

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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.

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

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.

A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW FACES!

Faith, Fun, and Friendships! We need catechists in the Finding God program on both Sunday at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 5:15pm and 6:00pm. Training, support, materials, and more are all provided. Groups of 8-10 children are placed within grades and our goal is to have two leaders per group. We waive tuition for leaders as well as offer childcare. Our wonderful youth need YOU! Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, rdignan@paxchrisi.com.

THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6!

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

In some ways it seems surreal that I have to write the following sentence. We will not abide racism and white supremacy at Pax Christi parish or in the Catholic Church in general. For believers in Jesus Christ, that should be as self-evident as the law of gravity, but somehow it has emerged as an imagined moment of dispute among some in our culture. Racism is sinful and evil. That's the end of it. It was exactly 400 years ago that the first African slaves arrived on the shores of North America, and it seems that we have yet to come to terms with what was inflicted upon these people for generations. The Catholic Church was, for quite a long time, complicit in support of the institution of slavery, and many of our educational and other parcels of real estate were constructed on the backs of African American slaves. I learned while I was studying on the East Coast that places like Georgetown University in D.C. and the nearby Jesuit seminary known as Woodstock College were erected mostly by slave labor. That I was in my 30s before I became aware of this is itself a symptom of a very big problem, and structural sin.

This is more than a cultural matter. It is theological, in at least a few ways. First, it is evidence that we are often expert at covering over the actual gospel of Jesus Christ in order to accommodate whatever seems to be expedient in the moment. It was Jesus who told us (and through his apostle Paul as well) that there are no longer distinctions in dignity among human beings, if ever there were. We are no longer Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female. Those are utterly false and self-serving stratifications that we make up in order to advance selfish projects. Where they arise, our mission is to call them out and to eradicate them. They are sinful.

Second, it is evidence of the need for our doctrine (church teachings) to develop. Some would use the word "change" here, as I would. Some Catholics are allergic to the use of that word, change, but indeed it is what's necessary and faithful to our Lord in some cases. For centuries our Catholic institutions found no problem with making use of human slavery in the building up of schools, hospitals, and other venues of ministry in the Americas, until the appalling cruelty and inhumanity of it all became intolerable. And we changed our teaching. It is not that the gospel "changes." It is that our relatively poor powers to understand and interpret it "develop." Call that what you will.

And third, it points to Jesus' incessant concern for the poor and outcast, for those who were and are left bereft by the alleged common wisdom of polite society. It is they, the "lowly," who should be allowed to call us back to our truest selves, not the other way around. Many of us still have yet really to believe that.

This is no mere theoretical problem for us here in Minnesota. Last week the latest school achievement test results were released, and our state remains among the very worst in the nation in the disparity of learning between white children and those of other colors. That isn't exactly slavery, but it is the result of a very long history of racial disparity of opportunity. We have our work to do. That's why we're here!



UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY TEA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 7:00pm, Room 239

BOOMERS AND BEYOND: BRUNCH AND SPEAKER

Wednesday, September 11, 9:30am, \$10 RSVP

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH/ NATIVITY OF MOTHER MARY

Saturday, September 14, 5:00pm Mass with dinner to follow

TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE

Weekends of September 14/15 and 21/22

PAX CHRISTI SOCIAL ACTION TEAM MINISTRY LAUNCH

Sunday, September 15, 12:30-2:00pm, Room 212

LABYRINTH WALK: MANAGING STRESS

Monday, September 17, 6:30-8:30pm, Hall of Martyrs RSVP

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursday, September 19, 3:00-4:30pm RSVP

VATICAN II: ANCIENT HISTORY OR STILL ALIVE? RSVP

Four Thursdays, September 19-October 10, 6:30-8:00pm, Room 212

"SHARING OUR STORIES" BREAKFAST RSVP

Saturday, September 21, 8:45am, Dorothy Day Social Hall

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY RSVP

Tuesdays, Beginning September 24, 9:30-11:30am

MOMS ROCK: RAISING OUR CHRISTIAN KIDS RSVP

Beginning Wednesday, September 25, 9:30-11:30am, Room 212

MEET THE U OF M BEE SQUAD: LEARN, TASTE, TOUR

Wednesday, September 25, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 120 - Nazareth Hall

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, October 1, 3:30-5:30pm

HOMECOMING TAILGATE CELEBRATION

Weekend of October 5/6 - wear your favorite jersey!

FALL BOOK CLUB

The Universal Christ by Fr. Richard Rohr RSVP

Beginning Mondays, 6:30pm-8:00pm, September 30 Or Thursdays, 10:00am-11:30am, October 3

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT: ARTISTS NEEDED!!

We invite you display your artwork at this years Parishioners' Art Exhibit! The exhibit will run November 24 through December 15 in the Pacem In Terris Gallery. The guidelines and registration forms are available on the parish website, www.paxchristi.com/artexhibits. The registration deadline is November 20 and the drop-off date is November 24.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, September 9

8:30am MASS
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Justice Grant Board Mtg.
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.
6:30pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, September 10

8:30am MASS
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Twelve Baskets Mtg.
7:00pm Holiday Tea Info Mtg.

Wednesday, September 11

9:00am Boomers Brunch and Speaker
11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
6:00pm EP Basketball
6:30pm Pax Pets Ministry Mtg.
7:00pm Our Lady of Good Health Mtg.

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

8:30am MASS

Saturday, September 14

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
9:00am EP Basketball
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
6:00pm Our Lady of Good Health Celebration

Sunday, September 15

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
12:30am Social Action Ministry Launch
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND
EVENT REGISTRATION AT
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PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Sandy, Mary Jane, Sidney, Greg, Bob, Joyce, the R Family, and Joe.

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 #7 Contributions	56,133	62,000	(5,867)	62,857	(6,724)
Week #8 Contributions	24,184	36,000	(11,816)	36,227	(12,043)
YTD through Week #8	376,735	370,000	6,735	401,886	(25,151)
19-20 Contribution Goal - \$2,700,000					