

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

## WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 30, 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 3:30-4:30pm

*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](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

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

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

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

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

#### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am on Friday, January 4, followed by coffee and hospitality. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. All are welcome!

#### 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'm sure there must be a number of Pax Christi people who have some association with St. Olaf College in Northfield. Other than the fact that I wanted to go there when I was young—but my parents wouldn't let me because it is a Lutheran school(!)—I am aware of a few unique aspects of that place. The campus is gorgeous. The musical education pedigree is exceptional, and it's probably the only place in America where the phrase "Um Yah! Yah!" bears any meaning. I know this because my niece studied there, and whenever she encounters people on the streets of the Twin Cities who are wearing St. Olaf attire she shouts out "Um Yah! Yah!" and it is recognized as an intelligible sentiment to the strangers passing by.

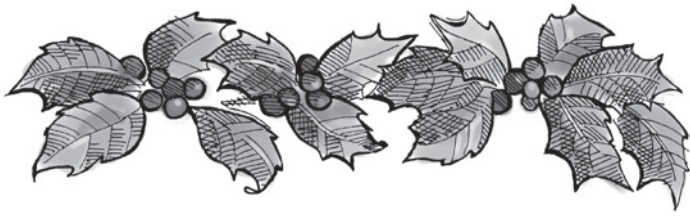
I came to learn that St. Olaf is the only college in the country whose fight song is set in three-quarter musical time, like a waltz or a polka. Think of the songs for the Vikings, the Twins, the Gophers, or any other team you know, and they are all brisk 4-4 staccato marches. They are meant to rev you up for battle with their agitating tunes. They are pieces that are easy to yell and scream along with. But, it's harder to be revved up for combat when a melody like The Blue Danube is wafting through the air. (And I came to learn as well that those nonsensical syllables, Um Yah! Yah!, are now over a century old and were just dreamt up ad hoc by the original singers at the college who needed filler for a melody.)

There is something absolutely delightful about that St. Olaf fight song, something that speaks to me of smiling and of putting all contests into perspective. For some reason that song and that sentiment came to mind as we have been nearing the year's end, because when have we ever more needed a good dose of "whoa!" and of perspective? We are currently confronting many very serious and dark challenges as American citizens and as Catholics, and the music of hard combat and strident warfare can be heard in abundance these days. Without for a moment wishing to minimize any of that, perhaps we can use this annual season of calendar-turning as an occasion to reflect upon which fights are worthy of "battle hymns" and which may be closer to "Um Yah! Yah!"

Often the new year presents an occasion to step back and to consider a bigger picture of life. What is unfolding here and what is worthy of our every effort to promote or to fight? Where have we been and what has our recent past done to us? What are the real perils that loom and what is really not so very consequential after all? Let us care viscerally about the things that matter, offer a polite Um Yah! Yah! to those that don't, and let us pray to know the difference.

*Michael Byron*





*During this Holy Season we rejoice in the  
Light and Blessing you are  
to our parish and our world.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from Fr. Mike, Fr. Bill,  
and the entire Pax Christi staff!*

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet  
of the messenger who brings good news. –Isaiah 52:7*

How beautiful are the feet of those who walk  
the extra step across a room to greet someone  
with whom they have had differences.

How beautiful are the feet of those who step beyond the  
material gifts and appreciate the heart of the giver.

How beautiful are the feet of those who move about in the  
kitchen making special foods and serving the guests who gather.

How beautiful are the feet of those who not only go to church  
services but who also fully participate by greeting others  
joyfully, praying and singing heartily.

How beautiful are the feet of those who walk into  
homeless shelters or places with little comfort  
to bring some of their own abundance.

How beautiful are all those feet who walk with glad tidings  
this day, with the intention of love in their hearts, for they are  
living the message of the One who came so long ago.

*–Adapted from Inviting God In, Joyce Rupp.*

**As your feet take you near and far during this season of  
wonder and rejoicing, may we continue to be Christ to one  
another and bring God’s Good News to others.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**New Year's Eve**  
**Monday, December 31**  
PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN 8:00AM–4:30PM  
**5:00pm HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS**

**Friday, January 4**  
**8:30am MASS**  
9:00am First Friday Social

**New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God**  
**Tuesday, January 1**  
**9:00am HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS**  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
BUILDING WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING MASS

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

**Wednesday, January 2**  
9:30am Mom and Kid's Open Gym  
11:00am Tai Chi  
**6:00pm MASS**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, January 6**  
HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

**Thursday, January 3**  
**8:30am MASS**  
9:00am Pax Christi Quilters Ministry  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
7:00pm Alanon  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Music Rehearsal

**9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**  
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions  
3:30pm Teen Choir  
**5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON**  
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal  
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:30pm RCIA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CAST INTO THE DEEP: BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**  
**Monday, January 7, BEGINNING WITH a meal at 6:00pm RSVP**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCIENCE**  
*Answering the Questions, Exposing the Myths*  
**THURSDAYS, 6:30–8:00pm, 5 weeks BEGINNING January 10 RSVP**

**COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE**  
**THURSDAY, January 17, 3:00–4:30pm RSVP**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON IMMIGRATION RIGHTS**  
*Emilia Gonzalez Avalos, Executive Director, Navigate MN*  
**Sunday, January 20, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP**

**SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING SESSION**  
**Tuesday, January 22, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP**

**MINNESOTA MARDI GRAS: A SHARED MINISTRY CELEBRATION**  
**Saturday, January 26, 6:00–8:00pm**

## PRAYER CORNER

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:**

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

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.