

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 13, 2019

NEW HERE?

MASS TIMES:

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

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

Mondays ~ 8:30am

Tuesdays ~ 8:30am with Rosary to follow

Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm

Thursdays ~ 8:30am

Fridays ~ 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private) ~ Saturdays 4:00–4:30pm

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

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

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/baptism

Confirmation ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration

First Eucharist ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration

First Reconciliation ~ registration/info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration

Marriage and Wedding Prep ~ www.paxchristi.com/marriage

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

MONTHLY MAGAZINE:

The *PaxChristiNews* is mailed each month to all registered members. If you are visiting this weekend, feel free to pick up a complimentary copy from the front desk receptionist.

THIS IS NEW MEMBER SIGN UP WEEKEND:

If you would like to become a member of Pax Christi, shared ministers are here and ready to assist you in the registration process. You are also welcome to stop by the parish office anytime for a registration packet. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/joinpax.

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.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

In the midst of so much national contention over immigration, border control, and refugees, it is helpful, I think, for us to recall that our Catholic doctrinal tradition is neither silent nor neutral about it all. We may not all be of one mind about which practical policies are most apt for the moment, but we ought at least to know that there are limits to the extent that we may invoke "Catholic" faith as a rationale for our choices. Our Church does, in fact, stand squarely for some fundamental principles, including some of which members of Congress seem either unaware or deliberately dismissive. People are entitled to their politics, but they are not necessarily free to endorse them with a "Catholic" seal of approval. Yes, the gospel is necessarily political.

These issues are not simple, but we are not without guidance from our Church. Among the foundational convictions of Catholic Social Teaching is that human beings, under certain circumstances, have the right to emigrate from their homelands—not merely an option, but a right. When their lives, or those of their families, are imperiled by terror or by the deprivation of the provisions for basic survival, such people are entitled to present themselves at the borders of other nations and to expect a sympathetic hearing/welcome. That's pretty basic Jesus teaching, really, and if we don't understand that, then it's pretty hard to understand who and what we think we are coming to worship each weekend when we gather for liturgy. It is also true, according to our Catholic tradition, that nations have a right to secure their borders against enemies, but that right is not absolute when destitute people present themselves and demand help. Any public policy that would summarily dismiss the cries of refugees and immigrants as a group is something other than Catholic, and actually something less than human. Somebody has to say this out loud in our current climate, and we are the community of Somebody.

Last weekend, on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, I resisted the urge at Mass to point out that the magi from the east could never have gotten to Bethlehem and the manger today, because there is now a concrete wall with barbed wire and sniper/border guards around the town that would prevent any foreigner from paying respects to the Newborn King. This is the whole point of the Epiphany! To the extent that we are complicit in this, let us repent.

The takeaway from the Christmas season is that the world—including the "other"—is our brother/sister, not our enemy. When people, including politicians, present the situation in more selfish and ominous terms, we Catholics have the responsibility to call out the prophets of such falsehood for exactly what they are, and to demand something that is more faithful to Christ.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION

MONDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 5:30-7:30PM, St. Andrew Lutheran, EP

BOOK CLUB: UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF JESUS

MONDAYS, 6:30-8:00PM, 8 WEEKS BEGINNING JANUARY 14 OR THURSDAYS, 10:00-11:30AM, 8 WEEKS BEGINNING JANUARY 17 RSVP

LABYRINTH WALK: WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW?

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:30-8:30PM, DOROTHY DAY

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 3:00-4:30PM RSVP

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

Emilia Gonzalez Avalos, Executive Director, Navigate MN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 12:30-2:00PM RSVP

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, MASS

Monday, January 21, 9:00am

Please note the parish offices will be closed for the holiday and the building will be closed following Mass.

SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING SESSION

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

BOOMERS AND BEYOND: MOVIE AND POPCORN EVENT

Wednesday, January 23, 1:30pm, Lower Level John XXIII Room

PROP HOST HOME PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, January 24, 5:30-6:30pm, Eden Prairie Community Center

MINNESOTA MARDI GRAS: A SHARED MINISTRY CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 26, 6:00-8:00pm

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF WORD AND WITNESS

The Life and Legacy of St. Oscar Romero

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30-7:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

SR HIGH WINTER RETREAT BRAINERD, MN

Event: February 15-17; current 9-12 graders

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Kathleen, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Barb, Ken, Jackie, Gail, Carol, and Jim.

Pax Christi offers, as a community, the gift of prayer. If you would like to have your name listed in this Prayer Corner during a time of need, contact Care and Support, 952-941-3150.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 14

8:30am MASS
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Spring Book Club
6:30pm Justice Grants Board
6:30pm Labyrinth Walk
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, January 15

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Leadership Meetings

Wednesday, January 16

9:30am Mom & Kids Open Gym
11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, January 17

8:30am MASS
9:00am Pax Christi Quilter Ministry
10:00am Spring Book Club
3:00pm Compassionate Care Circle
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
6:30pm *The Catholic Church and Science*
6:30pm Walking the Way Mtg.
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Rehearsal

Friday, January 18

8:30am MASS

Saturday, January 19

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, January 20

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
w/Deacon Charles Preaching
12:00pm Social Justice Speaker Series
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
w/Deacon Charles Preaching
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT REGISTRATION AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM



A SHARED MINISTRY CELEBRATION!

Saturday, January 26, 5:00-8:00pm

Join us for a celebratory Saturday evening Mass, then stay for tasty appetizers, beer, and root beer. Take a moment to visit with fellow parishioners, tell your stories, and have plenty of fun! Chase away the January winter cold with the warmth of laughter and fellowship. Revel in all the gifts that make Pax Christi Catholic Community so amazing. No RSVP is needed; just come and join in the celebration! For those who might need childcare, the nursery will be available. Please make reservations via www.paxchristi.com/childcare.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
December Contributions	437,709	432,000	5,709	566,247	(128,538)
YTD through week #27	1,444,847	1,530,000	(85,153)	1,702,477	(257,630)

Due to the charitable contribution deduction implications arising from the new tax bill, parishioners accelerated approximately \$125,000 of contributions into December 2017. These contributions were budgeted to have been received throughout calendar 2018.