

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

## WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MAY 19, 2019

## NEW HERE?

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Mondays ~ 8:30am

Tuesdays ~ 8:30am

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 AND PRAYER:

**Baptism** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/baptism](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

**Confirmation** ~ info at [www.paxchristi.com/confirmation](http://www.paxchristi.com/confirmation)

**First Eucharist** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/eucharist](http://www.paxchristi.com/eucharist)

**First Reconciliation** ~ registration/info at [www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation](http://www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation)

**Marriage and Wedding Prep** ~ [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://www.paxchristi.com/marriage)

**Rosary** ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

Questions? Contact Andrea in the parish office, 952-405-7207.

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

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

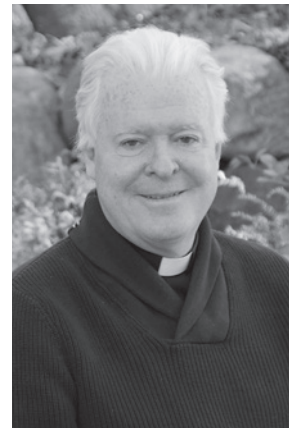
Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am on the first Friday of each month, followed by coffee and hospitality.

### 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.

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## A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

For the past two weekends we have been welcoming dozens of young people to the table of the Eucharist for the first time, and it has been a wonderful celebration. Many of these same children experienced their first reconciliation/penance a few months ago. I wish that my memories of those sacraments were as happy. Some of us will remember when those rituals were anything but joyful, but were instead terrifying. I recall my "first confession" being in a dark enclosed closet, waiting for the priest to pull back the screen that would have been my cue to recite my transgressions to an anonymous voice. I wonder now what that was supposed to have accomplished. We had completely lost our way as church. Similarly, I received my "first holy communion" kneeling at a railing, with my pastor uttering Latin words to me that made no sense, and all I knew was that the correct response was "Amen," and that I'd better not mess up. Once more, the prevalent emotion was fear, not love.

Our church has exploited the human instinct of fear and coercion for far too long. This is not why Jesus came to live among us, and it's not why we choose to gather together in gratitude for God's grace. Sacraments are meant to console and encourage, not to highlight our failures and shortcomings. Wherever that happens, run away. Pope Francis has made it a habit to point out that our community is a bunch of pilgrims trying to do our best to follow the example of the Lord, sometimes with relative success and sometimes not. Unlike some previous propositions from popes and bishops, we are not here to distinguish ourselves from the rest of humanity by our evident virtue and sinlessness. As if we could. We are, rather, here to encourage one another to be the very best disciples that we can be, and to invite others into the same journey.

I always am grateful to the witness of first communicants in our gatherings. They surely have no idea how powerful their living testament is to the rest of us. They merely present themselves as children willing to entrust themselves to the love of God and to the acceptance of the Christian community. That is what every single one of us should be doing all the time. Let us allow them to be our teachers, as indeed they are. The children, as Jesus noted, are the ones who best help us along to the kingdom.

## FR MIKE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Following morning Masses Sunday, May 26

May 27 marks the 30th anniversary of Fr. Mike's ordination. We will be celebrating the occasion with a reception following morning Masses on Sunday, May 26. You'll have the opportunity to offer your congratulations to Fr. Mike and enjoy hospitality. We hope to see you there.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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**

**FR MIKE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**Following morning Masses Sunday, May 26**

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**  
**Monday, May 27, 9:00am in the Chapel**

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
**Friday, June 7, beginning with Mass at 8:30am**

**PAX CHRISTI COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND CELEBRATION**  
**Weekend of June 8/9**

**FARE FOR ALL**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 3:30-5:30pm**

**SOULCOLLAGE® - THE COUNCIL SUIT**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP**

**JUST ENGAGEMENT: THE POWER TO CHANGE**  
**Sundays, June 16-August 4, 12:30-2:30pm, Room 212, \$28**

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP** **RSVP**  
**3 YEARS THROUGH 5TH GRADE; JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 9:00am-12:00pm, \$75**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP** **RSVP**  
**6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE YOUTH; JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 8:30am - 4:00pm, \$175**

## 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.

## GIVING THE GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK

Now may be the perfect time to give a gift of appreciated stock. Your hard-working investment can have a multiplier effect. You can increase your charitable contribution to Pax Christi Catholic Community, avoid capital gains tax on stock you have held for over a year, and receive an income tax deduction for the full value of your donation. You can make a charitable donation of stock at any time of the year. Pax Christi Catholic Community is grateful for your generosity. *Please review any charitable decisions with your tax or financial advisor.*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, May 20

**8:30am MASS**  
 6:30pm Summer Book Club  
 6:30pm Boy Scout Parent Mtg.  
 6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg  
 6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg  
 6:30pm Venture Crew 370

### Tuesday, May 21

**8:30am MASS**  
 9:00am Rosary Group  
 3:00pm Chair Yoga  
 6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
 6:30pm Leadership Meetings

### Wednesday, May 22

9:30am Mom's ROCK  
 11:00am Tai Chi  
**6:00pm MASS**

### Thursday, May 23

**8:30am MASS**  
 9:00am Pax Christi Quilter's Ministry  
 12:00pm Senior Speaker and Resource Fair  
 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
 7:00pm Al-Anon  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
 7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

### Friday, May 24

**8:30am MASS**  
 5:00pm Sr. High Dinner and a Movie

### Saturday, May 25

9:00am Sharing Our Stories Breakfast  
 9:00am Women's AA Group  
 9:00am Overeater's Anonymous  
 2:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
 4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

### Sunday, May 26

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
**9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON**  
**11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON**  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**

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

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

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
<b>Week #45 Contributions</b>	63,410	68,000	(4,590)	78,556	(15,146)
<b>YTD through Week #45</b>	2,381,356	2,491,000	(109,644)	2,647,821	(266,465)
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).