Pax Christi Catholic Church

May 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Encountering, becoming and sharing the Presence, Love and Peace of Christ

Meet our new Pastor - Fr. John Sauer



I was born and raised in St. Cloud, Minnesota where I attended Holy Spirit School and Cathedral High School. In 1979 I graduated from St. John's University, Collegeville with a degree in liturgical music. I was hired as Director of Music and Liturgy for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona in 1979. While there I discerned my vocation to the priesthood and entered Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in 1980 to study for the Diocese of Winona. I attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome with studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm, I completed a STL in Sacramental Theology in 1990.

I was ordained on June 19, 1985. My pastoral assignments have included St. Stanislaus in Winona, St. Francis in Rochester, St. John the Baptist in Mankato, St. Edward in Austin and Our Lady of Loretto in Brownsdale. In 1996, Bishop Vlazny asked me to become the rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona. During that time, I also was pastor of Immaculate Conception in Wilson and St. Casimir in Winona. I am most recently pastor of Sacred Heart in Owatonna where I was also pastor of Holy Trinity in Litomysl until 2019.

I have taught at Cotter, Lourdes and Loyola High Schools. In addition, I have been the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese on three different occasions beginning in 1989. My last term in the office ended in 2019. I have been the chair of the Diocesan Commission on Sacred Liturgy and a board member of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, serving as the chair of the art and environment committee and on the Executive Committee as an at-large delegate.

I love music and enjoy singing. I am part of a choir in the Twin Cities, Kantorei. I also enjoy traveling and reading – I usually have two or three books going at any one time. I love to cook. In fact, I took a cooking class in Paris and in Rome while on sabbatical.

I am delighted to be coming to Pax Christi and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes. I know that you are wonderful communities of faith and I look forward to sharing that faith with you. Of course, with the continuing effects of the Corvid-19 virus it will be a transition unlike any other. But together we will make it work.

I am deeply aware that I stand on the shoulders of the amazing pastors who have gone before me. All of them have had a significant impact on my life and priesthood. Fr. T was pastor in my first assignment, St. Stanislaus in Winona. Fr. Jim McCauley has been a source of inspiration and support. And Fr. Fogal sought me out when I first moved to Mankato and made me feel incredibly welcome.

I want to thank Fr. Will, Fr. Thế and all who have reached out to me in these days. I already feel a sense of welcome. Please continue to pray for us all. Know of my prayers for you.

Fr. Sauer begins his assignment on July 1.

The Most Reverend John M. Quinn, Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, announces the following:

Rev. Shawn Haremza: currently the Parochial Vicar of Resurrection Parish in Rochester; in addition to his current assignment, to assist with sacramental ministry at Pax Christi Parish in Rochester and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Mazeppa, effective July 1, 2020.



Mass Times

Public Masses are cancelled.

Watch our live stream
8 am, 7 days/week
Pax Christi Catholic Church
YouTube Channel

Follow the link at paxchristichurch.org or search "Pax Christi Church" in the YouTube search bar.
(Available as a recording about an hour after Mass has ended.)

Reconciliation

Saturdays 10:30 am-noon
Pax Christi Youth Center
or set-up an appointment 507-282-8542.

Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament has been moved to the main Sanctuary in the Church. Our Adoration Chapel is currently closed.



Pastor
Father Will Thompson



Parochial Vicar
Father Thế Hoàng

Follow us on Facebook

paxchristichurch.org
507-282-8542
4135 - 18th AVE NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Parish Life

A Socially-Distanced Drive-Thru Farewell for Fr. Will Thompson

Sunday, May 24

1-4 pm

Pax Christi lower level parking lot

Enter from 18th Avenue through the northern most driveway and come down the hill by the rectory to the lower level parking lot. Fr. Will Thompson will be by the volleyball court.

There will be a collection box for cards and notes.

To maintain social distance, please stay in your car.

Fr. Will Thompson's last Sunday as our pastor will be May 24. Join us in wishing him well as he begins his role as pastor of the Lewiston cluster, in addition to his roles as Vicar General of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and Moderator of the Curia. He'll also begin Canon Law studies online through the Catholic University of America in June and July.



Pastor
Father Will Thompson



A farewell event for Fr. Thế Hoàng will be held at a later date.

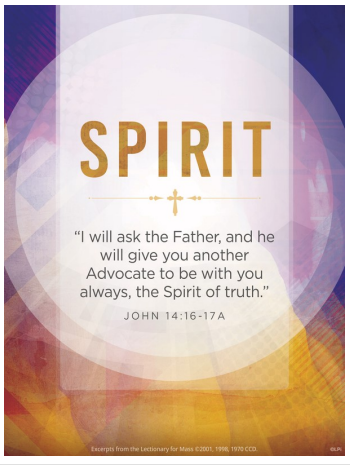
On July 1 he will begin his new assignment as the pastor of Sacred Heart in Waseca.

Sunday Reflection - John 14:15-21

In today's Gospel Jesus is telling his disciples at the Last Supper that, through the Spirit, he will continue to be with them – and us – forever. He calls the Spirit an 'Advocate'. In other biblical translations he is called a 'Counsellor' (NRSV,NIV), 'Comforter' (King James), Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby (Amplified Bible), Advocate (NAB, NRSV). The Greek word is parakletos from which comes the older word 'Paraclete'. Basically a 'paraclete' is someone like a defense lawyer, someone who stands by you in court, gives you support, advice and comfort in difficult situations where you need help. That is precisely the role of the Spirit in our Christian life. He teaches, he guides, he supports, he consoles, he comforts as we try to be faithful in our following of Christ's Way.

How do you depend on the Holy Spirit?

https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/EA061



Prayer & Liturgy

Participate in the Mass from Home

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

We're **streaming Mass everyday at 8 am** (or you can watch the recording later.) Follow the link on our website, www.PaxChristiChurch.org, or search "Pax Christi Church" on YouTube.

Since public Masses are suspended and we cannot receive the Eucharist, it is a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. Pray with us during Mass.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Beginning to Celebrate Mass Together Again

The staff of Pax Christi are diligently working on a plan for us to safely celebrate together again. In our "new normal" we will be

- Implementing a sanitizing protocol before and after each Mass
- Supplying hand sanitizer by all entrances
- Encouraging the faithful to wear a face mask
- Ensuring that a 6 foot social distance is maintained
- Implementing other safety protocols as needed.

The faithful of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation for the duration of time that public Masses are suspended.

Anyone who is elderly, uncomfortable in a group setting or has a compromised immunity system is encouraged to celebrate with us from home. Our Masses will continue to be streamed/recorded on YouTube. During this time of uncertainty, we are blessed that our church remains open for personal prayer.

Church hours are 9 am - 8 pm daily.

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 18
Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 19 Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday May 20
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
John 16:12-15

Thursday May 21
Acts 18:1-8
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
John 16:16-20

Friday May 22
Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday May 23
Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 24
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Mass Intentions

Mass is celebrated daily at 8 am
Streamed live on YouTube

Monday, May 18 Linda Chesney †
Tuesday, May 19 Fr. Will Thompson
Wednesday, May 20 Dick Young †
Kathy & Sharon O'Connell † (priest's private Mass*)
Thursday, May 21 Donna Byer †
Friday, May 22 Frank Yanish †
Saturday, May 23 For the Roca Family
Dean Tulledge † (priest's private Mass*)
Sunday, May 24
Pax Christi & Ss. Peter & Paul parishioners
Kevin Bossou (priest's private Mass*)

As of this printing, we are not sure when public Masses will resume.

*Masses will be celebrated by both our priests each day. One will be streamed online at 8:00 am. Any intention listed as a "priest's private Mass" will be offered when Fr. Thompson or Fr. Thế celebrates Mass privately on that day.

Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of Pax Christi. Although public Masses and activities are canceled, most of our expenses remain. You are welcome to mail in your donation or drop it off in the locked box in our Gathering Space. We also offer electronic giving options, more information is on our website. Please call our office with any questions.

NEW Text-to-Give option
Text "GIVE" to (507) 223-3403
Mail: 4135-18 AVE NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Pax Christi donations as of May 12
Goal: $103,900
Received: $63,760
61.37%
Donors: 189
https://catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-2020

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Share His good gifts with all.

Our Bible study groups are meeting online - join us!

We use the Lectio Divina method to reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

Computer - desktop or laptop

No need to download anything - just type the link into your browser. Google Chrome works best.

Mondays 6:30 pm
meet.jit.si/MondaynightBiblestudy
Tuesday 9:30 am
meet.jit.si/PaxChristiTuesamBibleStudy
Wednesday 8 am
meet.jit.si/PaxChristiWedamBibleStudy

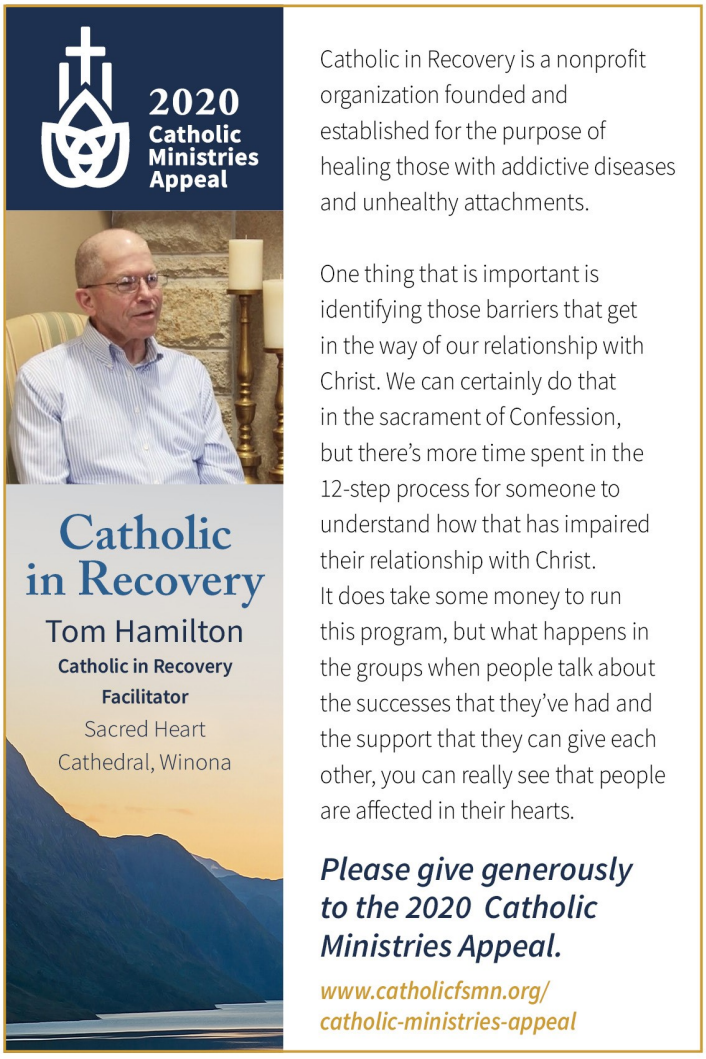
Smartphone or Tablet

You will need to download an app. Search "Jitsi Meet." It is by 8x8, Inc. and should be the first option.
Android: Play Store
Apple: App store

In the Jitsi app search:

- Monday night Bible study
  (set up first - sorry for the inconsistency)
- Pax Christi Tues am Bible Study
- Pax Christi Wed am Bible Study

Phone Remember party lines?
1-512-402-2718
Mon 6:30 pm meeting 4131824570 (then press #)
Tues 9:30 am meeting 104955128 (then press #)
Wed 8 am meeting 2058506609 (then press #)



Catholic in Recovery is a nonprofit organization founded and established for the purpose of healing those with addictive diseases and unhealthy attachments.

One thing that is important is identifying those barriers that get in the way of our relationship with Christ. We can certainly do that in the sacrament of Confession, but there's more time spent in the 12-step process for someone to understand how that has impaired their relationship with Christ.
It does take some money to run this program, but what happens in the groups when people talk about the successes that they've had and the support that they can give each other, you can really see that people are affected in their hearts.

Please give generously to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

www.catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal

Sharing God's Love in the Pandemic

How are you helping others? Are you shopping for a neighbor or sewing masks? Which of the Works of Mercy are you doing? How have others helped you? Tell us about it ~ Send your name, contact information, and a 25 word or less description of how you are sharing God love to:
bulletin@paxchristichurch.org
Photos would also be fantastic!

Watch the **video of our May Crowning** on our Pax Christi website: paxchristichurch.org
Thank you Fr. Thế, and the Rauh, Scheitel, and Todd families for sharing God's love!

Catholic Community

Living and Growing in the Holy Spirit Online Seminar

Join us for this online adaptation of a Life in the Spirit seminar which uses material from the popular series *The Wild Goose*, with prayer and witness. All who want to go more deeply into living a Spirit-led life this coming Pentecost are invited.

Pentecost weekend
Saturday, May 30, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm &
Sunday, May 31, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

All are welcome.

For more information:
Deacon John Hust - diocesan liaison to Catholic Charismatic Renewal; deaconjohn@felixagnes.org
Nancy Hust; nhust@aol.com
Scott Schwalbe; 507-208-0877



Watch the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Sunday Mass

Television

- KIMT 3 - 7:30 am
- MyTV 3.2 - 9:00 am
- WFTC 9.2 - 11:30 am (Comcast: 10/807, DirecTV: 29, DISH: 29 Mediacom: 10/803)

Internet - Livestream with Bishop Quinn

11 am ~ broadcast from the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
www.dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html
(also use this link to watch Mass online anytime.)

Face Masks Needed

Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic serves the needs of the uninsured in southwestern Minnesota. With the rapidly growing outbreak of COVID-19 in Worthington, masks are in great need as often multiple generations live together and sometimes multiple families in one household.
If you sew, please consider donating masks.
Find directions to make masks on the Center for Disease Control website **www.cdc.gov/coronavirus**

Mail masks to:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic
PO Box 731
Worthington, MN 56187

CALVARY CEMETERY OF ROCHESTER

Calvary Cemetery provides beautiful, serene surroundings for peaceful prayer and meditation. Why choose a Catholic cemetery for yourself and loved ones? A Catholic cemetery offers a blessed, final resting place where generations of survivors can visit, locate, remember and honor the deceased. Calvary Cemetery offers varied burial options including inground, crypt and columbarium. For daily operations, the cemetery relies on business transactions, financial support of benefactors and the kind generosity of Rochester Catholic parishioners. In memory of loved ones, support of Calvary Cemetery and recognition of Memorial Day, a second collection will be conducted at all parishes May 16 & 17, 2020. Donations may also be mailed to:

Calvary Cemetery
500 - 11 Ave. NE, Rochester, MN 55906

Catholic Charities

Are you struggling more than usual with anxiety, worry, loneliness, or depression at this time?
Catholic Charities' Counselors are here to help.
To maintain social distancing, our therapists are using Telehealth. Please give our office a call to set up an appointment for one-on-one counseling or visit our website: www.ccsomn.org.
507-287-2047



