

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

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WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 20, 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](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

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

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

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

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

### 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/joinpax](http://www.paxchristi.com/joinpax).

### CATHOLIC SPIRIT NEWSPAPER:

If you are interested in receiving the official publication of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, *The Catholic Spirit*, please contact Maria Miller in the Pax Christi office, [mmiller@paxchristi.com](mailto:mmiller@paxchristi.com) or 952-405-4217. This monthly subscription is free to registered Pax Christi members.

## A NOTE FROM FR. BILL MURTAUGH



*Liberation: the act of setting someone free from imprisonment, slavery, or oppression; release. —Oxford Dictionary*

I recently read *A Stroke of Grace*. It's the story of Dieter Zander who was a pastor of a large church in Germany during the 1990s. He was young, handsome, and talented, both as a speaker and as a musician. He was often invited to be the keynote speaker at the best conferences. He was also the author of popular books. He was genuinely a good guy, giving his all to bless and inspire others.

Then in 2008, one night while sleeping, Dieter had a stroke. When he awoke, his right hand was useless. He couldn't speak. Music and preaching were gone overnight. His career as a minister was ended. He was alone in his body that once served him, but now seemed to imprison him.

A friend, believing that Dieter's creative personality must still be alive in his limited body, gave him a camera. Soon he let his photographs speak and tell stories that he once was able to express with words.

To pay his bills, he got a job as a crossing guard, and then as an attendant at the grocery store cleaning toilets, collapsing cardboard boxes, and packing expired but still-good food that needed to be sent to food shelves. Over time he regained some of his speech, through long years and great struggle. He said, "Before stroke, I working for God. German man. Working, working, working. Now, I playing with God. Playing, playing, playing. Much better."

It would have been easy for him to be bitter and, most likely, he had stages of anger and grief as he adjusted to his new life. His once successful and interesting life was over, and now he found himself cleaning toilets in a grocery store.

One day, while cleaning a urinal, Dieter felt a voice speaking deep within him. "Urinal holy," the voice said. "Toilet holy. Bathroom holy. Everything holy." The words came to him as a revelation, a revelation from God, and a liberation as well.

*Everything holy.* Dieter learned something few of us know:

We can relax and live in God's limitless grace. To be who we are, where we are, doing what is ours to do through suffering and loss, through disruption and grief, through the way of the cross, is finally to see that everything is holy. And in this way, to be alive and free.

Jesus is the Great Liberator. He leads us and frees us. I do believe. I hope you believe.

*Father Bill*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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**

**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**

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**Friday, February 1, beginning with Mass at 8:30am**

**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, February 3, 9:00am Mass**

**THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS: A LABYRINTH WALK**  
**Monday, February 4, 6:30-8:30pm, Dorothy Day** **RSVP**

**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**

**ANNUAL CANA DINNER: EARLY LOVEBIRD RATE!**  
**Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6:00-10:00pm; \$70 per couple** **RSVP**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2019**  
**Week of July 15-19, REGISTER ONLINE NOW!** **RSVP**

### 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

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, DAY**  
**Monday, January 21**  
**9:00am MLK, JR HOLIDAY MASS**

*Parish office closed and the building will close following Mass.*

**Tuesday, January 22**  
**8:30am MASS**

9:00am Rosary Group  
 9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study  
 3:00pm Chair Yoga  
 6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
 6:00pm SoulCollage®  
 7:00pm Bell Rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 23**

9:30am Moms ROCK  
 11:00am Tai Chi  
 1:30pm Boomers' Movie Event  
**6:00pm MASS**  
 6:30pm Faith Formation

**Thursday, January 24**

**8:30am MASS**  
 10:00am Spring Book Club  
 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
 6:00pm FIT Meeting  
 6:30pm *The Catholic Church and Science*  
 7:00pm Alanon  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
 7:30pm Music Rehearsal

**Friday, January 25**  
**8:30am MASS**

**Saturday, January 26**

9:00am Women's AA Group  
 9:00am Overeater's Anonymous  
 4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
**5:00pm SHARED MINISTRY APPRECIATION MASS - FR. BYRON**  
**6:00pm Minnesota Mardi Gras**

**Sunday, January 27**

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
**9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON**  
 9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
 11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions  
 3:30pm Teen Choir  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
 6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal  
 6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

**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](http://www.paxchristi.com/childcare).

|  | This Year Actual  | This Year Budget | Variance from Budget | Last Year Actual | Variance from Last Year |
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| <b>Week #28 Contributions</b>          | 67,935  | 76,000           | (8,065)              | 64,917           | 3,018                   |
| <b>YTD through Week #28</b>            | 1,512,782   | 1,606,000        | (93,218)             | 1,767,394        | (254,612)               |
| 18-19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000 | eCheck and credit card giving available at <a href="http://www.paxchristi.com">www.paxchristi.com</a> . |                  |                      |                  |                         |