

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JULY 14 & 21, 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.

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER:

Baptism ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/baptism
Confirmation ~ info at www.paxchristi.com/confirmation
First Eucharist ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/eucharist
First Reconciliation ~ registration/info at www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation
Marriage and Wedding Prep ~ www.paxchristi.com/marriage
Rosary ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

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

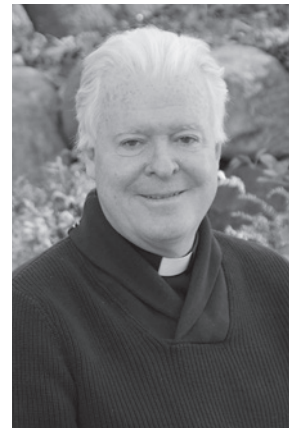
BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER:

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.

BAPTISM AT PAX CHRISTI:

At Pax Christi, families choosing to baptize their infant are invited to attend a Baptism Preparation Workshop which offers insight and guidance concerning the sacrament of Baptism. Sessions are held the first Tuesday of most months—you are welcome to bring your baby. Nursery is available by reservation for older children. Baptisms are celebrated once a month during the weekend Masses and the other Sundays at 12:30pm. Special arrangements can be made for older children or adults. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/baptism.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

I was stunned to learn that three of our parishioners, Carmen, husband Martin, and son Alann, were abruptly picked up by agents of our government (ICE) last week, and that the couple is being deported to Mexico immediately. These are members of the Pax Christi Community, none of them criminals, and all of them on their way to work when ICE swept in. This happened in Eden Prairie, in our parish. Carmen and Martin aren't just members here. They have been significant organizers of our annual feast day celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. Four generations of their family have now been traumatized and separated by this single event, and I wouldn't have heard anything about it if Alann and his wife had not asked to speak with me after Mass last weekend. The inhumaneness of the whole episode is unspeakable, and yet somebody has to speak of it. I do not hear outrage from the vast majority of Christian public leaders, Catholic or otherwise, about what is happening to actual human beings and families, even though the facts are quite public. And I can think of fewer more antithetical practices to the gospel of Jesus Christ. What is it that we and other churches stand for if not for the protection of families?

This column is not intended as a guilt trip for us all, but it is intended as an alarm that we may be becoming desensitized to acts and speech of basic human cruelty because it has become so common in recent years, often with public approbation. It was just several weeks ago that we were made aware of large numbers of immigrant children separated from parents and living in cages in our country, also under the auspices of our government. For a moment there was shock and horror, and then a sort of "new normal" seemed to set in. I have felt it too. It's like losing a chunk of one's Christian soul through silence, and I think I'm right to be a little afraid of that. By now it is apparent that we will not be getting any moral clarity from most of our public officials any time soon, so it is our responsibility to be focused on the gospel that we serve whenever we gather for worship.

When the God of the Judeo-Christian tradition speaks in the Scriptures about sin and unfaithfulness, the list usually begins with offenses committed against the most helpless ones—the widow, the orphan, the "alien" (i.e. migrant), and the stranger in our midst. That is basic to our understanding of the moral life, so if we seem unclear or unconvinced of it, then I would reiterate the fear that I just mentioned. I am unwilling to hand over my soul for the sake of a false civic serenity and public silence. That doesn't make me a hero, but just what seems to be an obvious requirement of my religion. Real people, now including our own parishioners, are being deliberately set upon and made to suffer as the result of specific decisions that human beings have chosen to make (in our name). The teachings of Jesus Christ have been conspicuously absent from the public deliberations about all this, and if we don't make mention of that fact, then it is evident that others won't either.

He never told us that the journey to the Kingdom was going to be safe or easy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 3:00-4:30pm RSVP

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

PAX DAY AT PROP

Collection weekend August 3/4

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, August 6, 3:30-5:30pm

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER SHINDIG RSVP

Saturday, August 10, 6:15-9:00pm AT THE FIRE PIT

TWELVE BASKETS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Weekend of August 10/11

100-MILE POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, August 13, 6:00-8:00pm, BUTTERFLY Garden PATIO

SENIOR HIGH DINNER AND A MOVIE RSVP

Friday, August 23, 5:00-10:00pm

ARE YOU A CREATIVE PROJECT MANAGER?

The Holiday Boutique is looking for a chair to run this event. The chairperson's duties are written in detail and organized with an established execution timeline, well-honed by 13 years of prior events. Come and flex that organization muscle to continue a much-honored holiday tradition. If the task feels like too much, ask a friend to co-chair and double the fun! Questions? Contact Lisa Cox, lcox@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7204.

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Sandy, Mary Jane, Amy, Sidney, Greg, Bob, Judy, Roni, David, Rob, Nick, Connie, Joyce, the R Family, Joe, and Trisha.

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS JULY 31

Catechists (faith teachers) are needed for all of our programs. Passing on our faith is our calling as followers of Jesus. Parents and other interested parishioners and family members are urged to consider becoming catechists (faith teachers) in our youth programs. Resources and support are provided by the Pax Christi staff every step of the way, and you'll learn so much about your faith through the process of teaching it. We can't offer a successful Faith Formation program without your help! As an added bonus, your family's Faith Formation fees will be waived if you serve as a full-time catechist. Session and registration details online at www.paxchristi.com/ffreg.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, July 15

8:30am MASS
6:00pm JustEngagement
6:30pm Summer Book Club
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg
6:30pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, July 16

8:30am MASS
7:00pm Bible Camp Training Session

Wednesday, July 17

11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS

Thursday, July 18

8:30am MASS
6:00pm Compassionate Care Circle
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 19

8:30am MASS

Saturday, July 20

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

8:30am MASS
6:00pm JustEngagement
6:30pm Summer Book Club

Tuesday, July 23

8:30am MASS

Wednesday, July 24

11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS

Thursday, July 25

8:30am MASS
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 26

8:30am MASS

Saturday, July 27

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, July 28

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9:00am MASS - FR. JONCAS
11:00am MASS - FR. JONCAS
5:00pm MASS - FR. MALEK

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	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Fiscal 2018-2019 Final	2,707,654	2,835,000	(127,346)	2,944,842	(237,188)

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