

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 3, 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

THIS IS NEW MEMBER SIGN UP WEEKEND:

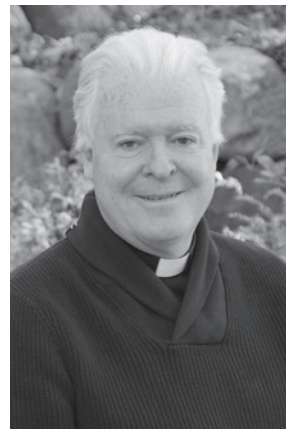
If you would like to become a member of Pax Christi, shared ministers are here and ready to assist you in the registration process. You are also welcome to stop by the parish office anytime for a registration packet. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/joinpax.

CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE CRS RICE BOWL PROGRAM:

Lent is a journey we undertake as a community of faith and as a global Church. We are companions on this Lenten journey, giving and receiving support in our prayers, fasting and almsgiving, encouraging one another to care for our neighbors most in need as we prepare for the coming of Easter. Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. who are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Program. You are invited to use the Lenten Calendar—included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how we can be in solidarity during the Lenten season. CRS Rice Bowls will be available to take home starting the first weekend of Lent. We encourage you to participate in this life-giving, love-giving, transformational journey right in your own home!

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A NOTE FROM FR. MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

One of the things for which I've always been grateful in ministry has been the number of opportunities I've had to interface with people "on the margins" (or completely out) of the Church. I didn't plan it that way, and I'm not sure why it has worked out that way, but I have regularly found myself in encounters with those whose experience of institutional Catholicism has been painful, frustrating, alienating or angering. Needless to say, we have had more than a little experience with those dynamics in recent months and years. Conversations with such people don't threaten me, and in fact they truly engage me because I want to understand better how to be a hospitable presence among those who cannot find solace in our Church. Quite a lot of my good friends are either hardened religious cynics or loyal to other religious traditions—or to none. (I shouldn't presume to speak here for Fr. Bill, but I suspect that he would echo many of these sentiments from his own ministerial experience.)

It seems to me that one of the great tests of a gospel commitment is the capacity to engage respectfully with people—Christian or otherwise—with whom we seem to have very little common ground. What an excellent opportunity to discover together what is true and how our shared human concerns can carry us forward. I do not understand what benefit there is in people and organizations who devote their passions to being defensive about the Catholic church or accusatory toward those who find fault with it. In spite of its many evident shortcomings, I am a very contented Catholic and I do not feel personally offended by the uncharitable dispositions of some others toward my community of faith. It's grounded in Jesus Christ, after all, not us, and Jesus can take some flack when necessary.

You don't have to study much Church history to recognize how early and often it has been the instinct of Christians to need to define one's faith primarily by demonizing those who don't share it. It begins right on the pages of the New Testament, particularly the Gospel of John, and the most frequently targeted enemy in the book appears to be "the Jews." That gospel was written within a century after Jesus' resurrection, by which time it appears to have been forgotten that Jesus was never anything other than Jewish until the day he died. He was never engaged in battle against his own religious tradition. And throughout the centuries it is easy to see how virulently the Jews were vilified in Christian preaching, including that from some of our canonized saints. These days many seem to have moved on to targeting the followers of Islam as the subjects of disdain, a sad reality which hits very close to home here in the southwest metro area. We here at Pax Christi are capable of being the "NO" response to that sort of thing, and we witness to that regularly, thankfully.

It's Lent now, and perhaps one act of generous self-discipline in which we can engage this season is conscious hospitality toward those who are "other." Jesus would do as much.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAST INTO THE DEEP: MICHELANGELO

Monday, March 11, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm **RSVP**

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

WALKING THE WAY

Special Lenten Friday Evening Prayer, March 15, 7:00pm

SILENT SATURDAY: HEAR THE SOUND OF MY CALL

Saturday, March 16, 9:00–11:30am **RSVP**

BURGUNDY BAG LENTEN COLLECTION

Weekend of March 16/17

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

Julia Frost Nerbonne, Exec. Dir., MN Interfaith Power & Light

Sunday, March 17, 12:30–2:00pm **RSVP**

BEING CHURCH

Elements of Ecclesiology Presentation by Fr. Mike

Sunday, March 17, 6:30–7:30pm, Room 212

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, March 18, 7:00–8:00pm, Room 239

MARY MAGDALENE AND JESUS

Through The Lens Of Medieval Spirituality and Art with Fr. Steve McMichael

Thursday, March 21, 6:30–8:30 pm, Room 211

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES

Thursdays beginning March 28, 5:30–7:30pm at Pax Christi

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Weekends of March 30/31 and April 6/7

GIVING INSIGHTS SOCIAL FORUM

Tuesday, April 9; 6:00–8:30pm; Hall of Martyrs

SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

July 21–27; current 9–12 graders **RSVP**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

3 years through 5th grade; July 29–August 2, 9:00am–12:00pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

6th through 8th grade youth; July 29–August 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm, \$150

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 11

8:30am **MASS**

6:00pm Cast into the Deep

6:00pm Justice Grants Board Mtg.

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg

6:30pm Spring Book Club

7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am **MASS**

9:00am Rosary Group

3:00pm Chair Yoga

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

6:00pm Twelve Baskets Mtg.

7:00pm Environmental Challenge Mtg.

7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 13

9:30am Mom's ROCK

11:00am Tai Chi

1:00pm Boomers' Planning Mtg.

6:00pm **MASS**

6:30pm First Eucharist Prep Mtg.

6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, March 14

8:30am **MASS**

10:00am Spring Book Club

6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball

7:00pm Alanon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

Friday, March 15

8:30am **MASS**

7:00pm Walking the Way Stations

Saturday, March 16

9:00am Silent Saturday

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

3:30pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm **MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

Sunday, March 17

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

9:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group

11:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**

11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:30pm Justice Speaker Series

3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

3:30pm Teen Choir

5:00pm **MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal

6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30pm RCIA/Parent Meeting

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT

REGISTRATION AT

WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

WALKING THE WAY

Special Lenten Friday Evening Prayer ~ March 15, 7:00pm

Join with others on the second Friday of Lent to experience *Walking the Way*. Guides will accompany small groups walking throughout the building to pray the 15 Stations, finishing in the sanctuary for personal prayer before the cross. Powerful contemporary pictures and prayers of people suffering throughout the world mirror Jesus's journey that first Good Friday. This holy hour prepares us to receive God's grace by recognizing Christ's presence in our world today.

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Jerry, Bill, Judy, Roni, David, Maret, Sherry, Rob, Nick, Kathleen, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Ken, Jackie, 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 Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #35 Contributions	37,892	30,000	7,892	37,839	53
YTD through Week #35	1,833,465	1,947,000	(113,535)	2,107,963	(274,498)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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