elementary)

Kingdom Kids

Preschool - 5th grade

Sundays 6:00-7:00 pm

Kingdom Kids is a program that presents teachings of the Catholic Church through active-learning techniques that allow the children to participate, learn and grow in faith and discipleship. Our curriculums are from Our Sunday Visitor, Allelu! for Preschool through Kindergarten and Loyola Press, Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts for students in 1st - 5th grade. Each curriculum provides the children with a framework of living in relationship to God, family, parish and neighbor. Our loving and enthusiastic catechists are the true gem of this program. Sessions include ways to engage, explore, reflect and respond through Scripture, story, articles, photographs, writing and drawing opportunities. The same group of children and adults meet throughout the school year to engage in a variety of creative learning opportunities. Kingdom Kids may participate in specialty activities and programs including monthly praise and worship services and service projects for the poor.

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Summer Church Camp

K-5th grade

*** VIRTUS required**

Every year Pax hosts a truly Catholic summer camp for children in grades K-5. We begin with daily Mass, then enjoy a lesson, prayer, dramatic play, crafts, and games. Camp is M-F and times vary from morning to evening. Volunteers are always needed - middle school, high school, and adults are welcome. Please visit our website to find out more information regarding the current year.

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*** VIRTUS required**

Faith Formation

Youth (middle school & high school)

Waypoints (Pax Christi Youth Ministry): Stopping Points Along the Journey

Our vision for youth ministry at Pax Christi is to journey with and equip teens as they become Lifelong, Authentic, Catholic Disciples.

All of our activities, events, small groups, camps, retreats, and trips serve as “stopping points along the journey” in the lives of our teens. Waypoints offer opportunities for community, support, and reflection with the goal of inviting teens to commit to life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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Some of our Waypoints include:

- Sunday/Wednesday Night Middle School Small Groups
- Sunday/Wednesday Night High School Small Groups
- Sunday/Wednesday Night Confirmation Preparation
- Retreats
- Trips
- Camps
- Activities/Events

*** VIRTUS required**

Along with those Waypoints we provide various tools for the journey including:

- A Discipleship Road Map
- Discipleship Guides
- Disciplines of a Disciple
- Base Camp (resources for teens, parents, and leaders)

For further information about Waypoints (Pax Christi Youth Ministry). Please contact our staff, visit our website, and/or sign up for our weekly email update: paxchristchurch.org/ymupdate



Faith Formation

Youth (middle school & high school)

Summit & The Great Adventure Bible Timeline

6th Grade

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm or Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Summit is a small group Bible study for teenagers by *Life Teen* based on the Sunday Mass readings. This Lectionary-based study is designed to help teenagers gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Sacred Scripture and the Holy Mass. At Pax Christi we pair Summit with “The Great Adventure Bible Timeline” from *Ascension*. The Timeline follows the narrative of salvation history and assists students as they explore the ways in which God continues his work of salvation in their own lives.

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*** VIRTUS required**

Edge Small Groups

7th & 8th Grade

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm or Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program by *Life Teen* that provides a fun and safe place for youth to find solid Catholic community, get answers to their questions about faith, and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth. Our Edge Small Groups continue to cultivate disciples by building a foundation for the sacrament of Confirmation which students will intensely prepare for in grades nine and ten.

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*** VIRTUS required**

Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Youth (middle school & high school)

Confirmation Preparation

Typically 9th & 10th Grade

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm or Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Confirmation preparation at Pax Christi is a two year process, beginning typically in 9th grade and culminating with the reception of the Sacrament in 10th grade. We primarily utilize small groups which are made up of friends and peers led by adult and peer leaders. Students and leaders remain in the same small group for two years to build trust and deep relationships with one another. Students in Confirmation preparation will learn about the faith, explore vocation, and make a commitment of their lives to the Gospel and an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ as his disciple.

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*** VIRTUS required**

High School Small Group

9th - 12th Grade

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Once students have received the Sacrament of Confirmation they are invited to continue their lifelong discipleship journey in a small group made up of peers. Topics covered at these small groups are guided by the students and usually relate to how we, as Catholics, can engage the world around us in a faithful and fruitful way.

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*** VIRTUS required**

Student Leadership

9th - 12th Grade

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm

Providing leadership is a great way to live out one's discipleship call and lifelong relationship with Jesus. We love to have student leaders in our small groups!

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*** VIRTUS required**

Faith Formation

Preschool-Grade 12

Rochester Catholic Schools

RCS is a unified Catholic school system with options for preschool through grade 12. The system focuses on developing the spiritual, social, emotional, and academic growth of young people at each of our five school locations.

While we are many parts, we are one body. By choosing one school, you are in fact becoming a member of the entire Rochester Catholic School family.

The Nest: Early Learning Academy
Holy Spirit Catholic School
St. Francis of Assisi School
Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School
St. Pius X School
Lourdes High School

Rochester Catholic Schools 507-424-1817

www.rcsmn.org



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Faith Formation

Young Adults

Rochester Catholic (Rochester Young Adult Ministry)

Young Adults ages 18-39

Rochester Catholic is an initiative of the Rochester parishes which seeks to connect young adults to Christ and His Church.

Our mission is to invite young adults into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by: engaging in the sacramental life of the Church; further study/catechesis; and fostering authentic friendships rooted in holiness.

Some of our core events include:

- Faith & Sports Nights
- Radiance (young adult holy hour)
- Catechism Study
- We also have small group ministries for both men and women:
 - Women of Blessed Chiara (women's ministry)
 - Frassati Fraternity (men's ministry)
- From time to time there will be other opportunities such as:
 - Theology on Tap
 - Service Projects/Days
 - Studies
 - Retreats
 - Trips
 - Etc...

Stay in touch!

rochestercatholicmn.org

Sign up for our weekly email update:

rochestercatholicmn.org/contact

View the latest info:

rochestercatholicmn.org/latest-updates

Faith Formation

Adults

Adult Spiritual Development

“Who is Christ to me?” “How am I Christ to others?”

These are the questions that each of our offerings strive to answer. Adult Spiritual Development is responsive to your needs. We offer Book Studies, Bible Studies, Advent and Lent Reflection, and a Book Give-away at Christmas and Lent. There are also opportunities for volunteers to help facilitate these sessions and to offer hospitality. Watch the bulletin and website for more information. If you have an idea, please let us know! All are welcome.

Joyce Lehman 507-282-8542 ext. 108

Bible Study

Study the Scriptures to learn more about God and to increase your prayer life. Using the lectio divina model, we break open the upcoming Sunday Scripture. There is no homework nor preparation needed. Newcomers welcome. Come when you can.

- Mondays 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room
Carol O'Connor 507-206-6709
- Tuesdays 9:35 am in the Hospitality Room
Mary Maitis 507-288-7828
- Wednesdays 6:30 am at the office round table
Bill Grosie 507-282-6949

Biblical Walk through the Mass

Video study with Dr. Edward Sri

For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and well-known author Dr. Edward Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance.

Join us for this five week study.

Mondays 9-10:30 am (begins Oct. 11) &

Thursdays 6:30-8 pm (begins Oct. 14)

Sessions are the same each week; come at either time.

Register:

<https://paxchristchurch.org/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass>

MJ Jones 507-282-9332

Faith Formation

Adults

Book Give-away

When is the last time you read a good Catholic book? Twice a year Fr. Sauer chooses a book to give to parishioners. A book study often follows.

Books are typically given as gifts on Ash Wednesday and on Christmas.



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Log in to our parish subscription:

Already have a FORMED account?

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click the link in your email
5. You're in! No more passwords!

Need to register?

1. Follow the link at www.paxchristichurch.org
2. Select "Pax Christi Catholic Church Rochester, MN"
3. Enter your name and email

www.paxchristichurch.org

Faith Formation

Adults

Self-Study

Understanding the faith means being able to live it more fully. To support your spiritual life and enhance your daily prayer time we offer:

Print Resources

- **Living Faith** booklets contain short reflections on the daily readings. Find these free, small, quarterly publications in the Gathering Area or in the office.
- **Various books** are in the kiosk in the Gathering Area for a \$5 suggested donation. Titles change frequently; check back often!
- **Library** is located in our lower level by the Dining Hall. To borrow a book, please complete the form on the shelf.

Bulk Rate Subscription Program

- **The Word Among Us** booklets (10 issues per year) contain daily readings, reflections, and articles with practical advice for Catholics on how to live the Christian life. Subscribe through Pax Christi for \$20 a year (\$35 individual rate.)
- **Give Us This Day** monthly booklets contain daily prayers and readings for Mass, morning and evening prayer, as well as scripture and reflection. Also included are short articles on Catholic saints. Subscribe through Pax Christi for \$36 a year (\$80 individual rate.)

Media

- **Various CDs** are in the kiosk in the Gathering Area for a \$3 suggested donation. Titles change frequently; check back often!
- **FORMED** Through our parish subscription, you can stream quality Catholic videos, movies, eBooks, and mp3s FREE to any device.

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Faith Formation

Adults

Men's Holy Hour

4- 5 pm

First Sunday

All men in the area are invited to attend our monthly holy hour. Join us for prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, quiet reflection time, and Benediction.

2021-22 Men's Holy Hour	
Oct. 3	Jan. 2
Nov. 7	Feb. 6
Dec. 5	Mar. 6
	Apr. 3

*During months we don't offer a Holy Hour we encourage you to make a Holy Hour on your own (maybe even invite some friends). Many of the parishes in the area have Adoration Chapels and/or keep their Sanctuaries open during various hours for anybody to come and pray. While Jesus may not always be exposed in a Monstrance he is always present in the Tabernacle and may be adored even when he isn't exposed. Note, Resurrection Catholic Church in Rochester does have a Perpetual Adoration Chapel where Jesus is exposed 24/7 and anybody is welcome to pray anytime.

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Faith Formation

Fellowship

Book Club

Happy Endings Book Club meets in the Pax Christi library from 1-2:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month except July. Our members select our books to be read. The criteria for selection includes: spiritual books for Lent and Advent, one Minnesota or local author, and one classic a year. You commit to reading the book and to getting a copy of the book by either borrowing from the library or purchasing a new or used book. Book selections are published in the parish bulletin. All are welcome to join us any time; monthly attendance is not required.

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Fellowship

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

This weekend retreat for Christian adults (18 & over) is a time away from the busy-ness of daily life, allowing you to encounter the Holy Spirit in a unique way. A team of lay people and ordained ministers conduct the CEW weekend. Women's weekends are typically in the spring. Men attend the CEW retreats in northern Iowa, also held in the spring.

Men: Terry Painter **507-254-3226**
Women: Beth Kosta **507-696-9082**

DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making.

What to expect:

- Understanding and Acceptance
- Encouragement and Hope
- Good Advice
- A Structured Approach

A Three Part Approach to Healing:

1. Video with Experts
2. Discussion with Purpose
3. Personal Reflection

Look for a group to begin after the first of the year.

Surviving the Holidays

Managing the holidays after separation and divorce can be difficult. This two hour seminar includes a video, sharing time, and a "Survival Guide" filled with tips and encouragement. Watch the bulletin or website for a session soon.

www.divorcecare.org

Pax Christi office 507-28/2-8542

Fellowship

Donut Sunday

Come join your Pax family for donuts, coffee and juice. Donuts are served after each Sunday morning Mass on (typically) the first Sunday of each month. We take the month of July off.

Tim Fink 507-281-4494

*** VIRTUS required**

Family Ministry

Family Ministry seeks to engage families through fellowship, connect them with other families at Pax Christi, and call them to a deeper relationship with Christ. Family Ministry empowers lay leaders to develop community with other families, empowering them to plan, lead events, and to reach out to new young families who are not yet engaged in parish life.

Michelle Todd (office) 507-282-8542 ext. 105

Grief Support

This important outreach ministry provides support, kindness and prayer to Pax Christi families at the time of deep loss in their lives. We send cards and encouragement throughout the first year and our hope is that each person, in the midst of loss, knows that the Pax Christi family is here for them during the seasons of their grief.

There is a season for everything.

A time for giving birth,

A time for dying,

A time for tears,

A time for laughter,

A time for mourning,

A time for dancing.

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,4.

Mary Hines: 507-251-6243

Katie Brown: 507-288-9654

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Our mission is to support each other in our faith, support our priests, strengthen our families, and to be of service to our parish and community. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man, 18 years of age or older.

Jim Fritsch 507-289-8165

*** VIRTUS required**

Fellowship

Knights of Columbus Dinners

Come enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus on the 4th Saturday of the month after the 5:15 pm Mass. Our home-cooked menu varies. We have served spaghetti and meatballs, pork chops, pulled pork, chili, and hamburgers. A free will offering is accepted for various local needs.

Jim Fritsch 507-289-8165

*** VIRTUS required**

2021-22 KC Dinners	
Aug. 28	Jan. 22
Sep. 25	Feb. 26
Oct. 23	Mar. 26
Nov. break	Apr. 23
Dec. break	May 28
	June 25

Marian Grotto Gardeners

We keep the plants and flowers in the Marian Grotto beautiful. Days and times vary depending on needs and weather. We plant, weed, water and trim. We welcome any abilities and talents. Come help us!

Ellen Kroc ellenkroc55@gmail.com

Men of Pax

The Men of Pax Christi group is open to all adult men of the parish. Our mission is to build and grow the fellowship of all parishioners (with a focus on male fellowship) and to serve the parish. The Men of Pax foster whole parish fellowship through our Pancake Breakfasts, annual Steak Grillin' night, Beer & Brats picnic, and other activities. We financially support various ministries, especially Youth Ministry and Work Camps. The focus on male fellowship is fostered through our monthly topical discussions on religious, cultural, and every day issues. Men of Pax is held on the first Tuesday of the month from September-May in the Dining Hall. Pizza and beverages are served at 6:30 pm, followed by our program at 7:00 pm.

Bill Groslie 507-282-6949

Mark Marreel 507-289-0838

2021-22 Men of Pax	
Sep. 7	Jan. 4
Oct. 5	Feb. 1
Nov. 2	Mar. 1
Dec. 7	Apr. 5
	May 3

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Men of Pax Beer & Brats

On the first Saturday in June we host our annual FREE beer and bratwurst parish picnic after the 5:15 Mass. There are games and prizes for the kids too! Mark your calendar for June 4, 2022.

Bill Groslie 507-282-6949

Mark Marreel 507-289-0838

*** VIRTUS required**

Pancake Breakfast

On the third Sunday of each month, September through May, we serve a delightful breakfast of pancakes, French toast, sausage, juice, and coffee from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm. Join us in the dining room for plenty of good food, fun, and fellowship.

Mark Marreel 507-279-3214

*** VIRTUS required**

2021-22 Pancake Breakfast	
Nov. 21	Jan. 16
Dec. 19	Feb. 20
	Mar. 20
	Apr. break
	May 15

St. James Coffee (community organization)

St. James Coffee is a unique response to the Church's call of the New Evangelization in that it brings the Church into the world and into the everyday lives of its customers and the local community. It is a place where people encounter Jesus Christ through its products (including events/programs) and the hospitality of its volunteers and staff.

Mission: to be a place where people encounter Christ and his Church.

Vision: to develop disciples and equip evangelizers.

www.stjamescoffee.com

4156 18th Avenue NW

Across the street from Pax Christi

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TOOL (Teams of Our Lady)

A team is a group of five to seven married couples as well as a spiritual chaplain who meet monthly in each other's homes to support and grow with each other in love of Christ in their marriages. Teams is a place to share a meal and grow spiritually through reading the Gospel, prayer, and to discuss a variety of topics. TOOL also has endeavors that couples work to strive to incorporate in their daily lives. Open to any married couple from newlyweds to well established couples. **www.TeamsOfOurLady.org**

Andy & Ally Drees 952-465-9540

Women of Pax

This ministry is open to all women of the parish. Our mission is to build and grow the fellowship of all parishioners and to serve the parish wherever we are needed. We have a leadership board which meets monthly. Gatherings are held the first Tuesday of each month, October to June. We begin at 6:30 pm with social time, followed by a program at 7:00 pm. During the winter we typically have a daytime meeting. Programs vary from educational and service to crafts. Our final meeting of the year includes Rosary at the Grotto. All are welcome to attend any time.

Each year we coordinate with Holy Spirit Catholic Church to offer retreats - they coordinate a Lenten retreat; we host an Advent retreat. We traditionally begin with Mass followed by a light breakfast and fellowship and then enjoy a speaker.

Examples of other events we host include funeral luncheons, confirmation reception, celebrations for our priests, collections for Birthright and Catholic Charities.

See the Women of Pax webpage under Ministries for added information.

Maxine Trolander 507-280-0348

Mary Mataitis 507-288-7828

Widow's Support Group **** NEW****

This ministry for women who have lost a spouse is just beginning. Come journey with us.

Mary Hines 507-251-6243

2021-22 Women of Pax	
Oct. 5	Jan. 4
Nov. break	Feb. 1
Dec. 7	Mar. 1
	Apr. 5
	May 3
	June 7

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Liturgy

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Lay Liturgical Ministers include all the people having a role in the Mass who are not an ordained priest, deacon, or bishop. The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church. We are all called to full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. Every person in the assembly is encouraged to respond, sing, pray, and worship with their mind, body, and soul. The lay liturgical ministries are essential elements of the Pax Christi Masses. The scheduling of lay liturgical ministers is done through an online software program. It is easy to request a substitute and there are plenty of opportunities for those who prefer not to serve regularly, but would like to sub occasionally.

**To serve as a lay liturgical minister
Contact Brigitte Boever in the parish office
507-282-8542**

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass. This ministry is open to ages 5th grade through adult. A 1½ hour training is offered once or twice a year. **** Especially Needed! ****

Cross Bearers lead the procession, carrying the crucifix into and out of church for weekend Masses. It is preferable for cross bearers to be vested with a white alb, sit with the altar servers, and hold the Roman Missal for the priest during Mass.

Environment Committee meets periodically to evaluate the worship space of the church and coordinate the decorating of the environment for liturgies throughout the year. Help is also needed with the Christmas and Easter decorating - no need to be on the committee!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

distribute the Blessed Sacrament to the faithful during Mass. Some EMHCs also take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. You can become part of this ministry as a confirmed Catholic who has a reverence for the Mass and is in good moral standing in the community. Training is offered once or twice a year. If needed, it is easy to request a substitute.

Gift Bearers carry up the bread and wine at the Offertory. To schedule ahead of time, contact Fran in the church office or you can volunteer by speaking with an usher 10-15 minutes prior to Mass. This is a wonderful and easy ministry for two or more people of all ages, especially families.

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Hospitality Ministries are essential for a welcoming faith community. Greeters and Ushers are scheduled on a team which serves every weekend for one month and then is off for two months. Hospitality Room Hosts are scheduled once every four weeks. It is easy to request a sub for any Hospitality Ministry position and you may also sign up to be an occasional "substitute" if you'd rather not be regularly scheduled.

- **Funeral & Wedding Hospitality** **** NEW****

Help welcome families on the day of the celebration. Ensure they have what they need and receive proper orientation.

- **Greeters** welcome parishioners at the doors with a smile.

After Mass these ministers distribute bulletins. This is ideal for families who wish to serve together. No experience necessary and you may sign up at any time!

- **Hospitality Room Hosts** are available after Masses to assist with registering new parishioners and answering questions regarding the Pax Christi faith community. This is an easy and fun ministry, which only takes about 15 minutes. Signing up to be an occasional substitute Host is also warmly welcomed. This is a particularly good ministry for someone who has been an active member of Pax for many years and would enjoy sharing their love of this parish family with others.

- **Ushers** assist in seating the congregation, arrange for gift bearers to bring up the bread and wine, assist with passing baskets for the offertory collection, and handle any minor issues that may occur.

Linen Washers A special (but not difficult) procedure is required when washing and ironing the white altar linens. Commitment is weekly for a month, usually two months of the year.

Liturgy Committee is responsible for evaluating the liturgies at Pax Christi and making recommendations to enhance the spiritual enrichment of the Masses. The Liturgy Committee meets periodically for ongoing liturgical education and discussion.

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Livestream If you can navigate a smartphone, you can livestream our Mass for people to watch on YouTube. Training provided.

Mass Readers have the important ministry of proclaiming the Word of God, reading the first or second reading, and can also read the universal prayer intentions in the absence of the Deacon. A short training is offered to help you prepare for this beautiful ministry.

Projectionists are our technical angels who help us to run the slide show during Mass so that the faithful can easily follow along during the Liturgy. The slide show is prepared for you in advance, you need only click through the slides at the right time with the help of notes that's are provided. It is an easy service that requires very little training!

Sacred Vessel Cleaners Special care is taken when washing the chalices and other Mass items. Volunteer weekly, periodically, or on a substitute basis. It only takes about 15 minutes after Mass.

Sacristans choose to help in one of two services: either by arriving prior to the Mass to help set things up for the Liturgy or by offering their services to clean vessels following the Mass. They help the Liturgist in assuring that everything that is needed for Mass is set up properly for Father. Many sacristans are needed to fill the schedule so that everything goes smoothly on the weekends. A short training is provided for those who are interested in this noble service!

Music Ministry

Cantors lead the congregation in prayer through the singing of various Mass parts. Cantors should have a good singing voice and the ability to lead the faithful in effective participation.

Instrumentalists are welcome!

Choirs lead the congregation in singing. Our goal is to enhance our liturgies with music and to have active participation from the congregation at our weekend and Holy Day liturgies.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

- 5:15 pm Choir * - Thursdays 6-7 pm
- 7:30 am Choir † - Mondays 7 pm (2 x/month)
- 9:00 am Choir - Thursday evenings at 7 pm
- 10:45 am Choir - Wednesday evenings at 7 pm

Mark Scheitel 507-272-9756

Erin Montillet * 507-358-1458

Joe Kelley † 507-421-2838

**** Youth Choir to begin soon ****

Call Brigitte 507-282-8542 ext. 109

Maintenance & Household

Church Cleaning

Monday mornings after the 9 am Mass, we dust, vacuum, and yes, even clean windows to keep our worship space clean and inviting. Anyone is welcome to join us any time - just show up!

Linda Brockway 507-269-1255

Laundering

Clean altar linens, vestments, acolyte robes, etc.

Office 507-282-8542

Maintenance

If you have these talents to share, we would gratefully appreciate your generosity.

Basic carpentry

Mechanical

Concrete

Painting

Drywall

Plumbing

Electrical

Snow Removal

Landscaping

Bill Scott (office) 507-208-3361

Mowing/Weeding/Taking Care of Flower Beds

With our large campus, there are always needs.

Bill Scott (office) 507-208-3361

Office

Assistance to staff - How can you help us?

Bulletin Stuffing - as needed, typically before/after Thursday or Friday Mass

Mailings - we occasionally need help stuffing envelopes

Bea Velez (office) 507-282-8542

Outreach

Baby Bottle Campaign for Catholic Charities

Each fall we collect our spare change in baby bottles to donate to Catholic Charities. Would you like to help with organizing?

Polly Waldbillig 507-285-1550

Bakers

Do you like to bake? Would you like to share your goodies with others? We could use your skills. We're an active parish and from time to time we need cookies or bars for parish events. You'll receive an email (or phone call if you prefer) explaining what is needed. There is no obligation; you respond if you can help!

Mary Mataitis 507-288-7828

Birthday Card Ministry

It's always nice to get a card in the mail. Each month we send birthday cards to youth in our parish. Join the group that adds a personalized note to each card.

Joyce Lehman 507-282-8542 ext. 108

Birthright (community organization)

Birthright is a pregnancy help center offering love, friendship, hope, encouragement and support to women who are pregnant, wondering if they are, or who are parenting little ones. Birthright welcomes all women regardless of age, race, religion, marital status, area of residence or financial situation. Our services are always free, nonjudgmental and confidential. Birthright is an all-volunteer, nonprofit, charity organization.

www.birthright.org

Birthright office 507-288-9374

Catholic Charities (community organization)

Catholic Charities offers a variety of programs including: Active Aging, AmeriCorps Seniors, Adopted Adult and Birth Parent Searches, Adoption, Clinical Counseling, Emergency Shelters, Financial Literacy, Guardian/Conservatorship, MediApps, Onward and Upward, Parish Social Ministry, Pregnancy, Parent & Adoption, Project Rachel, Refugee Resettlement, and Wellness.

www.ccsomn.org

Catholic Charities Rochester office 507-287-2047

Outreach

Community Food Response (community organization)

Community Food Response is a private, non-profit organization that meets the growing needs of families to have a supplemental source of food. This program focuses on "rescuing" food that would normally be discarded from hospitals, hotels, restaurants, schools, and grocery stores, and then passing it on to individuals and families in need. Pax has a commitment on the fourth Friday of each month. There are three different jobs.

Drive - pick up food and deliver to distribution site (1-4 pm)

Sort & repackage food (2-4 pm)

Distribute – give food to clients (4:45-6:30 pm)

www.communityfoodresponse.org

Beth Kosta 507-696-9082

Detention Center Ministry (community organization)

The Adult Detention Center Ministry is an inter-parish program of lay people who provide prayer services to detainees at the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center. Screening and orientation is provided by the facility.

Sally Burns 507-287-0133

Dorothy Day Hospitality House (community organization)

The Dorothy Day Hospitality House is a temporary homeless shelter conveniently located in downtown Rochester, Minnesota within walking distance to Mayo Clinic, buses, and community resources. Volunteer and make a difference.

www.dorothydayrochestermn.org

507-282-5172

Elder Network (community organization)

Mission is that individuals impacted by the limiting effects of aging have an optimal quality of life. Whether you are in need of help or are willing to help others, Elder Network is here for you. Programs include Senior Advocacy, Peer Support, Visiting, Caregiver Support, Companions, Respite, Education, Transportation. Not sure? Give Elder Network a call.

www.elder-network.org

Elder Network office 507-285-5272

Outreach

Family Promise (community organization)

Family Promise Rochester is the only shelter for families in the greater Rochester area. Besides shelter, we provide stability, skills, and support to families facing homelessness. We offer:

- ♦ Individualized skill building and support, which are vital factors in stopping the cycle of poverty and moving families towards sustainable success.
- ♦ Community Housing program, which provides long-term stable housing options for families who have successfully completed their goals in the shelter program.
- ♦ Family Mentorship Program, which works to pair newly entering families with graduates of the program. This allows families to share their experiences, wisdom and common struggles. This program is in its infancy and is looking to grow.

The need for volunteers continues. There are many ways you can serve Family Promise.

Family Promise 507-281-3122

Amy Crowley 507-421-3853

Outreach

Funeral Luncheon

When a loved one dies and the family makes funeral arrangements, they are invited to have a luncheon or reception. This time for fellowship is an important part of the grieving process. To assist families, we typically have two teams - a set up crew and a clean up crew, with an overlap time to serve the catered meal. The time commitment is generally about two hours, but can vary depending on the time or size of the funeral.

Gail Keidl 507-289-1250

Mary Maitaitis 507-288-7828

*** VIRTUS required**

Garden Plots

The use of a plot to plant a garden is coordinated through the Social Justice Committee as a way to utilize available land resources and to attempt to develop community with Pax Christi neighbors. Plots are available for parishioners and surrounding neighbors. There is no charge for use of the garden plot. We simply request that gardeners submit a brief application, sign a garden plot rules form, make good use of the land, and keep their sites clean. Our garden plots are located on the west side of our campus, behind the fire station.

Tim Haskamp 507-261-8955

Outreach

Homebound Ministry

Homebound Ministers bring Christ to parishioners who are unable to attend the weekend Mass due to a health or other problem.

Homebound Ministers visit and bring Holy Communion once a month to the parishioners on their list, any time during their scheduled week. This is a very rewarding ministry with very little time involvement. A two-hour orientation is provided.

Terry Thul 507-281-8559

Bea Velez (office) 507-282-8542

*** VIRTUS required**

Meal Making Ministry

During times of family need, especially during an extended illness or birth of a child, we would love to bring home-made, complimentary meals to your home.

Carrie Wise 507-993-0132

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pray and care for others who are in need of a special blessing. Prayer Wraps are knitted or crocheted in your home at your convenience.

Materials may be donated or you may be reimbursed for yarn. If needed, we will deliver yarn and pick up your completed wraps.

Prayers are said for the intention of the recipient during the creation of the wrap, they are blessed by our priests, and given to those in need. Meetings are optional, just three times a year, the 3rd Monday of April, July and October, to discuss ministry business, share patterns and get to know one another. Meeting information will be in the Pax Christi bulletin.

Prayer Wraps are meant to comfort, enfold, hug, and give solace to the wearer in times of crisis or stress. Anyone going through a health crisis, medical procedure, long-term illness, loss of loved one, or other stressful life experience is welcome to request a Prayer Wrap (shawl, lap blanket, scarf or baby blanket).

To request a wrap: Church Office 507-282-8542

To volunteer: Marcy Witter 507-282-7024

Linda Brockway 507-269-1255

Real Presence Radio (community organization)

Listen to local and national programming on this 100% listener supported Catholic radio apostolate. **AM 970**

www.yourcatholicradiostation.com

Outreach

St. Vincent dePaul Society

Members of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. We are part of an international society of friends united by a spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule. The Society of St. Vincent dePaul offers tangible assistance to those in need. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service.

An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society recognizes that it must also assume a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless. Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 6-8 pm in the Library, lower level.

Outreach

For assistance call 507-216-7370

*** VIRTUS required**

For information:

Dorothy Loftus-Nall 970 302-1513

The SVdP - Pax Christi Conference is a 501-c3 organization.

Monetary donations are welcomed.

Envelopes are in pews the third weekend
or send donations to the parish office.

Serra Club (community organization)

The Serra club of Rochester takes its name from St. Fr. Junipero Serra, the 18th century Franciscan missionary who established many Spanish missions in California. Like St. Serra, the Serrans of today seek to put faith into action. Working and praying to promote an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Serrans are trying to do their part to ensure the future of the church.

Berny Saletel 507-259-8498

Mike Sheehan 507-288-3767

Outreach

Social Justice Committee

Recognizing that Baptism calls each of us to work for social justice and following the guide of Catholic Social Teaching, our mission is twofold: to empower our fellow parishioners through education and to engage them in works of advocacy, with the goal of changing policies, structures, and institutions so that ultimately we all work on behalf of the common good. The Social Justice Committee meets monthly to identify and implement projects reflecting this mission statement. Ideas for projects that are consistent with our mission are welcome. If you are interested in education and advocacy related to social justice, join us!

Sally Burns 507-287-0133

Sunday Lunch Program

The Rochester Catholic parishes noticed a void in meals served to the underprivileged in Rochester. There were options every day of the week except Sundays. The Catholic community rose to the need and provides a wholesome meal out of the St. Francis Church kitchen. About every six weeks, five to six Pax Christi volunteers prepare between 60 and 70 meals. Currently because of COVID protocols, meals are packed and then distributed from St. Francis Church and The Landing's Day Center between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm. The guests served are from all walks of life - adults and children, who are homeless, handicapped, lonely, addicted to alcohol or drugs, or just temporarily down on their luck. Volunteers are needed between 9:30 am and 12 pm on Pax Christi's assigned Sundays.

Nancy Gaudet 507-292-0847

Anne Baron 507-272-6728

Prayer

Divine Will Cenacle

"FIAT. . . Let it be done according to Your Will."

God the Father wants His Kingdom to reign on earth as it does in heaven. It is what we pray for each time we say the Our Father. Jesus desires to establish His Kingdom upon the earth conquering heart by heart, or better said, will by will. This is the marvel God wants to work in us: that our human will be unified, fused and made one with the Divine Will in such a way that they cannot be distinguished. The Cenacle is an instrument and means to gather together all who desire to know more about the Divine Will. Through Luisa Piccarella's writings, Jesus teaches what the Holy Will of God can do, and how far it can go when the soul gives it full liberty to act, not interrupting its work with its human will. Cenacle meetings include prayer and study. Join us on Tuesdays from 5-6:30 pm in Room 2.

Jane Whener 507-421-9988

Karen Kulzer 507-282-5962

Prayer

Encounters with Mary

Encounters with Mary is a study and prayer group devoted to deepening our understanding and appreciation of Mary, the Mother of God and Our Mother. Each Encounter begins with a reflection on Our Lady- based on a Mystery of the Rosary, a Marian apparition, or a miraculous painting/sculpture- followed by a thoughtful praying of the rosary. Medieval and Renaissance masterpieces provide a backdrop for meditation and reflection. The subtleties and symbolism of these pieces allow us to experience the mysteries in a powerful way and with deeper understanding. All parishioners, with a special invitation to the youth, are encouraged to attend. Regular attendance is not required - join us in meditation, study and prayer in the church sanctuary on the fourth Monday of each month....give yourself to Our Lady, she's been given to you!

Terese Horlocker 507-288-9550

Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

We invite you to learn more about yourself and your relationship with Christ while growing in conversation with Him in a quiet atmosphere. Grow in your faith while adding some peace and order to your everyday life as well. Adorers sign up for an hour time commitment, or can visit the chapel any time. Substitutes are also needed.

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is in the lower level of the parish office building. Adorers are scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 4:00 am - 11:00 pm.

Mary Lindberg 507-993-8401

Lay Carmelite

Locally organized as the **St. Joseph Lay Carmelite Community**, the Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel, to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church, and to contribute to the transformation of the secular world. A Lay Carmelite does this by sharing in the charism of the Carmelite Order. We find in Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and in the Prophet Elijah the models for this way of Gospel living. Profession of promises as a member of the Lay Carmelites is an intensified commitment to the living of one's baptismal promises.

Being a Lay Carmelite is not just a devotion added to life; it is a way of life, a *vocation*. By entering the Order, the Lay Carmelite takes upon him/herself the Carmelite charism of prayer, community and service to others. The call to Carmel, a call to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life, roots Lay Carmelites in a love of those with whom they live and work, in the recognition of God's presence in all circumstances, and in solidarity with God's people everywhere.

Marie Theresa Goihl (Directress)	507-251-5012
Michael Kacir	kacirms@gmail.com
Bob Robak	rjrobak@gmail.com
Paula Plummer	pjplummer@protonmail.com

Prayer

Lumen Christi

Lumen Christi is part of the global charismatic renewal movement in the Church. Our aim is to empower, encourage and equip lay and ordained Catholics for evangelization and ministry invoking the power of the Holy Spirit. The movement takes its name from the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, including prophecy, word of knowledge, emotional and physical healing, praying in tongues, and many more. Lumen Christi is dedicated to helping people experience the personal love of Jesus, surrendering their lives to God the Father and realizing their full baptismal inheritance through a new life of inspiration motivated by the Holy Spirit.

God is Love.

Have you ever experienced personal Love of God?

Lumen Christi prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at Pax Christi. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for group prayer of praise, worship, and intercession using the charisms of the Holy Spirit. If you are experiencing difficult life situations such as fear, distress, sickness, despair, loneliness, or physical pain, then do not hesitate to come and ask for individual prayer to experience God's personal healing love for you.

We are looking to grow our prayer team so please join us as we encourage each other with words of wisdom, direction, and truth from the Holy Spirit.

Zeljko Bajzer	507-285-9055	zbajzer@gmail.com
Gene Plutowski	507-261-7386	gene.plutowski@gmail.com
Tom Osten	507- 993-3850	ostentj@gmail.com
Amah Messan	507-213-4828	awmessan@gmail.com
Marilyn Baker	507-206 -7212	mkbak7@gmail.com
Scott Schawlbe	507-208-2877	scttschwlbe@yahoo.com

Military Wall

The Military Wall allows the Pax Christi faith community to be aware of and pray for your active duty family members serving our country.

Joyce Lehman 507-282-8452 ext. 108

Moms In Prayer

Moms in Prayer is an international organization with local groups. Moms gather weekly to pray for their children and schools. Groups are school specific. Contact me to see if there is a prayer group for your child's school. Learn more: momsinprayer.org

Theresa Fritton 507-252-1282

Prayer

Prayer Line

We are a group of approximately 50 people devoted to praying for those in need. We welcome prayer intentions at any time.

Intentions: Bea Velez (Office) 507-282-8542

Prayer Warriors: Join our ministry to pray for others!

Saundra Groslie 507- 282-6949

Melanie Nordman 507-289-1977

Rosary

We offer two opportunities for communal praying of the Rosary:

- First Saturday of every month at 8:30 am in the Adoration Chapel
- After daily Mass Tuesday-Friday 9:30 am

Rosary Making

Our group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 9:30 am to make rosaries using cord and plastic beads. Members also make rosaries at their leisure at home. The need for rosaries is great; missionaries around the world as well as hospitals, prisons, and military request rosaries. We do what we can to fill that need.

Marilyn Check 507-288-2247

Carol O'Connor 507-206-6709

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Join a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our priests, Fr. John Sauer and Fr. Shawn Haremza.

Marjorie Schiesher 507-951-1297

www.sevensistersapostolate.org

Vocations Wall

We recognize and pray for those preparing for Vocations - married and religious life. Contact us to add your photo or that of a loved one.

Joyce Lehman 507-282-8542 ext. 108

Women in Prayer

We meet the second and fourth Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Gathering Area for prayer and fellowship. All are welcome.

Mary Lindberg 507-993-8401

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

If you are in need of spiritual or physical healing, please contact the parish office for a priest. You may also be anointed before surgery.

Bea Velez (office) 507-282-8542

Baptism

Join us with other families as you anticipate the Baptism of your child. We'll gather together to reflect on the gift of faith, discover what Baptism is and represents, and also discuss your desires as parents. You will also have the opportunity to meet other parents.

Please register for the baptism class:

<https://paxchristchurch.org/baptism>

The 40 minute monthly classes are for both parents and the infant to be baptized. If this is your first child to be baptized at Pax Christi or you have not attended one of our classes we look forward to meeting you. Learn more about the Sacrament of Baptism by viewing the video series, *Reborn*, using our parish subscription to Formed. Details on p. 22.

Parish Office 507-282-8542 ext. 119

Confirmation

See p. 18

First Reconciliation and First Communion

See p. 14

Holy Orders

Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life?

Rev. Jason Kern, Director of Vocations

Diocese of Winona 507-454-4643 ext. 253

Sacraments

Marriage

Congratulations!

Matrimony is a covenant between a man, a woman, and God. To celebrate your wedding at Pax Christi please contact our priest a minimum of six months prior to your selected date. Once you have met with a priest, the date can be set. The date becomes final when preparation is complete.

Preparation:

- Complete a FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) marriage preparation inventory.
- Meet with a trained FOCCUS couple to discuss the results.
- Attend a Pre-Cana or an Engaged Encounter weekend as a couple. (Attending this retreat earns a discount on your marriage license.)
- Ensure baptism records are sent.

Learn more about the Sacrament of Matrimony by viewing the video series, *Beloved*, using our parish subscription to Formed. Details on p. 22.

Joyce Lehman 507-282-8542 ext. 108

Preparation to Join the Catholic Church

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you have questions and want to learn more?

We have a group that can help answer your questions about the Catholic faith. At this inquiry stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Your main task is to explore and develop your faith enough so you can make an informed initial decision about entering the Catholic Church. Your final decision won't come for a long time. Inquirers typically enter the Church and receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Come and see.....

Fr. John Sauer 507-282-8542

Treasure

Doing What You Already Do

Amazon Smile

Shop at smile.amazon.com and they donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Pax Christi at no cost to you. Same products, same prices, same service.

GoodSearch

GoodSearch.com is a search engine powered by Yahoo! When you designate Pax Christi Catholic Church in Rochester, MN as your charity, each search earns us about 1¢. It all adds up!

GoodShop

Goodshop is an online shopping mall that donates a percent of your purchase price when you shop at one of 7,000+ partner stores. You can also find 25,000+ active discounts and money-saving coupons so you can save money and give back at the same time!

SCRIP

SCRIP buys gift cards for national chains, as well as local grocery and gasoline stores, at a discounted price. You, the customer, pay the full face value. The difference is profit for the parish. A complete listing of the participating stores can be found on the Rochester Catholic Schools website.

Purchase SCRIP:

Lourdes High School SCRIP office

** new location behind Lourdes High School

1710 Industrial Drive NW

M-Th 9 am - 1 pm

507- 424-1817

Pax Christi, lower level

first Sunday of the month (Donut)

third Sunday of the month (Pancake)

Order online: www.rcsmn.org/about/scrip

Treasure

Supporting Your Parish

Electronic

1. Online Giving

Visit www.paxchristchurch.org
Click on the Online Giving link.
Complete the registration.



2. **Bank Checks / Bill Pay** Just like paying bills online, you arrange with your bank to send a check at any time.
3. **Bank Account Direct Giving (EFT)** Your contribution is electronically withdrawn on the 20th of each month. Contact the office for the needed form.

Envelopes

1. **Weekly** * Mailed to your home every two months, includes special collections.
2. **Monthly** * Mailed to your home every two months, includes special collections. Instead of one envelope per Sunday, you receive one envelope per month.
3. **Supplemental** (Found in pews) To receive credit, please write your name/address on the envelope.
** These envelopes are mailed out six times a year at the expense of the church.*

Offertory Basket

1. **Cash** To ensure your contribution is documented, please use the supplemental envelopes found in the pews.
2. **Check** Please write your envelope number (if known) on the memo line.
3. **"I give online"** If you contribute online, feel free to place one of the pew cards into the basket.

Tithing

We depend on your direct contributions and encourage you to prayerfully consider tithing.

The **tithe is that tenth of our income that we give to God**, which enables Him to move on our behalf in the area of blessings.

*God is the creator of everything that exists.
He owns everything and we are simply stewards
of what we have been entrusted with.
Tithing includes donations to all charities.*

Treasure

Planning for the Future

Help Us Ensure Our Legacy

Planned Giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved only for the wealthy.

Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of their personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition.

Planned Giving

- Establishes a way to provide for family members while remembering the church
- Often enables the donor to provide more for his or her heirs and to make a larger gift than thought possible
- Often reduces taxes
- Can be designated for general funds or endowment
- Is either an outright gift or a deferred gift.

Bequest in a Will

Can be a:

- Set amount of money
- Percentage of the estate or a specific asset
- Trust or naming the church as a contingent beneficiary

Life Income Gifts

Life income gifts provide you or your designated beneficiary income for life in exchange for your gift.

The most common types:

Pooled Income Fund

Gifts (\$2,500 gift minimum) are “pooled” with other gifts and invested in a professionally managed investment portfolio.

Benefits include:

- Guaranteed income for life, depending on the rate of return on the fund’s investments
- Income can also flow to another beneficiary
- Immediate federal income tax deduction, usually based on the age of the donor and/or beneficiaries
- If funded through appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, the elimination of capital gains taxes
- Possible reduction in estate taxes

At the death of the final beneficiary, the property goes to your charity.

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Planning for the Future

Charitable Gift Annuity

Benefits of are similar to that of the pooled income fund with these differences:

- Minimum gift is \$5,000
- Income for life is guaranteed at a fixed amount
- A portion of the gift is deductible
- A portion of the income received is tax exempt

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

- Available to donors giving \$100,000 or more
- Can be funded with various types of assets, including real estate
- Provides income for life, an income tax deduction, relief from capital gains taxes (if funded through appreciated property), and a possible reduction in estate taxes
- Income fluctuates based on the performance of the portfolio

Charitable Lead Trust

- Enables you to transfer assets to a trust that pays its income to the church for a set period of time
- At the end of the term, the principal and all capital appreciation returns to you or whoever you name.

Gifts of Special Assets

Real estate, securities, and personal property can be gifted to the church. Examples include:

Charitable Life Estate Contract

- Deed your home, vacation home, farm, ranch, or condominium to the church and retain the right to live on the property and/or receive income from the property for as long as you live
- Receive an income tax deduction and normally avoid any capital gains taxes
- Inheritance and estate taxes may be reduced at the time of your death
- Gifts of appreciated real estate or securities allow you to avoid capital gains taxes, if transferred to the church prior to selling. However, if it has decreased in value, sell the assets before making the gift, establishing a capital loss

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Planning for the Future

Tangible Personal Property

- Gifts of tangible personal property, such as jewelry, coins, works of art, automobiles, etc. may be donated
- It is your responsibility to set an appraised value of the gift; any gift over \$5,000 must be independently appraised.

Life Insurance

- Purchase a new policy and make the church the owner and beneficiary of the policy; you may be able to make a much larger gift than otherwise possible
- Make the church the owner and beneficiary, or contingent beneficiary of an existing policy
- Name the church to receive the proceeds if the designated beneficiaries predecease the insured

Retirement Accounts

The remainder value of many retirement accounts can be heavily taxed when left to friends and family, but pass tax-free to your church upon your death.

*We are stewards of God's bounty. Caretakers.
For a brief period we are given time, energy, and resources.
What we do with these gifts ultimately defines the character of our life
and the depth of our spiritual understanding.*

We encourage you
to consult your attorney or financial planner
for more information
and tax advice on these options.

Then, prayerfully consider
Pax Christi Church as a benefactor
in your estate planning.

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Parish History

The history of Pax Christi is not long, as parishes go, but the Pax Christi family has grown both in spirit and in size. We began in June 1973, by decree of Bishop Watters. Father James McCauley was sent to be the pastor developer, and was assigned the daunting task of establishing a new parish, to be called Pax Christi - the Peace of Christ. While the church was being built, we celebrated Mass at Skate Country, an indoor roller rink; a beginning that's captured in a stained glass window located at the lower parking lot entrance. Ground was broken in July 1974, the rectory was completed by Christmas 1974 and in July 1975, Pax Christi was dedicated.



As the parish continued to grow rapidly from its original 250 families, so did the parish's need for more classrooms and meeting space. Thus, in 1979, the Queen of Peace Hall was built and dedicated. The parish experienced explosive membership growth and, already in 1981, the parish reached its facility design capacity of 750 families. By 1984, Pax Christi numbered 1,000 families. In the late 1980s growth in our northwest section of Rochester accounted for 40% of the growth in the entire city. In 1988, the addition of the Spiritual Center onto the original rectory gave us a chapel and much needed office, meeting, and work space.

Because the parish continued to face an acute shortage of space, the Activity Center in the lower level of the church was constructed in 1993. In 1997, a capital campaign was launched to expand and enhance the gathering and worship spaces. The new rectory was built in 2005 and the former rectory was converted to office and youth space. In June, 2010 we were given an incredible gift, the new Pax Christi Youth Center was dedicated.

March of 2020 brought challenges to the entire world with the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay-at-home orders were in effect so to reach our parishioners we began streaming our daily and weekend Masses on Friday, March 20. Many groups met virtually and we learned how to Zoom and remain socially distant.

Currently, Pax Christi is home to 1600 families.
We are a growing, vibrant parish. Welcome home.

