

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 10, 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.

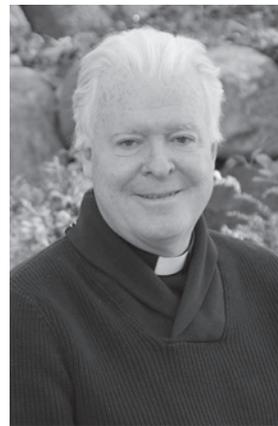
THIS IS NEW MEMBER SIGN UP WEEKEND:

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.

MOM & KIDS OPEN GYM AT PAX CHRISTI:

Mom & Kids Open Gym is a great opportunity for parents and children to play alongside others. This is a great activity for those long winter months or when you are looking for some interaction and companionship. Wednesday mornings from September–May opposite of Moms ROCK gatherings as schedule permits. Parents MUST stay with children. For more information, check the website at www.paxchristi.com/opengym

A NOTE FROM FR. MIKE BYRON



Now well into my thirtieth year of priesthood, I must confess that I continue to confront mystery in the apparatus of our local church, one of which is the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). The MCC is a lobbying organization at the Minnesota legislature. Formerly it was headed by my friend, the late Fr. Dave McCauley, and I never had the nerve to ask him some important questions because I didn't want to offend him. But now that he's with the Lord, I'll take a stab at it. The website of the MCC describes its work as "the public policy voice of the Catholic church in Minnesota." Its board consists of current and former bishops from the six dioceses in our state. It acts as a proponent for specific legislation, and has a staff of several people, none of whom I ever recall having met.

So here's my question: How can an organization like the MCC advocate for the views of "the Catholic Church in Minnesota" without ever conversing with the Catholic church in Minnesota? I have never been invited by the MCC to share what I think about anything, nor has any community of which I have ever been affiliated. Have you? Our theology and doctrine tell us that the Church is, first and foremost, the People of God, not the People of Influence in the halls of government. I have no idea what or why the MCC decides to prioritize as critical legislative initiatives, but I do recall that it has occasionally backed some that I did not support at all.

It is true that our Catholic bishops are invested with their legitimate role as primary teachers in matters of faith and morals. But there are two problems here. One is that very few—if any—matters of specific civil legislation are thereby matters of "faith." The other is a more theological one; bishops teach with authority because they teach what the Church (i.e. we and our long tradition) believes. It is difficult to understand how that ministry can be carried out without any inquiry into the mind of the actual people who are the living church. For me it is uncomfortable to know that the MCC is representing itself to the legislature as "the public policy voice of the Catholic Church." I have no reason for assurance that this group speaks for me or for us. Why would I?

Last Saturday, the *Star Tribune* ran a feature article about the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC), of which the MCC is a part. It praised the uniqueness of an inter-religious collaboration that seems to function amicably in Minnesota as a helpful way to ensure solidarity in matters like child protection, immigrant rights, and interfaith dialogue. Who would disagree with any of that? But none of that resolves the questions that are posed here. What if the MCC were to decide to lobby for something other than these good ends, in our name? To whom is this organization accountable when it presumes to use the moniker of "the Catholic Church in Minnesota?" It is disconcerting to me to know that such representations are made to public officials without the full engagement of us who are the Church.

This is all part of a much larger discussion of how our leaders are accustomed to doing business, a discussion for which Pope Francis is advocating, and which is facing often harsh headwinds. We have a way to go in getting this right.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING PRESENTATION BY FR MIKE

Sunday, February 10, 6:30-7:30pm, Room 212

CAST INTO THE DEEP: G. K. CHESTERTON

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

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE COMPANION SUIT

Tuesday, February 12, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

SR HIGH WINTER RETREAT, BRAINERD, MN

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING Anne Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership

Sunday, February 17, 12:30-2:00pm **RSVP**

PRESIDENT'S DAY MASS

Monday, February 18, 9:00am
BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING MASS.

ANNUAL CANA DINNER

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6:00-10:00pm; \$80 per couple **RSVP**

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION PRESENTATION BY FR MIKE

Sunday, February 24, 6:30-7:30pm, Room 212

TWELVE BASKETS BRIDGING DRIVE

Weekend of February 23/24

JUSTFAITH INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-9:00pm,
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4100 Lyndale Ave. S, Minneapolis

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2019

Week of July 15-19, REGISTER ONLINE NOW! **RSVP**

SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

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

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

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 WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 11

8:30am MASS
6:00pm Cast into the Deep
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Spring Book Club
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, February 12

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women with Spirit
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:00pm Young Men's Service League
6:30pm SoulCollage®
6:30pm Twelve Baskets Meeting
7:00pm Art Committee Meeting
7:00pm Environmental Challenge Mtg.

Wednesday, February 13

9:30am Moms ROCK
11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, February 14

8:30am MASS
10:00am Spring Book Club
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, February 15

SR. HIGH YOUTH LEAVE FOR WINTER RETREAT
8:30am MASS

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
12:30pm Social Justice Speaker Series
3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 18
9:00am MASS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS AND THE BUILDING WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING MASS.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY AT PAX CHRISTI

Would you like to work in a paid, part-time position for Pax Christi Catholic Community? We have a position available in Building Services. The person in this position would work every other weekend on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

PRINCIPLE JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Work independently every other weekend to provide building services to the community of Pax Christi Catholic Community.
- Provide care for our church building, conduct event set-ups, and respond to the physical asset needs of programs for all ministries.
- Provide a secure environment for members, visitors, and staff.
- Maintain proper settings for heating and cooling systems and act as the focal point for addressing any building or equipment needs and/or malfunctions.

All training is provided, and you work with the greatest community of faith! If you are interested in working for our community, please call the Director of Operations, Ken Reineccius at 952-405-7250 to discuss the job more fully.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #31 Contributions	42,148	33,000	9,148	42,739	(591)
YTD through Week #31	1,641,065	1,754,000	(112,935)	1,920,469	(279,404)
18-19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000	eCheck and credit card giving available at www.paxchristi.com .				