

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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

MONTHLY MAGAZINE:

The *PaxChristiNews* is mailed each month to all registered members. If you are visiting this weekend, feel free to pick up a complimentary copy from the front desk receptionist.

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/joinpax.

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.

ROSARY GROUP

Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

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A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON

Dear Friends:

I've been doing a fair amount of reading and thinking lately about end-of-life situations and health care. What follows here is neither Catholic doctrine nor medical advice—just me thinking.



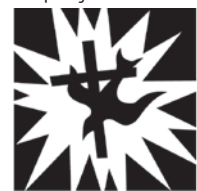
As I've mentioned before, my life-long best friend died from pancreatic cancer in late August. Two things about his situation (in addition to enduring grief) have stayed with me, and I reflect on them here only to facilitate a conversation. First, when his diagnosis was revealed late last winter, he did what he was advised to do, what his doctor recommended; he began chemotherapy. Maybe it would prove to be of benefit, and maybe not. That regimen lasted for several weeks, during which time he was awfully sick, unable to eat or sleep, and terribly debilitated. After subsequent tests showed that the chemo was not helping at all, he had the clarity and the courage to stop it. That decision allowed him six more months of relatively normal and socially-engaged life. He and I traveled twice together during that time to places around the country that we wanted to see. I was so grateful to the doctors who didn't make him submit to treatments that would only have made his final few extra days miserable. For my mother, who died from the same cancer 10 years ago, and for her family, we were not as fortunate in the advice we got from medical professionals. She was sick constantly until she and my dad finally said to the doctors, "Stop!" I don't think it should have come to that.

Second, he lived in the state of Montana, where it is legal to consume medical marijuana (as it is also here with a physician's prescription). I was with him when he began that regimen, and I saw that what had been his previous regular experience of nausea and vomiting immediately ceased with the marijuana pills, and he got his appetite back. (For the record, I have never ingested marijuana or any other illicit drug, so far as I'm aware.) Why in the world would we withhold such a drug from people who are suffering? Why is this controversial?

So many of us confront situations involving hard choices between prolonging life and allowing death. When are we choosing to sustain an existence that may be painful and enduring but not fatal? And when are we actively bringing on the conditions that are likely to cause the death of sick people? This is a huge question, and an enormous distinction. It's the reason why there's a rich tradition of reflection in Catholic moral theology, and why there's a need for all of us to be aware of it. Contrary to what some well-intentioned Catholics believe, ours is not a tradition of "vitalism." That is to say, we do not insist that people should always be kept alive so long as the most expensive and extraordinary machinery is able to keep them breathing. Being mortal is part of the human condition, and there comes a time when allowing an active dying process to move forward is not only permissible, but right.

And we Christians, of all people, should know that death is not the worst thing that can happen to human beings. Let us pray and learn how to be wise in such things, as was my friend.

Michael Byron



UPCOMING EVENTS

"THE MODERN SAINTS" DISPLAY

On display in the Pacem in Terris Gallery, Room 247 through November 15

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE COUNCIL SUIT

Monday, November 5, 6:00–8:00pm, Fee of \$5, Room 212 RSVP

WISDOM OF THE BODY: A LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30–8:30pm, Dorothy Day Hall RSVP

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Saturday, November 10, 6:00pm

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: SR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, November 11, 12:30–2:00 pm RSVP

CAST INTO THE DEEP: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Second Monday of each month: November 12, 6:00pm RSVP

BOOMERS AND BEYOND LUNCH AND THEATER OUTING

Wednesday, November 14, 11:30am, \$6.00 RSVP

TWELVE BASKETS THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

Drop Off Weekend of November 17/18

TWELVE BASKETS SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE

November 17/18 through December 1/2

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS: ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE EQUITY

Sunday, November 18, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

HOLIDAY GRIEF: WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

Monday, November 19, 6:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

CONVERSATION CIRCLES:

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH

Tuesday, November 20, 6:30–8:00pm, Hall of Martyrs

ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

Info meeting: Monday, November 5, 6:30pm

At the informational meeting you will have the opportunity to learn more about this special pilgrimage to Italy, September 17–26, 2019, from a representative of Magi Travel. Discover Assisi, the birthplace of Saint Francis. Visit Florence, the living museum of Italian Renaissance. Enjoy a Sagrantino wine-tasting and a "hands-on" cooking class. Explore the classic sights of Rome including a papal audience in St. Peter's Square. Experience a special private tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, without the crowds! Enjoy an excursion to the former summer residence of the popes, Castel Gandolfo.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 5

8:30am MASS
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm SoulCollage®
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Book Club
6:30pm Exploring Migration

Tuesday, November 6

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Labyrinth Walk
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm Baptism Prep Session

Wednesday, November 7

9:30am Mom and Kids Open Gym
11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
6:30pm First Reconciliation Prep. Mtg.
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

Thursday, November 8

8:30am MASS
9:00am Centering Prayer
10:00am Book Club
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Rehearsal

Friday, November 9

8:30am MASS
6:00pm Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 10

NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND
QUARTERLY SHOWCASE WEEKEND
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
10:00am Confirmation Retreat
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
6:00pm International Potluck

Sunday, November 11

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND
QUARTERLY SHOWCASE WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. VANDORN
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30pm Adopt-a-Highway Event
3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
3:30pm First Reconciliation Prep Session
3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL
5:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

CLOW LEADERS NEEDED

We need Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders at the 11:00am Mass. Training, all materials, and activities are provided. You are already coming to Mass every week, so come join our team and share the gospel to our children. You will return to the sanctuary in time for Eucharist. You pick the schedule and how often you would like to lead. Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, rdignan@paxchristi.com, for more information.

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Barb, Ken, Bob, Eric, Jackie, Gail, Rod, Brent, Tammie, Michelle, Carol, Diane, Katherine, Jim, Pam, and Ryan.

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 Pastoral Care, 952-941-3150.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #17 Contributions	71,466	81,000	(9,534)	48,644	22,822
YTD through Week #17	759,450	809,000	(49,550)	834,414	(74,964)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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