

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

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WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 31, 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.

ON-SITE 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Saturday Sisters AA for Women, Al-Anon/Prairie Peace, and Overeaters Anonymous. These support groups each meet weekly to offer listening, guidance, and hope for those working to overcome a specific addiction interfering with their lives.

RESOURCES:

Written resources on prayer, grief, relationships, illness, aging, and education/support opportunities are available in the racks at the rear of the worship space and at the kiosk inside the main entrance. Offerings include *Living Faith*, a booklet of Catholic devotions, and *CareNotes*, informative and inspirational pamphlets on a wide variety of topics.

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A NOTE FROM FR BILL MURTAUGH



I'd like to share a short reflection that I recently read. It was written by an Irish priest, and I believe it will open our minds and hearts as we listen to the famous parable of The Prodigal Son this weekend.

Father Alan was visiting an elderly woman whose son had been dead for quite a while, and she spoke about him a lot. Every conversation about him seemed unfinished; something ran deep but was left unsaid. Finally, it came out. Her son had lived a "colorful" life. He had traveled the world before a strange hereditary disease took him from her. She missed him, but more than missing him, she wondered where he was, where his soul was. Father Alan had spoken with her a few times, but during this visit he felt the need to push the conversation a bit.

He asked her if she was worried about him. In true Irish style she didn't answer the question directly. Instead she said he had lived life to the fullest when he was alive.

Then Father Alan asked, "When did the father forgive the Prodigal Son?"

She looked at him and chided him, "I'm no theologian. I don't know about that!"

Father responded, "But you are a mother and that certainly helps. Go on then, when did the father forgive the son?"

"When he saw him coming to the house?"

"Try again." Father Alan told her.

"When he said sorry?"

"Maybe, but try again."

"When he hugged him?" and then she said sternly, "and that's my final answer!" Then she looked at Father Alan and said, "What's your answer smarty-pants?"

To which he said, "I don't think he ever forgave him!"

"What do you mean?" she asked. She stuttered and stammered, protesting and pontificating like mad. She couldn't get her head around what Father Alan was saying. Eventually she quieted down through frustration and anger.

"I don't think he ever forgave him because, well because he never needed to. I don't think he ever condemned him in the first place."

The mother's silence went deeper and she sat up carrying a peace that seemed to catch her unexpectedly. She knew immediately what Father Alan had meant.

Father Alan concludes that when you peel back the idea of God's mercy in the stories and actions of Jesus, we are told that God's mercy is richer and deeper than any human concept of mercy and forgiveness.

Thought for the week: *There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried.* —Archbishop Oscar Romero recently canonized by Francis, the Bishop of Rome

Fr. Bill Murtaugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES

THURSDAYS THROUGH May 16, 5:30–7:30pm at Pax Christi

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, BEGINNING WITH Mass at 8:30am

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

DROP-OFF WEEKEND: APRIL 6/7

GREEN CARD VOICES EXHIBIT

ON DISPLAY APRIL 6–11

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

Catholic Response to Immigration

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

SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD MAKING

Tuesday, APRIL 30, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

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, APRIL 1

8:30am MASS
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, APRIL 2

7:15am BNI Chain Reaction Group
8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class

Wednesday, APRIL 3

11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
6:30pm Pax Pet Ministry Mtg.

Thursday, APRIL 4

8:30am MASS
9:00am Pax Christi Quilters Ministry
5:30pm Southwest Grief Coalition
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsals

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM**

Friday, APRIL 5

8:30am MASS
9:00am First Friday Social
7:00pm Taizé Prayer Service

Saturday, APRIL 6

EASTER BASKET DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
GREEN CARD VOICES EXHIBIT OPENS
LOVED AND LOVING ART EXHIBIT OPENS
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
9:00am BeFriender Training
3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, APRIL 7

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
EASTER BASKET DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
GREEN CARD VOICES EXHIBIT OPENS
LOVED AND LOVING ART EXHIBIT OPENS
9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group
10:00am Artist Reception
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. BYRON
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm RCIA/Parent Meeting
6:30pm Young Married Couples

TAIZÉ' PRAYER

Gathering around the Cross

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

Come and experience Taizé Prayer, an evening prayer service modeled on the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé, France. The service includes chants (like *Jesus, Remember Me*), uncomplicated repetitive songs, psalms, scripture, and silence. The meditative music, candle-lit environment, and generous time of silence will help draw us more deeply into Lent and prepare for Holy Week. Friends and family are welcome.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #38 Contributions	81,824	78,000	3,824	78,654	3,170
YTD through Week #38	2,014,409	2,125,000	(110,591)	2,265,235	(250,826)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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