

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 20, 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.*

### 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.

### 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.

### PRAYER BASKET:

Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

### CATHOLIC SPIRIT NEWSPAPER:

If you are interested in receiving the official publication of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, *The Catholic Spirit*, please contact Maria Miller in the Pax Christi office at [mmiller@paxchristi.com](mailto:mmiller@paxchristi.com) or by calling 952-405-4217. This monthly subscription is free to registered Pax Christi members.

## A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

If the current political climate in our country and in our church is teaching us anything, it is about the power of the spoken word either to build up or to destroy. We seem to be in a significant destroy mode at the moment when it comes to how we articulate our disagreements about things. It is an ugly thing, and we Christians are in a unique position (and responsibility) to alter the quality of the discourse, if only we would. It is pretty clear to me that both the highest church institutional leaders and the politicians, writ large, are not interested in charity, let alone truth, in the public words that they utter about those who hold differing opinions and judgments. In the Vatican and among some American bishops and theologians, people of high rank and intellectual esteem have fallen into the habit of describing Pope Francis as promoting "heresy" and "apostasy." Those are about the most dire vocabulary words that could be uttered about another Christian. (And as an aside, I as a trained systematic theologian, as distinct from a canon lawyer, am aware that such charges, theologically, are simply false.) Meanwhile, in our national political discourse we hear words about specific people being liars and traitors and criminals and bad and stupid and weak. None of this is with any evidence other than the personal passion of the person speaking.

In addition to being of no practical value in moving us forward, such speech is a betrayal of our gospel call. On the night before He died, in His protracted prayer recounted in the gospel of John, Jesus implored His heavenly Father that "all might be one." That vision is, of course, an ideal toward which we will be forever working until the end of time. But at a minimum it requires that we not be actively engaged in the destruction of the unity that binds the human race together, both inside the Church and beyond.

One of the most frequent sins that I hear confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is that of bad speech, whether it takes the form of gossip or slander or ridicule or needless angry correction of others. It is particularly compelling for me to hear these confessions from teenagers, who are newly coming to realize that the things that come out of their mouths really do have enduring effects on relationships. That is wisdom! Those who confess such things are absolutely right to recognize the power that is invested in us all because we are gifted with the ability to talk—or text. Usually such sins are committed in whispers among a few confidants, sometimes more so over social media, but the effect is the same as if it is done from the rooftops or at the press conference—the deliberate fracturing of unity and the destruction of human dignity. We followers of Christ are required, perhaps as never before, to say out loud that this is not acceptable behavior, and that we will only destroy ourselves when we permit it to persist without protest. Let us help each other to be bold in that mission.

*Michael Byron*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER LYNNE JACKSON

Wednesday, October 23, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

### WHY BE CATHOLIC? INTRO TO RCIA

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30–8:00pm **RSVP**

### TWELVE BASKETS HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Weekend of October 26/27

### FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, October 29, 3:30–5:30pm

### SOULCOLLAGE: WORKSHOP & INTRODUCTION

Tuesday, October 29, 6:00–8:30pm **RSVP**

### TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Wednesday, October 30, 9:30–11:30am

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, November 1, 8:30am and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, November 1, beginning with Holy Day Mass at 8:30am

### PAX PETS DOG WALK

Saturday, November 2, 9:00am

### MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 2, 5:00pm Mass

### LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00–8:30pm **RSVP**

### WINE, WOMEN, & SCRIPTURE

Friday, November 8, 7:00–9:00pm **RSVP**

### MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

*What the Bible Teaches About Male and Female*

FEATURING Deacon Charles Bobertz

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30–8:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

## PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT: ARTISTS NEEDED!!

We invite you to display your artwork at this year's Parishioners' Art Exhibit! The exhibit will run November 24 through December 15 in the Pacem in Terris Gallery. The guidelines and registration forms are available on the parish website, [www.paxchristi.com/artexhibits](http://www.paxchristi.com/artexhibits). The registration deadline is November 20 and the drop-off date is November 24.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, October 21

8:30am **MASS**  
6:30pm Fall Book Club  
6:00pm Pack 348 Mtg.  
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

### Tuesday, October 22

8:30am **MASS**  
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study  
6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
6:30pm Cana Dinner Planning Mtg.  
6:30pm Wounded Body of Christ Sessions  
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 23

9:00am Wounded Body of Christ Sessions  
9:30am Moms ROCK  
11:00am Tai Chi  
5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:00pm **MASS**  
6:30pm Why Be Catholic/Intro to RCIA

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

### Thursday, October 24

8:30am **Word/Communion Service**  
10:00am Fall Book Club  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
7:00pm Al-Anon  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Music Ministry

### Friday, October 25

8:30am **MASS**

### Saturday, October 26

TWELVE BASKETS HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE  
9:00am Women's AA Group  
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
5:00pm **MASS - FR. BYRON**

### Sunday, October 27

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
TWELVE BASKETS HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE  
9:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**  
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group  
11:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**  
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
5:00pm **MASS - FR. POULIOT**  
6:00pm Sunday Community Meal  
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group  
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

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Your generosity makes it possible for Pax Christi to flourish. We celebrate Eucharist and sacraments, we work for justice, we feed our hungry neighbors, we visit the sick and homebound, we hold serious conversations, we make music, and we teach our Catholic faith. We believe that **CHRIST IS ALIVE** at Pax Christi!

## PRAYER CORNER

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:**

Liz, Wayne, Kris, Greg, Amanda, Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Mary Jane, Sidney, Bob, Joyce, and the R Family.

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.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
<b>Week #14 Contributions</b>	82,074	70,000	12,074	64,754	17,320
<b>YTD through Week #14</b>	643,143	628,000	15,143	657,589	(14,446)
19-20 Contribution Goal - \$2,700,000					