

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 8, 2020

## NEW HERE?

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Mondays ~ 8:30am

Tuesdays ~ 8:30am

Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm

Thursdays ~ 8:30am (Word/Communion Service)

Fridays ~ 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private) ~ Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

*Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.*

*Nursery provided for infants through age 4 during Sunday Mass times.*

### SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER:

**Baptism** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/baptism](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

**Confirmation** ~ info at [www.paxchristi.com/confirmation](http://www.paxchristi.com/confirmation)

**First Eucharist** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/eucharist](http://www.paxchristi.com/eucharist)

**First Reconciliation** ~ registration/info at [www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation](http://www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation)

**Marriage and Wedding Prep** ~ [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://www.paxchristi.com/marriage)

**Rosary** ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

Questions? Contact Andrea in the parish office, 952-405-7207.



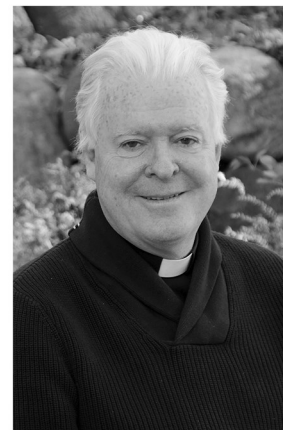
## You're invited to A CALLING TO LEADERSHIP

Join us at one of  
the information sessions,  
April 14 or 16.

Please RSVP at [www.paxchristi.com/rsvpleadership](http://www.paxchristi.com/rsvpleadership)

Council members will be located in the gathering space next weekend, March 14/15. Stop by to learn more about involvement in Pax Christi Leadership Councils.

## A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

As of the time of this writing, the number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Minnesota is, gratefully, zero. But we've been put on notice by health professionals (and politicians and media personalities and any amateur expert on the subject out there on the internet) that we need to be appropriately cautious in acknowledging the threat of it spreading in the United States. A bit of perspective would be useful, and that might start by recalling that the threat of contracting the flu is, at the moment, a far greater risk for most of us. And many or most of the same sensible precautions that we'd take in that case are helpful here, too.

Up to now, I and we have received no mandates from either the government or the Church regarding changes to normal behavior when we gather here at Pax Christi for worship or social activities. But I have received a few (not more than a few) inquiries from parishioners who are concerned with keeping themselves and all of us healthy. Specifically, there are at least three times during every celebration of the Eucharist when people are invited to have physical contact with one another. One is during the praying of the Lord's Prayer, when many or most of us hold hands. The second is the greeting of peace, when most of us shake the hands of others or embrace. The third is the procession to communion, when we receive the body and blood of the Lord. Ours is a tradition that takes the idea of sacraments very seriously (i.e. the physical, bodily enactments of the faith that we profess with our mouths), so the idea of refraining from such behaviors should be quite concerning to all of us, unless we have very good reason for doing so. We also regard the essential facet of community with utmost importance, which means that anything that threatens to physically separate us from our fellow believers is dangerous in a different but no less significant sort of way. To say it another way, we really can't "do" Catholicism without communal gathering, and that will always involve some kind of risk to our well-being, physical or otherwise. So the task is to be thoughtful and prudent in considering the risk.

With all that in mind, I'd like simply to point out that nobody is obliged to make bodily contact during the Lord's Prayer or at the sign of peace. I encourage both, and I intend to continue touching people until it becomes clear that this is unwise. But others among us will come to different decisions about that, and I'd encourage us all to be respectful of their judgment when it comes to holding hands, at least until the reasonable threat of contagion is over. And as for communion, which actually is essential for us at most celebrations of Eucharist, the best medical advice is that receiving the body of Christ in the hand is far less subject to spreading infection than is reception on the tongue. I can vouch for this simply from the number of occasions that my fingers get licked by communicants during that practice. (Ewww is the proper reaction to that disclosure). And although it is strongly to be preferred, nobody is absolutely required to receive the blood of Christ from the common cup if they believe themselves to be at risk by doing so.

As in so many situations, common sense is a good teacher here. Washing hands, covering coughs, not attending events while sick, keeping surfaces clean...all that is part of what will keep us well and able to be together often. Better than panic, I think.

*Michael Byron*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

### MOM'S ROCK: WITH LINDSEY FROEMMING

Wednesday, March 11, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

### PAX CHRISTI JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

Sunday, March 15, 12:30–2:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

### FEATURED ART EXHIBIT: KATHY FLEMING

Opening reception March 15 following morning Masses  
EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY THROUGH APRIL 15, MLK JR., Room 247

### POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

A Self-Care Program for Caregivers **RSVP**  
Wednesdays, March 18–April 22, 1:00pm, Norm. Luth., \$45

### TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Friday, March 20, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

### SPECIAL BURGUNDY BAG COLLECTION

Weekend of March 21/22

### PET MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

Pet Ministry Needs More Teams  
Sunday, March 22 following 9:00am Mass, Room 212

### LGBTQ+ MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Sunday, March 29, 12:30–2:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

### TWELVE BASKETS EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Weekends of March 28/29 and April 4/5

### HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

June 28–July 3, \$200

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE WEEK

Week of July 20, 8:30am–4pm, Room 111, \$175 **RSVP**

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Save the date for the best week of the summer!  
Week of July 20–24, 9:00am–12:00pm

### SENIORS HELPING LOCAL SENIORS

As a Lenten service project, Boomers and Beyond is collecting personal care items for seniors in need. Your donations of regular-sized personal care products—including soap, shampoo, hand lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, and conditioner—may be placed in the donation bin at entrance three. Items will be collected through Palm Sunday. Please help us with this worthy project for senior clients of PROP.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, March 9

8:30am MASS  
3:15pm Chair Yoga  
6:00pm Justice Grants Board Mtg  
6:30pm Cana Dinner Planning Mtg  
6:30pm Pack 348  
6:30pm Troop 370

### Tuesday, March 10

8:30am MASS  
6:00pm Pax Christi Adult Basketball  
6:00pm Twelve Baskets Mtg  
7:00pm Environment Challenge Mtg  
7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation

### Wednesday, March 11

9:30am Mom's ROCK  
11:00am Tai Chi  
1:00pm Boomer's Planning Mtg  
2:00pm Boomer's Service Project  
5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:00pm MASS

### Thursday, March 12

8:30am Word/Communion Service  
6:00pm Stonebridge Presentation  
6:00pm Care and Support Gathering  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
7:00pm Al-Anon  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Music Ministry

### Friday, March 13

8:30am MASS  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 14

NEW MEMBER SIGN UP WEEKEND  
9:00am Women's AA Group  
9:00am Overeater's Anonymus  
3:30pm Private Reconciliation  
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

### Sunday, March 15

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
NEW MEMBER SIGN UP WEEKEND  
ART EXHIBIT OPENING WEEKEND  
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON  
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON  
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH  
6:00pm Community Meal  
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:30pm Young Married Couples

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT  
REGISTRATION AT [WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM](http://WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM)**

## REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Week of February 23:

Basket Collection	\$13,576
Online Giving	2,464
Other	7,872
<b>Total Week #34</b>	<b>23,912</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>(6,088)</b>

<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>1,846,773</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>1,787,000</b>
<b>YTD Variance</b>	<b>59,773</b>

Other contribution methods include Qualified Charitable Distributions. If you are at least 72 years old, a donation to Pax Christi directly from your IRA is excluded from your taxable income.

Donate online at [www.paxchristi.com/donations](http://www.paxchristi.com/donations).