

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 19, 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 4:00–4:30pm

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
Confirmation ~ info at www.paxchristi.com/confirmation
First Eucharist ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/eucharist
First Reconciliation ~ registration/info at www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation
Marriage and Wedding Prep ~ www.paxchristi.com/marriage
Rosary ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

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

BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER:

New Member registration takes place on the second Sunday of each month after every Mass or any time by visiting the parish office. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/aboutus.

CHILDCARE AT PAX CHRISTI:

Childcare is provided during all Sunday Masses, Wednesday evenings during Faith Formation programs, and many other parish-wide events. We make a special effort to help your children feel secure and to keep them safe.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 26–February 1

Wondering what's happening around the Archdiocese during Catholic Schools Week? Join this celebration of the beautiful heritage of Catholic education! Visit FindCatholicSchools.org to find a school near you. Many are offering an open house and other events. There are 79 grade schools, 74 preschools, and nine high schools in the Twin Cities metro area!

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



This past week I was invited to speak to our relatively new Pax Christi Men's Group about how the experience of Catholicism is understood particularly by males. (Full disclosure: as of the time I am writing this the meeting hasn't yet happened.) But the one thing I already know is that neither I nor any other man has the authority or ability to speak on behalf of the whole masculine gender when it comes to matters of faith and God, nor how that is distinct from the feminine experience. And, unfortunately, that often seems to be a minority opinion these days. We are living in a moment, both locally and internationally, in which various self-anointed experts—few of them trained psychologists and many of them clerics—are happy to step forward in order to offer theories about how genders differ in their encounter with Catholic faith. Perhaps the most offensive to me is the proposal that a group of celibate males, like clergy, have insight to define what is the "feminine genius" in service to our church, without inquiring of any actual females. There is allegiance there to a preemptory theory about what "manhood" and "womanhood" mean both within and outside the church. That's what I'd prefer to call a stereotype or a caricature. I have found it beneficial over the years to carry a healthy skepticism for those who present themselves armed with universal theories about how whole categories of human beings fit in to "God's" intention for life.

None of this is to erase the distinction between male and female, which is entirely biblical and traditional (and biological). But it is to challenge the presumption with which we sometimes dare to define what those categories mean without listening to the stories of actual people, which are many and diverse. I am relatively sure that men and women experience God and faith and church in somewhat distinctive ways, but the only way to determine how that happens is to converse with them, to tell stories both to those who are like us and to those who are not. And the church, of all institutions, has sometimes been famously wrong in its presumptions about defining gender categories throughout the centuries (don't read St. Thomas Aquinas on the definition of "female"), and perhaps still remains so. The only way to find out for sure is to have conversations, not learned lectures or decrees from authority. That is why I'm grateful for the format of this week's men's gathering here at Pax.

As you know, we are living in a time when social presumptions about the meaning of gender are undergoing significant upheaval, and it is important that we be very thoughtful and discerning about how we talk about such things. This means that it must be a more subtle discussion than a facile lumping of "men" or "women" or "LGBTQ" people into a single group and then pronouncing a judgment of "normal" or "abnormal." (With respect to that last group, I wish someone would acknowledge that those five letters do not indicate exactly the same set of issues.) Once again, it all comes back to careful listening, prayer, and shared Holy Spirit wisdom, which is quite different from "what I happen to think or feel." I am glad that our community can be a place of honest and safe exchange as we move forward together toward clarity about these and other issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY JAMBOREE

The Call of the Shared Minister

Saturday, January 25, 5:00–8:00pm

You've been called! In appreciation of all Pax Christi shared ministers, please plan to attend January Jamboree, the Call of the Shared Minister. After a celebratory Mass on Saturday evening, join us for tasty appetizers and foamy beverages. Take a moment to visit with fellow parishioners, tell your stories, or have fun in the game area. Chase away the January winter cold with the warmth of laughter and fellowship. Enjoy all the gifts that make this community of faith so amazing.

Childcare is available by registering online in advance at www.paxchristi.com/childcare. All are welcome!

JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES - CLIMATE JUSTICE

THE POWER OF NEUTRALITY

Sunday, January 19, 2020 12:30–2:00pm, Room 212, No Fee RSVP

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY MASS

Monday, January 20, 9:00am in the Chapel

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER HOLLY HANSON, MD

Wednesday, January 22, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

BOOK CLUB: THE FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN

Two Six-Week Options: Mondays, 6:30pm, beginning January 20 or Thursdays, 10:00am, beginning January 23 RSVP

LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30–8:30pm RSVP

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, February 7, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

Sunday, February 9, 9:00am Mass

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry: Jesus in Christianity and Islam

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-8:00pm, Room 212, No Fee RSVP

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26, Ashes will be distributed at: 9:00am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

ANNUAL CANA DINNER – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 25, 6:00–9:30pm RSVP

ARCHDIOCESAN LISTENING SESSION

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:00-9:00pm, Worship Space

Join other Archdiocesan Catholics for a Listening Session with Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Participants will gather together to pray, discuss, and give feedback on what is working well in their parish and this archdiocese as well as naming the challenges. All are welcome, and all participants will be encouraged to give written feedback that will be read and considered.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 20

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
BUILDING WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING MASS
9:00am MLK DAY MASS

Tuesday, January 21

8:30am MASS
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Leadership Meetings
6:45pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 22

9:30am Moms ROCK
11:00am Tai Chi
1:00pm Just Matters
5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm MASS

Thursday, January 23

8:30am Word/Communion Service
10:00am Winter Book Club
6:00pm Just Matters
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, January 24

8:30am MASS

Saturday, January 25

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
6:00pm January Jamboree

Sunday, January 26

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
9:00am MASS - FR. POULIOT
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
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5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
6:00pm Sunday Community Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm RCIA
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

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Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.*

PRAYER AT PAX CHRISTI

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. –Romans 12:12

For all prayer intentions, visit the "PRAYER" image/link on our home page at www.paxchristi.com.

Please pray for the intentions on the PRAYER WALL or you may enter a prayer request of your own.

Prayer can also be requested by calling 952-405-7229.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of January 5:

Basket Collection	\$13,592
Online Giving	36,340
Other	18,302
Total Week #27	68,234
Budget	68,000
Variance	234

YTD Actual	1,508,191
YTD Budget	1,470,000
YTD Variance	38,191

Other contribution methods include grants from donor-advised funds, stock donations, IRA distributions, payroll deductions and other contributions mailed or delivered to the office.

Donate online at www.paxchristi.com/ donations or text to give at 952-234-6729.