

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

## WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR APRIL 28, 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.

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

## WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP – EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS TUESDAY

**July 29–August 2, ages 3 years – 5th grade**

**Early Bird Rate available through April 30:**

**\$60.00/CHILD with a family cap of \$120   RSVP**

Campers will sing, dance, make friends, spend time in service opportunities, and see our drama team bring to life the stories of Super Heroes from the bible. High schoolers, parents, and grandparents are invited to be crew leaders. As a volunteer you grow in your faith and are supported with training, free nursery, and more. To join the team or receive the early bird rate for your camper, register online now: [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration)

## A NOTE FROM FR BILL MURTAUGH



Before I forget...

Many people say that they would be willing to believe in God if evil did not exist. But evil does exist as something too close to home at times. On Friday, April 18, the local news reported two horrifying stories, both involving children.

The first story told of a man who went to the Mall of America “looking for someone to kill,” before throwing a five-year-old boy over a third-floor railing, shocking every person with a conscience and a sense of morality and human decency.

The second story involved a father in Big Lake who set his home on fire while his four children were inside. Two of the children, ages one and two, died in the fire. The two older children survived, at least physically. The father later died at HCMC as a result of the fire.

Our hearts and prayers go out to both of these families as they deal with the reality of what is horrible and savage. One family will bury three people—two young children and their father who caused their deaths. The other family waits as their son, Landen, remains in critical condition at Children’s Hospital. The family’s attorney said Landen “with the grace of God and excellent support and care, is beginning the long, long journey to recovery.” He also said, “The family appreciates the outpouring of support from across the country, reassuring them of the overall goodness of humanity and God’s will.”

From its beginning, the Hebrew scriptures have wrestled with the issue of evil, and the Christian perspective sheds light on the problem, without pretending to have answers for all our questions. The light of God shines in the darkness of human life, and we call it faith, which means we come to see things the way God sees them. Proverbs reminds us, “Without a vision the people perish,” and the Christian faith gives us a vision and energy to face up to evil and tragedy rather than do nothing.

God is a mystery, who simply IS, and is not to be explained. I do not believe that the evil committed is “God’s will.” We are created with “free will” and we make either loving, healthy decisions, or we decide to make poor, and even evil decisions. Human beings do not always act as persons created in the “image of God.”

Alexander Solzhenitsyn tells a story which encapsulates something of the mystery of goodness that underpins and transforms the malice and evil of the world:

*One martyr lives alone in a big dilapidated house in Siberia. She is untidy, slovenly, a poor cook, careless of her own meager possessions, and lives on the edge of destitution. She makes no effort to accumulate things, has no fine clothes. She responds to every call for help, whether by digging potatoes for others or sharing her precious turf with them. Misunderstood and derided, she has lost six children. She keeps a dirty white goat, a disabled cat, and some rubber plants. She refuses to get a pig because pigs are destined for slaughter. The*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, April 30, 3:30-5:30pm

### SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, May 3, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

### WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO™

A Funeral Pre-Planning Mini Workshop

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30-8:00pm RSVP

### MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP BREAKFAST

Friday, May 10, 7:00-8:30am; Room 212 RSVP

### TWELVE BASKETS BABY DRIVE

Weekend of May 11/12

### BOOMERS AND BEYOND SPRING RETREAT

Adding More Joy to Your Life

Tuesday, May 14, 8:30am, \$15.00 RSVP

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON JUSTICE FOR THE POOR

Abbie Shain, Steering Committee, MN Poor People's Campaign

Sunday, May 19, 12:30-2:00pm RSVP

### SENIOR HIGH DINNER AND A MOVIE RSVP

4th Friday of Month, 5:00-10:00pm: May 24, June 28, August 23

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP RSVP

3 years through 5th grade; July 29-August 2, 9:00am-12:00pm, \$60

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP RSVP

6th through 8th grade youth; July 29-August 2, 8:30am - 4:00pm, \$150

### DRAMA CAMP RSVP

6th grade youth and older; July 29-August 2, 9:00am-3:00pm

### PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Mark, Steve, Gayle, Sandy, Mary Jane, Amy, Sidney, Greg, Bob, Jerry, Bill, Judy, Roni, David, Maret, Sherry, Rob, Nick, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Bill, Trisha, Ken, 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.

## FR BILL MURTAUGH

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end comes when her family takes advantage of her generosity and persuades her to give away most of her house. She helps them remove what they want, but is killed by a passing train. The author reflects that those who had lived side by side with her never understood that she was "that righteous person without whom, as the proverb says, no village can stand, nor any city, not our whole country."

Human evil can be transformed by greatness of heart!

*Father Bill*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, April 29

8:30am MASS  
6:30pm BeFriender Training  
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg  
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg  
6:30pm Venture Crew 370

### Tuesday, April 30

8:30am MASS  
9:00am Rosary Group  
3:00pm Chair Yoga  
3:30pm Fare for All  
6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
6:00pm SoulCollage®  
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, May 1

9:30am Mom and Kid's Open Gym  
9:30am Mom's ROCK Planning Mtg.  
11:00am Tai Chi  
6:00pm MASS  
6:30pm New Leadership Commitment Night

### Thursday, May 2

8:30am MASS  
9:00am Pax Christi Quilters Ministry  
5:30pm Southwest Grief Coalition  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
6:00pm FIT Team Mtg.  
7:00pm Al-Anon  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

### Friday, May 3

8:30am MASS  
9:00am First Friday Social

### Saturday, May 4

8:00am Spring Clean-Up Event  
9:00am First Eucharist Retreat  
9:00am Women's AA Group  
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

### Sunday, May 5

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON  
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON  
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT  
REGISTRATION AT [WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM](http://WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM)

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #42 Contributions	61,280	32,000	29,280	75,281	(14,001)
YTD through Week #42	2,202,414	2,287,000	(84,586)	2,513,146	(310,732)
18-19 Contributions Goal - \$2,835,000					

Text to give at 952-234-6729 or online at [www.paxchristi.com/donations](http://www.paxchristi.com/donations).