

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 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 (Word/Communion Service)

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.

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.

TUITION IS WAIVED FOR CATECHISTS!

Faith, Fun, and Friendships! We need catechists in the Finding God program on both Sunday at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 5:15pm and 6:00pm. Training, support, materials, and more are all provided. Groups of 8-10 children are placed within grades and our goal is to have two leaders per group. We waive tuition for leaders as well as offer childcare. Our wonderful youth need YOU! Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, rdignan@paxchrisi.com.

THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6!

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends,

I'm not sure how many of you get to spend much time muddling through various Catholic media and publications as I do, but there seem to be at least two things trending lately that are worthy, I think, of our consideration. They are worthy not just because they are news items, but because they are supremely important.

The first is the phenomenon of climate change, which seems increasingly impossible to ignore or to deny, yet some among us still do. This is perhaps the most basic pro-life issue that there could ever be, because without an inhabitable planet on which to live, it really won't matter how people make moral decisions in the future. Pope Francis has been prophetic on this, and it is not only a question of self-interest. It is a question of justice. As usual, the people who are most vulnerable to the effects of global warming are the poorest of the poor, who live of necessity in flood and storm and drought-prone places on our planet. Last week it was the Bahama Islands. And as I write this, much of the Amazon rain forest is burning away in South America, and the two most powerful political regimes in the world who could do something about it are not willing to say that climate change is real. That would be Brazil and the United States. It is both heartening and saddening to me that the people who seem to care most about this potential environmental disaster are the youngest adults among us, who will actually have to endure it after we're gone. Is this to be the legacy of us Boomers and Gen-Xers to our kids and grandkids? To live only for today, without regard to our progeny? To make merry and money in the moment? It's a profoundly religious question, and not only a political one.

The second thing that may not be as regularly covered in the mainstream news is the ongoing saga of clergy sexual abuse and coverup in the Catholic Church. It may seem to have abated somewhat in our local church over the course of the past several months, but it has not gone away. At the moment, the most senior involved hierarch from the Vatican, Cardinal George Pell, is serving a year-long prison term in his native Australia for having been convicted of abuse of minors. A civil jury decided that, and an appellate court upheld that. But he remains a cardinal without sanction in the Church, only behind bars. There are still those who are advocating for his acquittal by a Vatican court. It's forcing the question whether the ordained are above the law of civil society that the rest of us are obliged to follow. For far too long the answer to that question was an unreflective yes, until we learned that innocents were being victimized and criminals were being harbored (but not before bishops learned that). It is important to remember that the earthquakes and reforms that have shaken the U.S. Catholic Church, locally and elsewhere, were not brought about by our own leaders. They were brought about by secular news media, civil lawyers, district attorneys, judges, and juries. In our local archdiocese we were able to come to terms with all the damage and harm because there was finally an acknowledgement that the Catholic institution is not a law unto itself. The story is obviously not over in other parts of the country and world. Pray.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE

Weekends of September 14/15 and 21/22

PAX CHRISTI SOCIAL ACTION TEAM MINISTRY LAUNCH

Sunday, September 15, 12:30–2:00pm, Room 212

LABYRINTH WALK: MANAGING STRESS

Monday, September 16, 6:30-8:30pm, Hall of Martyrs **RSVP**

MEET THE U OF M BEE SQUAD: LEARN, TASTE, TOUR

Wednesday, September 18, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 120 - Nazareth Hall

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursday, September 19, 3:00–4:30pm **RSVP**

VATICAN II: ANCIENT HISTORY OR STILL ALIVE? **RSVP**

Four Thursdays, September 19–October 10, 6:30–8:00pm, Room 212

"SHARING OUR STORIES" BREAKFAST **RSVP**

Saturday, September 21, 8:45am, Dorothy Day Social Hall

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY **RSVP**

Tuesdays, Beginning September 24, 9:30–11:30am

MOMS ROCK: RAISING OUR CHRISTIAN KIDS **RSVP**

Beginning Wednesday, September 25, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Seven Mondays starting September 30–November 11, 5:30–7:30pm

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, October 1, 3:30–5:30pm

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5, 9:00am

HOMECOMING TAILGATE CELEBRATION

Weekend of October 5/6 - wear your favorite jersey!

FALL BOOK CLUB

The Universal Christ by Fr. Richard Rohr **RSVP**

Beginning Mondays, 6:30pm–8:00pm, September 30 Or

Thursdays, 10:00am–11:30am, October 3

THE WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST

Clergy Abuse Discussion Groups **RSVP**

Four Tuesdays, beginning October 22, 6:30-8:00pm

OR Four Wednesdays, beginning October 23, 9:30–11:00am

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, September 16

8:30am **MASS**
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm Fall Book Club
6:30pm Cana Dinner Planning Mtg.
6:30pm Labyrinth Walk
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.
6:30pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, September 17

8:30am **MASS**
11:30am WWS Facilitator Gathering
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Leadership Meetings

Wednesday, September 18

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS
9:30am Tot-Time Open Gymn
11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm **MASS**
6:00pm U of M Bee Squad Presentation

Thursday, September 19

8:30am Word/Communion Service
9:00am Pax Christi Quilter Ministry
10:00am Fall Book Club
3:00pm Compassionate Care Circle
5:30pm Interfaith Celebration Mtg.
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
6:30pm Vatican II Session
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, September 20

8:30am **MASS**

Saturday, September 21

TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE WEEKEND
8:45am Sharing Our Stories Breakfast
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm **MASS - FR. JONCAS**

Sunday, September 22

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE WEEKEND
9:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**
10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group
11:00am **MASS - FR. McMICHAEL**
5:00pm **MASS - FR. BYRON**
6:30pm Young Married Couples Grp.

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND
EVENT REGISTRATION AT
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PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Sandy, Mary Jane, Sidney, Greg, Bob, Joyce, the R Family, and Joe.

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 Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #9 Contributions	56,904	54,000	2,904	52,896	4,008
YTD through Week #9	433,639	424,000	9,639	454,782	(21,143)
19-20 Contribution Goal - \$2,700,000					