

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MAY 5, 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 May 18/19 after every Mass or any time by visiting the parish office. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/aboutus.

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 MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

In this Easter season of new life, it is helpful to think ahead toward our own new life with God. But, as we have seen through the Triduum liturgies, that involves first a confrontation with the reality of death, as it did for Jesus. There's no getting to eternity without the grave, and we do well to prepare ourselves as best we can for it. That doesn't have to be a maudlin task...just an honest one.

Our cultural response to dying and death has been evolving rapidly over the past several years. It used to be kind of automatic that when the end of a life came you called the funeral director, got the casket, went to church, and put the deceased person's body into a grave in a cemetery. Today none of those things is a given. Cremations have now become very much a part of the process, and are rapidly becoming more usual, including among Catholics. There's nothing wrong with that, but it changes the nature of the leave-taking. Also, a new generation of people are opting out of church services for themselves and for their parents. That's significant and regrettable, in my opinion, and worthy of some thought (and pre-planning). It is not rare today for life-long Catholics not to be honored with a Catholic funeral because their kids don't practice the faith and either don't want to be in church or don't know how to engage the rituals. And sometimes the remains don't get buried at all. If any of this matters to you, I'd like to invite you, your loved ones, and your friends and neighbors to a gathering on Wednesday, May 8, here at Pax Christi.

We've called the gathering, "What To Know Before You Go," which is a name we stole (with his permission) from Scott Mueller, who's a friend of mine and who recently wrote a book with that same title. Scott is a second-generation Catholic funeral director from St. Paul, and he will join me at this gathering to address some of the most important practical questions that people confront when they are anticipating their own death or the death of a loved one: How much does it cost? What is required by law? What can I do in advance to minimize the stress at the time of the event? What are the options for disposition of remains? Scott's book will be available for purchase in case you are interested. I have found it very helpful. (It's also on Amazon.com in case you can't make it to the event.)

My part of the evening will involve a brief reflection on why it is important for people of faith to engage in the rituals of Christian burial when a life comes to an end. Our esteem for the treasure of human beings, body and spirit, ought to call out of us a solemn recognition for what God has given us and for what has now, for a time, been taken from us. We need our rituals of transition at important moments of life/death, and a funeral is certainly among the most important of those.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE COUNCIL SUIT

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 **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**

"LIVING WITH A PURPOSE" SPEAKER AND RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, May 23, Speaker 1:00–2:00pm, Resource Fair 12:00–3:00pm

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 MIKE BYRON

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Part of the reason for this evening is not only to engage our own Pax Christi parishioners, but also our neighbors and friends who might not otherwise have reason to join our community or enter our building. This stems directly from our stated goal in the recent strategic plan to reach out in service to the southwest metro community in which we exist. So, I hope you'll consider inviting anybody who might benefit from this kind of gathering, regardless of any church affiliation or not. An RSVP will be welcomed (paxchristi.com/eventregistration).

See you on Wednesday, May 8.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

8:30am MASS
 9:00am Rosary Group
 3:00pm Chair Yoga
 5:30pm Care and Support Ministry Mtg.
 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00pm Baptism Prep Class

Wednesday, May 8

9:30am Mom's ROCK
 11:00am Tai Chi
 1:00pm Boomer Planning Mtg.
6:00pm MASS
 6:00pm Funeral Planning Workshop

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

7:00am Men's Spirituality Breakfast
8:30am MASS

Saturday, May 11

BABY SHOWER DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
 FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND
 9:00am Women's AA Group
 9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
 6:30pm Cooperative Energy Futures

Sunday, May 12

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
 BABY SHOWER DRIVE DROP-OFF WEEKEND
 FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
 9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
 11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

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

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #42 Contributions	94,799	106,000	(11,201)	24,191	70,608
YTD through Week #42	2,297,214	2,393,000	(95,786)	2,537,337	(240,123)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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