

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 24, 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

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.

NOW OFFERING TEXT GIVING:

Send a text message with the dollar amount of your contribution to 952-234-6729. Fill out a short form with your billing information and then giving is as easy as sending a text message. Credit card and echeck giving is also available at www.paxchristi.com.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am on Friday, April 5, followed by coffee and pastries in the Dorothy Day Social Hall. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. All are welcome! After fellowship, please stay for a bit and join us as we plan upcoming Boomers and Beyond events. New ideas are welcome!

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

The teenage daughter of a friend of mine recently spent her spring break, as many do, taking a road trip to an exotic southern destination. She traveled by car to visit the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Three things about her story fascinated me. First, by car? Second, she had returned home in five days. That's right—five days round-trip from St. Paul. Third, she was traveling alone because she wanted it that way. It was a quest to exercise her relatively newfound freedom to do something epic, just because she could. I understand that because I recall the same instincts in me when I was that age. Upon her return home, her mother said, the lesson learned was that future journeys would be better and more happily shared with friends along. I'd call that a wonderful bit of life-learning. The trip was worth it if only for that.

I remember when I was about that age, equipped with a new driver's license. I would occasionally ask to borrow my parents' car, not because I had anywhere in particular to go, but because of the rush that came from a newfound ability to be in control of my own mobility. Freedom! I never went to the Grand Canyon, and in fact I never left town, but there was a thrill in this new capacity to be in charge of my travels. Frequently enough I'd just drive around by myself savoring my independence and my freedom to set the car radio to the station and volume that I wanted. But eventually I came around to the same realization of that young woman: Freedom without friends along doesn't much satisfy the human spirit.

It's not only (or perhaps even primarily) teenagers who can have a kind of distorted understanding of what the word "freedom" means. We all live in a culture in which the idea of freedom tends to indicate a "freedom-from," that is, freedom to do whatever I want without having to render an account of myself to others; freedom from any sort of external constraint, whether parental, legal, social, religious, political, ethical... It's a weird and historically very unusual expression of radical individualism that doesn't always seem so strange to us because we swim in it every day.

To return to the automobile metaphor, do you ever notice the endless TV ads for cars and SUVs in which people are driving vehicles (often alone) over lava rocks, through snowbound forests, barren deserts, mountain ridges, swamps and streams, hauling flatbeds full of old timber logs or front-end loaders? Who does that? Why not just drive on the paved roads and have your lumber delivered by professionals? Because...freedom! Those ads are not accidental.

A biblical and Lenten sense of freedom is something much different. It is a "freedom-for"—a freedom to be untethered from what keeps me and us from becoming what will truly make us happy. Christian freedom is an escape from a lot of falsehood and noise claiming to say, "You have to do this or buy this or believe this or admire this or approve of this...and (ironically) you can decide this all by yourself!" No, freedom in the gospel sense is the ability to embrace what is truly of God, no matter the social or political consequences, and it is not accomplished alone. I hope that this season of Lenten renewal is an occasion to embrace real freedom.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am

TAIZE' PRAYER

Gathering around the Cross

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00pm, Main Worship Space

FEATURED ART EXHIBIT: LOVED & LOVING

ON DISPLAY APRIL 6–28 IN THE PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY

FARE FOR ALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 3:30–5:30pm

GIVING INSIGHTS SOCIAL FORUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 9; 6:00–8:30pm; HALL OF MARTYRS **RSVP**

BOOMER'S AND BEYOND: FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 9:30–11:30am, Chanhassen Location

ST. MARY'S RED LAKE MISSION GALA

APRIL 25, 6:30pm, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Edina

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, \$60

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE YOUTH; JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm, \$150

DRAMA CAMP

6TH GRADE YOUTH AND OLDER; JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 9:00am–3:00pm

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Sidney, Greg, Bob, Jerry, Bill, Judy, Roni, David, Maret, Sherry, Rob, Nick, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, 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, March 25

8:30am **MASS**
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, March 26

8:30am **MASS**
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:00pm Worship Council Mtg.
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

9:30am Mom and Kids Open Gym
11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm **MASS**

Thursday, March 28

8:30am **MASS**
5:30pm Southwest Grief Coalition
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsals

Friday, March 29

8:30am **MASS**
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30

EASTER BASKET DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
9:00am League of Catholic Women Retreat
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm **MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

Sunday, March 31

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
EASTER BASKET DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
9:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**
10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group
11:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**
3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm **MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE 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 are available by the entrances.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #37 Contributions	28,754	30,000	(1,246)	20,540	8,214
YTD through Week #37	1,932,585	2,047,000	(114,415)	2,186,581	(253,996)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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