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A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, likely belonging to a child, gently cupping a bright red, glossy heart. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled around the heart. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray with scattered white bokeh lights, creating a warm and tender atmosphere.

PRAY
WITHOUT CEASING

Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions. Pages 14-15



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BEFORE I FORGET...



Fr. Bill Murtaugh
Pastor

LENT 2018

It seems a little strange to celebrate Ash Wednesday on St. Valentine's Day. We are asked to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday; it doesn't sound too romantic for those who are romantically inclined. You can still treat your sweetheart like royalty: A fish fillet sandwich at Burger King, dessert at Dairy Queen, and ashes on your foreheads as you repent of sin. Yes? No? Maybe?

True love is a wonderful gift. And the most beautiful love of all is God's love for you and me and the entire human family. That is the message of Jesus, the One we stand by and take seriously. The Lenten season is about journeying with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem — which is the place of endings as well as beginnings, the place of death and resurrection. It is a place where, to use an old wordplay, "The tomb becomes the womb."



The journey of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem is at the very center of the synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke. We see it with the greatest clarity in Mark's gospel. Three times in that great central section (8:27–10:52), Jesus speaks of His own impending death and resurrection in Jerusalem. He says, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed, and after three days, rise again" (8:31). After each of those three predictions of the Passion, as they are called, Jesus speaks of following after Him, of following Him on that path of death and resurrection.

Lent is precisely about that journey. Lent is about mortality and transformation. We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday with the sign of the cross smeared on our foreheads with ashes as the words are spoken over us, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).

We begin Lent not only reminded of our death, but also marked for death. The Lenten journey, with its climax in Holy Week and the Sacred Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, is about participating in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Put another way, this means dying to an old identity — the identity conferred by culture, by tradition, perhaps by parents — and being born into a new identity — an identity centered in the Spirit of God. It means dying to an old way of being and being born into a new way of being, a way of being centered in God.

Put more concretely, this path of death and resurrection, of radical centering in God, may mean for some of us that we need to die to specific things in our lives — perhaps a behavior or a pattern of behavior that has become destructive or dysfunctional; perhaps to a relationship that has ended or gone bad; perhaps to an unresolved grief that needs to be let go of; perhaps to a career or job that has either been taken from us or no longer nourishes us; or perhaps we need to die to a deadness in our lives.

We can even die to deadness, and this dying is often times a daily rhythm in our lives — that daily occurrence that happens to some of us as we remind ourselves of the reality of God in our relationship to God; that reminder that can take us out of ourselves, lift us out of our confinement, take away our feeling of being burdened and weighed down.



Following Jesus — the journey of Lent — means a radical centering in God in which our own well-being resides, reconnecting to a center of meaning and purpose and energy in our lives. It means we have a passion for justice and compassion in the world of everyday. The gospel of Jesus is ultimately very simple. There is nothing complicated about this at all. The gospel invites us to stand with Jesus, to take Jesus seriously. Take seriously your relationship with God, and take seriously caring about what God cares about in the world.

Lent 2018 can be a very positive experience if we commit to following Jesus, standing with Him, and taking Him seriously. What does it mean to be a Christian? First, at the center of the Christian life is a transforming relationship with God as known decisively in Jesus.

TO LIVE LENT AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS:

- 1) Read one of the synoptic gospels — Matthew, Mark, or Luke.
- 2) Practice acts of compassion and justice.
- 3) Carefully read the story of Jesus' final days and death.
- 4) Make the Sundays of Lent sacred by joining the Christian community for Eucharist.
- 5) Plan to attend the High Holy Days services of Holy Thursday (March 29), Good Friday (March 30), the Great Easter Vigil on Saturday (March 31), the Easter Feast.
- 6) And, of course, Easter Sunday, April 1. Absolutely nothing should trump Easter! Nothing!

LENT 2018 BEGINS

DISCIPLES ON A MISSION

Who are we called to be? What needs to change in our life as baptized Christians?

Pope Francis reminds us that “Christians build bridges, not walls.” He calls us to be a “field hospital.”

How far are we willing to go as disciples? How much will we trust God?

This holy season of 40 days offers ample opportunity to take inventory through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, through contemplation and action. Our “forty day baptismal retreat” calls us to change our hearts, renew our spirits, open ourselves to God’s gift and grace in every encounter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

Ash Wednesday: February 14, Masses with the distribution of ashes: 6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

Lenten Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 13, 7:00pm

Walking the Way: Friday, March 16, 6:30pm

Good Friday: Living Stations, 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter (March 29 – April 1)

BOW – Breaking Open the Word: Opportunity for Pax Christi members to share on Facebook their insights on the weekend readings.

Additional details for these and more Lenten activities on pages 17–19.

Written by Donna Kasbohm, Director of Music and Liturgy

LENTEN DISCIPLES ON A MISSION WITH OPERATION RICE BOWL

BEAN CAKES WITH RICE

From the country of Burkina Faso in Africa

Makes 6–8 Bean Cakes

- 1 can black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 egg, whisked
- ½ t salt
- ½ t black pepper
- 1 c flour
- ¼ c vegetable oil

Place black-eyed peas in a blender with the onion, carrots, and egg. Blend to a smooth paste and add salt and pepper. If bean mixture has too much liquid to form cakes, add flour, ¼ cup at a time to thicken until you can form into cakes. Divide into 6 to 8 portions and place in hot vegetable oil. Flatten each one into a disc using a spatula. Fry until browned (about 5 to 7 minutes), turning occasionally. Serve with rice.



THE PERIOD of Lent is marked by daily prayer, weekly fasting, and almsgiving that changes lives. Jesus gives us many examples of encountering and loving our neighbor. The Good Samaritan is just one example. Catholic Relief Service's Operation Rice Bowl is one option to encounter and love our neighbor as a parish this Lent.

During Lent our faith community — and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor as companions on the journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are providing a Lenten Intergenerational Event to kick off our participation called *Encounter: Disciples on a Mission* for all ages. This will include a rice meal, prayer, video, discussion and activities. Please mark your calendar for one of these three options: Wednesday, February 7 at 4:45pm or 6:30pm; Sunday, February 11 at 6:00pm. Throughout the 40 days of Lent, as disciples on a mission, we will encounter our neighbor in five countries and locally.

We will reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. Check out our weekly eNEWS, posted online or on our website, for stories of five families CRS will be helping with accompanying reflection questions. The families are from Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Malawi, Jerusalem, and the Twin Cities. The programs include farming, business development, education, and basic needs. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially meaningful to come together in prayer as a family. Reflecting on the crosses of hunger, poverty, and war carried by our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homes, we have an opportunity to also reflect on our roles in caring for them as members of our human family.

The photographs accompanying this article are of the people CRS is working with this year.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation





PLEASE CONSIDER THESE SUGGESTIONS IN YOUR FAMILY'S LENTEN PLAN:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections included with your rice bowl to inspire your Lenten journey — and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes from each of the countries CRS is focusing on this year are available on their website. See side bar on previous page for one example.
- Visit csrtricebowl.org/stories to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Learn more at www.csrtricebowl.org.

CRS Rice Bowl has a web page specifically for families. Visit www.csrtricebowl.org/families for activities that will help your family grow in our Catholic faith this Lenten season.



HELPING OUR YOUTH

YouthLink is a non profit organization which provides a one-stop-shop to deliver life-changing resources to help marginal youth with employment, housing, medical, legal, and educational assistance, and much more. YouthLink has many volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups such as meal service at the drop in center, GED tutoring, volunteering at their food shelf and clothes closet, and daycare, just to name a few.

Our Pax Christi community has been very fortunate over the past two years to receive Rice Bowl grants to assist our YouthLink Meal Service ministry, which began in 2016. These grants have helped us prepare and serve dinner meals to homeless youth ages 16–23 years old at the YouthLink drop in center in Minneapolis. We provide these meals two evenings per month through the efforts of 30 volunteers working in teams. These meals may be the only one some of these kids have each day.

We are very grateful to the diocese for these grants. Pax Christi community will participate in the Rice Bowl project. As you can see, the benefits can be seen right here at home.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

Jim Pare'

Grants Board Liaison to YouthLink



I invite you to reflect on these questions during your Lenten journey:

What do I seek from God and Church?

How will I turn toward Jesus this Lent?

What teachings, parables, miracles, or actions of Jesus would I like to study and reflect upon during Lent?



ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING CATHOLIC: MEET OUR CANDIDATES

THE SEASON of Lent is marked by a deepened period of preparation for those discerning initiation into the Catholic faith. As our six candidates (already baptized in a Christian tradition) and one catechumen (unbaptized) enter their final preparation for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, the rest of the community accompanies them during two milestones in this spiritual journey.

The RITE OF WELCOMING was celebrated on Sunday, January 28, at the 11:00am Mass. Those who attended were privileged to welcome our candidates into the Catechumenate phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process for those considering becoming Catholic. This is the first public rite in the process. Three symbols embody this rite: The first symbol is the Threshold, during which the participants and ministers started at the baptismal font which is the threshold, or entrance, into both Pax Christi's sanctuary and into Christianity. They were introduced to the assembly by their sponsors, named what they were seeking from the church, and then welcomed by the assembly into the next stage of the RCIA process. From there all could cross the threshold and process to the altar. The second symbol is the Cross during which the sponsors placed the Sign of the Cross on the participants' foreheads, eyes, ears, lips, shoulders, hands and feet to symbolize a turning toward Jesus. The priest blessed them with the Sign of the Cross and the sponsors placed a cross pendant over the participants. The third symbol is the Word, to follow Jesus, means studying Jesus' words and actions in our Scriptures — his teachings, preaching, parables, actions, miracles, death, and resurrection. After hearing the Word through our Mass scripture readings and homily, the RCIA participants were presented with the bible and then dismissed to reflect on the Word we just heard.

Our Pax Christi community will be participating in the second public rite for those preparing for initiation in the Catholic Church. On the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, the Pax Christi 11:00am assembly will be celebrating the RITE OF SENDING TO THE RITE OF ELECTION, which is with one of our bishops at the Basilica of St. Mary that afternoon. The sponsors will present the participants to the assembly and attest that they have experienced a conversion and are ready for the next and deeper steps toward completing our Sacraments of Initiation. The presider will then ask for the assembly's permission and affirmation of those being sent. The participants then sign the Book of the Elect, which will be taken to the Rite of Election that afternoon where the bishop will recognize our baptized candidates on their continued journey. During this stage, the participants will prepare for the third public rite: INITIATION. This is done when the participant feels ready, usually by the Easter Vigil, when we celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist with the candidates.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation



PLEASE WELCOME AND PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMEN:

Adam Beach (with fiancée Deanna)

Adam Beach grew up Lutheran. He is now inquiring about Catholicism because he is engaged to Deanna Pierzina, who is Catholic, and they want to raise their future family in a one religion home. Adam currently lives in Edina and works at Thrivent Financial as a financial planner. In his free time he enjoys board games, karaoke, and spending time with family and friends.



Daniel Gramse (with wife Sarah and child Wesley)

Daniel Gramse grew up in the Twin Cities, attending Evangelical Free Church with his family. He married his wife, Sarah, in October 2014 in a Catholic church in Lake Tahoe. He says, "I am now pursuing Catholicism with the arrival of our first child, Wesley, as we would like to attend and follow the Catholic church and teachings as a family." They love to travel and have lived in Eden Prairie for about 7 years now.



Greg Bode (with sponsor Ann Wendling)

Greg was baptized in the Lutheran faith as were many generations before him. He is inquiring into Catholicism as part of his renewed faith journey and in support of his relationship with Ann who, with five siblings, experienced the benefit of a positive Catholic upbringing. Ann and Greg enjoy the outdoors and spend many hours in the saddle biking across the Twin Cities and participated in RAGBRAI (ride across Iowa) this past summer. Greg's hometown is Eden Prairie and Ann's is Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Carol Greta (with sponsor Dan Delaney)

Carol Greta and her sponsor, Dan Delaney, live in Shakopee, and both are retired. Carol has been very active in the United Church of Christ (UCC).



When she decided to explore becoming Roman Catholic, she and Dan looked for a parish with a social conscience, and are thrilled to have found Pax Christi. Carol and Dan both lost their spouses a number of years ago. Carol's adult children live in Des Moines and Scotland; Dan has three adult daughters, two of whom live in this area. Both enjoy travel and attending grandchildren's sporting and music events. Carol also volunteers with Grace Hospice.



Joe Dvorak

Joe Dvorak and his wife, Lynette, have been married for 6 years and have a 4-year-old son, Dominic. They have been members of Pax Christi for a number of years and attend the Saturday evening Mass. Joe grew up in the Christian faith and is discerning Catholicism because his wife is Catholic and they are raising their son in the Catholic faith. Joe says, "We feel it was important to have religious solidarity in our household."

Kyle Weckerling

Kyle Weckerling grew up Lutheran. Kyle and his wife, Colby, have been attending his wife's home church, St. Vincent De Paul in Brooklyn Park. They were also married at St. Vincent De Paul. He considered deeply his plan for the spiritual journey of his family when he and his wife Colby were expecting their first child this fall. He lives in Eden Prairie with Colby, and their baby daughter Hailey!

Vicki Radosevich

HOW HAS PRAYER

THREE PARISHIONERS SHARE THEIR SACRED STORIES

PRAYERFUL SUPPORT

HAVE YOU ever pulled a blanket out of the dryer and wrapped it around yourself, delighting in the soft heat as it warms your whole body? Or stepped out of a freezing day into a cozy car with seat heaters, maybe finding a spot inside where the winter sun falls hot on your shoulders? These moments bring to mind experiences of silent prayer.

There are so many people here who are praying for us through life's journey. The prayer shawl ministry isn't just about beautiful shawls to wrap around you on your journey. It is about knit, purl...knit, purl — I pray for you...I pray for you. Knit, purl...knit, purl — I pray for you...I pray for you. Warm yourself with the work of my hands and the prayers of my heart.



CENTERING PRAYER offers a time and a space where we can safely withdraw. A quiet room transformed into a cozy space to sit in silence listening to God. "Come here and listen to me! I'll pour out the spirit of wisdom upon you and make you wise" (Proverbs 1:23). *Details on page 11.*

SILENT SATURDAY offers us a few hours where we can hand things over to God (including our cell phones). We join others as we come together silently in a mutual longing to find and listen to God. As the hours unfold, we are aware of each other; one is writing in a journal, another reading, slowly walking the halls, praying the rosary or just sitting in a chair by the window. A community formed in silence. *Details on page 11.*



When my husband was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, in order to walk beside him on his journey, I was slowly, inch by inch, baby step by step, pulled out of a busy life into a slower quieter existence. Pushing a wheelchair, helping him walk across the room, sitting for hours in the infusion room. A most sacred time. Slowing down, one foot in front of another down a path of unknowing, trusting that "all will be well." I'm aware of these moments as I walk the labyrinth. Silently letting go, trusting God in the journey ahead.

In these cold, dark winter days, I am pulled into the warmth of our church. The smiles I am greeted with as I enter the doors, the music, the sound of the water trickling in the baptismal font. It is comforting to know that whatever situation I may find myself in there is someone here willing to listen and help guide me to the warmth of Christ.

Written by Mary Schad, Care and Support Council Member

CHANGED YOUR LIFE?



SHOW ME, DEAR LORD

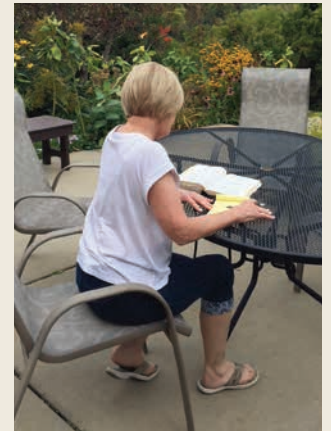
THE CLOCK on my cell phone read 4:37am. There was still another hour before the alarm would be letting me know it was time to get ready for another busy day at work. Wow! I had one more whole hour to sleep! But the more I tried to go back to sleep, the more restless I became; thoughts filling my head kept me awake. As I lay in the quietness I found myself having this very personal, 'one on one' conversation with God. 'God,' I asked Him, 'Who am I? Who is it You have created me to be and how do I show others Your love through me? You sent Your Son to show us Your love and how to love others, but so often I find I fail. How am I to know who You need me to be, and how do I go about revealing Your love as I go about my day? Can You please tell me or give me some sort of sign? How do I resist the temptations of this earthly world and not allow busyness, gossip, and selfishness to consume me?' I paused and listened, for surely, God had the answer. Surely He could tell me very clearly in that very moment that I was listening to Him — during that quiet hour. As I lay there in silence, waiting, listening with anticipation for an answer, my heart became filled with joy, and I felt a presence of His love. It was as if He was speaking directly to me. His answer was simple. I simply heard in my heart, 'Spend time with Me and I will show you the way. I long to hear from you. The more time you spend with Me, the more My purpose for your life will be revealed to you.' That's it I thought. I simply need to make time each day to spend with You and You will show me how to love others the way Jesus loved us? 'Yes, my dear child. That's it!'

Written by Diane Scott, Care and Support Council Member

SILENT SATURDAY – RETURN TO ME

Saturday, February 24, 9:00am–11:30am **RSVP**

"Return to me with your whole heart. For gracious and merciful is God, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness" (Joel 2:13). Care and Support Ministry is hosting another "Silent Saturday" and invites you to spend a few hours of quiet, uninterrupted time in prayer and solitude in our beautiful Pax Christi campus. We will create a peaceful environment for prayer time, journaling, walking, or just resting in God's presence. Silent Saturday is an opportunity to step away from the sounds and distractions of our lives and enter into nourishing silence. How you spend the few hours is up to you. Our hope is that you will leave feeling refreshed. The morning will begin with a short prayer followed by a simple tour of the facility to highlight quiet places and spaces available to you. We will conclude our time together with a short prayer and an optional group sharing time. There is no fee, but we do ask that you notify us if you plan on attending. Contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministries, jthoresen@paxchristi.com.



CENTERING PRAYER

Second and Fourth Thursday of Month, 9:00am, Room 221

Join us for 20 minutes of Centering Prayer at 9:00am (immediately following morning Mass) in the Prayer Space Room 221. Centering Prayer is the practice of silencing mind and body. This method of quieting our mind and body allows us to be aware and receptive to God's presence. It is not meant to replace other forms of prayer, rather, it adds depth to all prayer. Centering Prayer is simply resting in God beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. This group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

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I'M PRAYING FOR YOU...

THOSE WORDS, so frequently spoken, have such deep meaning. What an amazing gift we give when we pray for others!

In the early spring of 2000, my husband and I learned we would be adding to our family after a period of infertility. Shortly thereafter, Good Friday as a matter of fact, we learned that we were carrying twins! It was very exciting for the brief moment before we learned there were likely some significant issues with the pregnancy. We were scheduled for a level 2 ultrasound, to be performed the following Monday, and we proceeded into our Easter weekend with this great uncertainty. The two of us with our daughter, Claire, got down on our knees and started praying for our babies. I pulled out my favorite verse, Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." WOW! What promise from our Heavenly Father! No matter the outcome, there we sat in the palm of His mighty right hand.

Throughout this time, we were surrounded by prayer. From the young office 'playboy' surreptitiously glancing around before saying, "I'm praying for you," to a woman confessing that, "I don't normally pray, but I am praying for you," from bible study groups, to people on the other side of the world that we'll never meet ... all praying for us. What a beautiful and powerful gift!

At one point, my sister asked, "How do you keep going, putting one foot in front of the other?" My response was simply, "I'm not walking. I'm riding on the wings of prayer!" There is no other feeling like it.

Throughout the pregnancy, we found very meaningful verses that were timely, oh-so-comforting, and seemingly written specifically for us. God was pouring grace out upon us quite liberally! I cannot fathom enduring those days without my faith, knowing that He had my back no matter what.

At the time, my husband had not been baptized, having been raised in a home that didn't practice a faith life. He was blown away by the experience we were having. When our pregnancy ended with our baby girls going to their heavenly home, my husband said, "I want to join the church and be baptized. Someday I want to meet those girls at the pearly gates and thank them for getting me there."

Honestly, as horrific as those days were, they were also very holy. We felt so honored to be the vessel for the work that God performed through our/His children! That people prayed us through the experience is a gift that we will never be able to repay, and we will never take the offer of prayer lightly!

We have since added another daughter, Olivia. In spite of the extremely difficult experience we had with our twins, we feel so very blessed! God has given us so much to be thankful for.

I'm praying for each of the readers of this story. God bless you!

Written by Alyson Armstrong, Care and Support Council Member

PAX CHRISTI'S PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is a spiritual practice and spirituality is about relationship. Thus, by practicing hospitality, we grow spiritually. By practicing hospitality, we grow a stronger community. A stronger community is an engaged community.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

THE PURPOSE of the Mission Engagement Steering Committee is to collaborate with all of the parish councils in their planning and implementation of strategies to engage all parish members in parish life. Soon after its first meeting in summer 2016, committee members worked together to craft a definition of what member engagement means at Pax Christi: "Member Engagement is an individual's spiritual connection to God and others in this community."

In addition to reading Albert L. Winseman's *Growing an Engaged Church: How to Stop "Doing Church" and Start Being the Church Again*, the committee spent its first few monthly meetings examining the Benedictine vision of radical hospitality, guided by the book *Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love (2nd edition)*, written by Lonni Collins Pratt and Fr. Daniel Homan, OSB. It is through the committee's discussion of Radical Hospitality that certain common key concepts became apparent, including frequent use of the words "inviting," "welcoming," and "accepting," just to name a few. Using these words as a baseline, the committee developed three inter-relational areas of member engagement: Welcome and Invite; Accept and Include; and Share, Love, Grow. An overview and possible application of each of these three areas within our faith community were respectively published in the April, May, and June 2017 issues of PaxChristiNews.

Now that the groundwork has been laid for what member engagement is, the committee recently moved into the outreach stage and met in January with a liaison from each of the eight councils. The goal of the committee will be to support the work of these councils as they identify how they can best incorporate active engagement into their projects.

If you have an interest in furthering the member engagement committee's mission, the committee is always interested in welcoming new members! Contact committee chair Dave Putrich, dputrich@comcast.net, or Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development, mkenney@paxchristi.com, to indicate your interest.

Written by Andy Leet, Member Engagement Committee Member





GENEROUSLY LIVING

PRAY + SERVE + SHARE = TRUE LOVE

ONE OF my all-time favorite movies is *The Princess Bride*. The movie may have turned 30 years old this past September, however, it has great staying power. If it's ever on the television listing, I tune in no matter where it is and watch it till the end. At one point in the movie, our hero Westley is rescued by Inigo Montoya and Fezzik and they take him to Miracle Max for a miraculous solution, that is, to bring him back from the brink of being "mostly dead." In order to assist them, Miracle Max fills Westley's lungs with air from a bellows and presses on his chest, and the dialogue continues:

MIRACLE MAX: "What's so important? What you got here that's worth living for?"

WESTLEY: "True Love."

INIGO MONTOYA: "You heard him? You could not ask for a more noble cause than that!"

MIRACLE MAX: "Sonny, true love is the greatest thing in the world, except for a nice MLT, Mutton, Lettuce, and Tomato sandwich, when the mutton is nice and lean...."

True love. What does that look like? From the aspect of the commercial world, true love is shown by pulling out all the stops: sending flowers, giving gifts of jewelry, securing reservations at swanky restaurants. Spend, spend, and spend some more to show

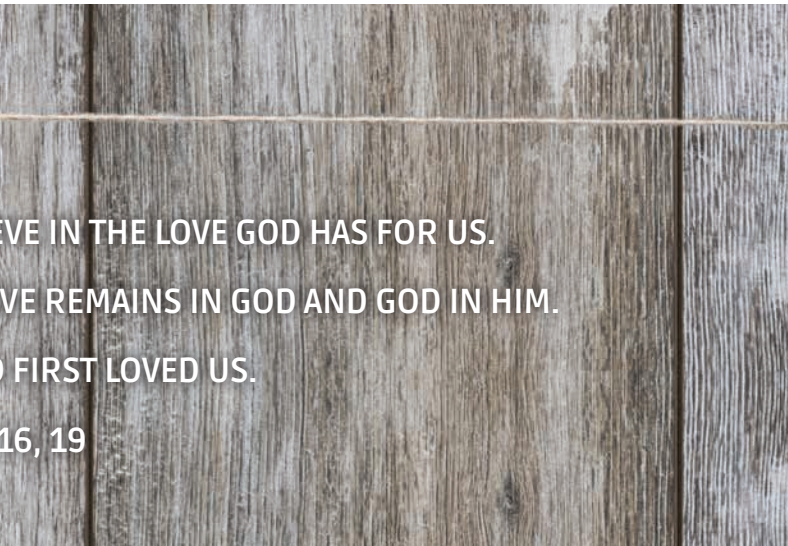
that special someone how much he or she is loved. The concept spun is that the more one spends, the more love is shown. But is how much you spend an accurate indicator of the authenticity of true love?

How about the inanimate objects in our life? We have all heard that phrase when a friend remarks that they love their car or love a job. The things we have can make our lives easier or give us security, but do the things we own or the jobs we have provide us with genuine love?

So true love is noble, true love is authentic. True love is genuine. We can look at the apostle John's writings and see the simplicity of true love found in our faith: "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

As we begin this season of Lent, what better way to return our love to God than to dedicate our true Christian love as Disciples on a Mission as we **PRAY**, **SERVE**, and **SHARE**. Start with **PRAY**. Dedicate a portion of the 40 days of Lent to improving your prayer life. It could be learning about the Prayer Labyrinth on February 12, participating in the Silent Saturday on February 24, turning off the radio and enjoying a daily dialogue with God on your way to work, or taking time to read the Gospel before you come to Mass each Sunday. Find something that resonates with your lifestyle and stick with the plan.

SERVE can be here, there, and everywhere. Take simple steps



to give of yourself with no strings attached at home, work, school, at Pax Christi, or in the greater community. Within the Pax Christi community, there are abundant opportunities to show your love by sharing the best of you. Check out the SERVE tab on the Pax Christi website to learn the many ways we have to share of your time and talents. Your gifts can also find a loving embrace in the greater community.

SHARE. Take a look at your lifestyle and see where there is room to make loving adjustments and channel some

of your financial resources to those in need, make a donation to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund, or participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project. Dig a little deeper and see how you are called to share. There is no gift too small and all gifts make a difference.

PRAY, SERVE, and **SHARE** this Lent and find your True Love in God.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development



MEET BOB RUBENZER

For it is in giving that we receive. –St. Francis of Assisi

THE TIME and services donated by parishioners are very important components in the livelihood and spirit of the church. One such parishioner, Bob Rubenzer, has contributed generously in many areas of service over the years. Bob and his wife, Joyce, have been members of Pax Christi since 1983. Bob was a lector and Eucharistic minister in the other parishes he attended before coming to Pax Christi. His involvement continued to grow as he served on the liturgy council, and in 2002, he started his involvement in the Companion Ministry. He is devoted to this ministry as it allows him to share the gifts God has given him, specifically with the elderly. Bob spends time at a couple of senior care centers in Eden Prairie, conducting communion and prayer services and leading the rosary. From time to time, he makes impromptu visits to those who are struggling, whenever he is needed. He has also been a small group facilitator with the Southwest Grief Coalition.

Bob's gift of sharing care and support is not confined to the Pax Christi community. It is also reflected in the way he cherishes his family. Bob and Joyce welcome their three children and four grandchildren for Sunday dinner whenever they can attend. No matter what the turnout, Bob is there to welcome them and be their companion in any way he can.

Through all the years of working in these ministries, Joyce has always been alongside Bob. He says, "Joyce is the love of my life." Even amidst her advancing battle with Alzheimer's, she accompanies Bob on these ministries, which Bob says allows for those they are serving to share their own gifts in return. Bob's gifts that he has so generously shared are something to admire, and they provide a definitive example of how we are called to **love one another as God so loved us.**

Written by Riley A. Boese, Pax Christi parishioner



READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 1/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

PARISHIONER NEWS

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Aurora Schilling Hunt	12/2/2017
Rubyann Hercules Grutsch	12/3/2017
Jameson Blakeley Larson	12/3/2017
Konrad Emerson Marshall	12/9/2017
Jeremiah Jay Ringquist	12/9/2017
Ellery Elizabeth Maiers	12/10/2017
Thea Margaret McNeal	12/10/2017
Henry Stuart Pietig	12/10/2017
Knox Wilson Spreadbury	12/10/2017
Logan Dean Schirmers	12/23/2017
Michael Robert Borgstrom	12/31/2017
Adelaide Margaret Klingelhoets	12/31/2017
Eleanor LaVerne Mevissen	12/31/2017

DECEMBER WEDDINGS

Erica Weber & Lloyd Onwuneme	12/09/2017
Morgan Reese & Benjamin Weber	12/30/2017

DECEMBER FUNERALS

Robert William 'Bob' McGovern	12/1/2017
Elizabeth 'Betty' Ratner	12/4/2017
Dawn June	12/16/2017
Mark Ellis McCartan	12/30/2017

DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Laura Adams
 Jessie Bazan
 Daniel Delaney and Carol Greta
 Elizabeth Fleming
 Eric Fought
 Victor and Elaine Jacobs
 Pascal and Edith Kuassi
 Ted and Barb Loisselle
 David and Sharon Nickolay
 Glenn and Laura Paetow
 Mark Schleeter
 Mary Jane and Basil Wissner



PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT

The 10th Annual Pax Christi Parishioners' Art Exhibit will take place this APRIL! The committee has chosen a theme of "New Life — the Birth of Spring" to help unify the show. The change in date was decided upon by the Art Committee as we feel that it gives parishioners more time to prepare their works and feel less rushed to get work on display over the holiday season. We hope you consider joining your fellow parishioners who will be sharing their artistic gifts in the Pax Christi parishioners exhibit in April of 2018. Artworks will be collected on April 8 from 10:00am–12:00pm and the opening reception will be on April 15. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information to come regarding guidelines and application procedures. Art is welcomed from parishioners ages 16 and older! Looking for amateur, hobbyist, or professional artists to show their fine art and fine craft, which may include works in sculpture, pottery, fiber, photography, film and/or video (which will be discussed upon application as we have limited room for displaying such media).



MINISTRIES OF PRAYER:

CENTERING PRAYER – Second and Fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00am. Guidance provided for those new to this prayer form.

LABRYINTH WALKING – A labyrinth is a walking meditation that integrates mind, body, and spirit in prayer. Pax Christi has an outdoor labyrinth which is self-directed and available year round. Indoor labyrinth walks are available monthly. A topic is explored in a group setting prior to the monthly indoor walks.

PRAYER BASKET – Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

PRAYER BOARD – Pax Christi's website hosts the Prayer Board. You are invited to pray as you are able for the intentions listed. Intentions may be submitted via the link on our homepage.

PRAYER CORNER – The Prayer Corner is included in the weekly bulletin. You are invited to pray as you are able for those listed.

PRAYER LINE – The Prayer Line team of dedicated parishioners prays in response to intentions brought forward by others in our community. Call the parish office if you have a prayer request you would like included.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Give one or make one. Prayer and love of knitting or crocheting have been combined into a special ministry that reaches out to anyone going through an event in life, providing them with a beautiful shawl. You are invited to join this special ministry. Prayer shawls are available in the parish office.

ROSARY GROUP – Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.



BOOMERS AND BEYOND

PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

Sign-up at www.paxchristi.com/boomers
to receive info on upcoming events.

Upcoming events include:

February 2: First Friday Coffee and Conversation

February 21: Half Day Retreat at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center

For additional information visit
www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry.

FEBRUARY

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE EVENT

Saturday, February 10, 1:00–3:00pm, John XXIII Garden Level

All 6–8th graders are invited to join us for an afternoon movie on February 10! Bring your friends and meet in the John XIII Room (formerly the Garden Level). We'll vote on the movie that day, and pizza will be provided. There is no fee, but registration is requested at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

**Sunday, February 11, 12:30pm, Room 212,
HONORING THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:
A MOTHER'S STORY**

Television writer/producer Joan Rater will share her experience as the mom of her transgender son, Tom.

THE POWER OF LOVE: A LABYRINTH WALK

Monday, February 12, 6:30–8:30pm *RSVP*

Love is a universal experience. Poetry is one of many ways to express its essence. With this walk we will honor and celebrate love through poetry. Bring an open heart, your own poetry, or be inspired by the poetry provided. Walking the labyrinth quiets the mind, opens the heart, and grounds the body. Some find answers to questions long asked, some find healing, creativity, a sense of wholeness. Join us for a brief workshop followed by an indoor candlelit labyrinth walk. An introduction to the labyrinth will be available to those new to the labyrinth. To register, contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher at Carrie@cycleofwholeness.com. Carrie is a Veriditas Advanced Labyrinth Facilitator and Personal Life Coach.

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Wednesday, February 14, Masses with the distribution of ashes:
6:45am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm**

Join us following the noon Ash Wednesday Mass for a light lunch of soup and bread in Dorothy Day Hall served by the staff of Pax Christi. A light supper of soup and bread will be served from 5:30–6:45pm in Nazareth Hall following the 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass or enjoy the meal before the 7:00pm Mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16, 7:00pm IN THE CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross is a devotional prayer in which people meditate on a number of scenes from the passion and death of Christ. It was an early Church practice to visit the sites of Jesus' last hours in Jerusalem, but not everyone could do that kind of travel. A practice grew over time of meditating on the passion of Christ at shrines that represented the actual places. Stations of the Cross is offered each Friday at during Lent in the Pax Christi Chapel. All are welcome!

PRESIDENT'S DAY MASS

Monday, February 19, 9:00am

Please join us for a President's Day Mass on Monday, February 15. Please note that following the Mass the parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the holiday.

BOOMERS AND BEYOND RETREAT

***Toward the Spirituality of Joy*, Wednesday, February 21,
9:00am–2:00pm, Franciscan Retreat Center, \$25.00 *RSVP***

Toward a Spirituality of Joy. Joy is a quality that our Lord himself wishes to pass onto his disciples when he says, "I have told you this that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Pope Francis often speaks of joy in his daily homilies and essays. What are some aspects of a Spirituality of Joy, and how can all of us make joy the basis of our life as followers of Jesus? Come join Boomers and Beyond for a half-day retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center. Brother Bob Roddy, Director, will speak on the spirituality of joy followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Van Dorn. The morning will include a tour of the center and a delicious lunch. Contact Anne Kieser, Chairperson, for questions and carpooling information at 952-946-9984. Register online with a credit card or drop off payment with Maria Miller in the parish office by February 10.

SILENT SATURDAY – RETURN TO ME

Saturday, February 24, 9:00am–11:30am **RSVP**

"Return to me with your whole heart. For gracious and merciful is God, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness" (Joel 2:13). Care and Support Ministry is hosting another "Silent Saturday" and invites you to spend a few hours of quiet, uninterrupted time in prayer and solitude in our beautiful Pax Christi campus. We will create a peaceful environment for prayer time, journaling, walking, or just resting in God's presence. Silent Saturday is an opportunity to step away from the sounds and distractions of our lives and enter into nourishing silence. How you spend the few hours is up to you. Our hope is that you will leave feeling refreshed. The morning will begin with a short prayer followed by a simple tour of the facility to highlight quiet places and spaces available to you. We will conclude our time together with a short prayer and an optional group sharing time. There is no fee, but we do ask that you notify us if you plan on attending. Contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministries, jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

TWELVE BASKETS BLANKET DRIVE FOR BRIDGING

Weekend of February 24/25

Imagine sleeping without a blanket. Thousands of local families and individuals face this situation every day. Each year, Bridging serves over 13,000 individuals (4,000 households) in the Twin Cities. Bridging needs blankets for 240 people each week. Twelve Baskets is sponsoring a Blanket Drive the weekend of February 24/25. Donate a new or handmade blanket, quilt or comforter. All sizes needed—throw, twin, full, queen, or king. Drop off in the designated red bins at doors 1 and 3. Thank you for responding with a generous heart!

A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

Due to the large volume of events we offer at Pax Christi, we have to keep our announcements brief. Please visit us online at www.paxchristi.com for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

MAKE PLANS NOW

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS CLASS

Wednesdays, March 7–April 18, 6:30–8:00 pm, \$17.00 **RSVP**

What are your God-given gifts? This Lenten Season, why not work on finding out more about your own strengths? Gallup (the poll people) has developed an online assessment tool that can tell you what your top five strengths are out of 34 strengths they have identified. Join other parishioners in a small-group environment to learn how to recognize, develop, and harness your strengths to be the person God calls you to be in your career/school life, relationships, and faith life. Participants will receive a copy of the *Living Your Strengths* book with an online assessment code, a journal, and work with a certified faith strengths performance coach within a small group setting. The fee is \$17.00. Classes will not meet Holy Week. Questions? contact Mary Kennedy, mkennedy@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7220.

COMMUNITY NIGHT FISH BAKE

Friday, March 16, Meal begins at 5:00pm

Connect with fellow parishioners and participate in a long-standing Pax Christi Lenten tradition — the fish bake. Enjoy fellowship along with two delicious varieties of fish. There's even macaroni and cheese for the kids and dessert for everyone.

WALKING THE WAY: CONTEMPORARY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 16, 6:30pm

Following the Community Night Fish Bake, join *Walking the Way*. You are invited to a contemporary interpretation of the traditional Stations of the Cross through the lens of photo meditations. We are reminded that *The Way of the Cross* continues through reflections on the suffering of Christ present in people in our own time throughout the world. You can also "walk the way" at your own convenience until the beginning of Holy Week. The installations are in the hall around the periphery of the building.

HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

April 16–27, 2018 **RSVP**

It's not too late to consider the pilgrimage to Israel in April. What a great way to reflect on the life of Jesus during the Easter season in the place where he was born, taught, suffered, died, and rose to new life. If interested, contact Magi Travel, 952-949-0065.

FEBRUARY

See pages 18–19 for details
or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION	3
4	5	6 BAPTISM CLASS	7 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION FAMILY LENT EVENT	8 CENTERING PRAYER	9	10 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND CARE AND SUPPORT MINISTRY SHOWCASE MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE EVENT
11 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND CARE AND SUPPORT MINISTRY SHOWCASE SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER FAITH FORMATION FAMILY LENT EVENT	12 CAST INTO THE DEEP ADULT FORMATION LABYRINTH WALK	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP LUNCH SOUP SUPPER	15 COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE	16 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	17
18	19 PRESIDENTS DAY BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING MASS	20 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	21 BOOMERS RETREAT FAITH FORMATION	22 CENTERING PRAYER	23 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	24 SILENT SATURDAY BLANKET DRIVE
25 BLANKET DRIVE FAITH FORMATION	26	27 MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE ADULT FORMATION	28 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION	1	2 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	3





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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

**February 10/11
 following all Masses**

We are DISCIPLES ON A MISSION, and sharing our gifts generously is how we live our stewardship response to Christ's call. Pax Christi highlights a different ministry area in our Monthly Ministry Showcase. Focusing on a single program area helps us share the story of Pax Christi from the shared minister's perspective. We encourage you to check out this month's Ministry Showcase and learn more about the lives we touch through our gifts shared in our ministries. Visit the Ministry Showcase and see if there is a ministry need that matches your gifts.

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

FEBRUARY'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE FEATURES CARE AND SUPPORT.

Prayer is the foundation of Pax Christi's Care and Support Ministry. Grounded in prayer, we go out into the community to serve our local care centers and the homebound. Responding in prayer, we minister to the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable, and the dying. Rejoicing in prayer, we share our abundance through numerous Twelve Baskets collections. Surrounded by prayer, we walk with families through the funeral process and the grief that accompanies their journey. Sustained by prayer, we offer support groups and resources for a variety of needs. We believe that prayer has the power to heal and transform individuals, our parish community, and our world. We invite you to the Care and Support ministry tables on February 10/11 as we highlight many opportunities for individual and collective prayer in our parish community.

