DECEMBER 25, 2016 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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MASS TIMES
 Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:45 & 10:30 am (ASL)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 7:30 am
Wednesday - 9:30 am
Dear Friends:

Last week I had the privilege of attending the East Side Interfaith Intercultural Community Meal at Battle Creek Middle School. The cafeteria was packed for dinner, including several of our St. Pascal’s community. We enjoyed a (free!) meal that consisted mostly of African and Asian foods. The whole purpose of the event was simply to assure immigrant and minority people in our area that we intend St. Paul to be a safe and welcoming place for everyone, especially in the wake of the terrible political campaign rhetoric this season. Mayor Coleman offered remarks, as did pretty much all of the elected East Side county, state and city officials. The police were there to help serve up the food, as were a few of the pastors of local churches and religious institutions. I was proud to be a public face for St. Pascal’s. My guess from scanning the room was that about half of the guests were Muslim women and girls. Our City Council member Jane Price sponsored the event together a local Somali community leader, Amin Omar. What are we Christians here to do if not to extend a witness of peace and solidarity to those among us who feel (and who sometimes are) at risk or danger? It felt like exactly the right expression of friendship on a cold winter night. As one of the speakers noted, all that we did that evening was to share a meal together. No agenda. No battle cries or protests. Just to eat a meal in common. This is extremely Eucharistic; this is very Catholic.

Today is Christmas and we are right to rejoice in its hope. But we would be wrong to turn the holiday into some sentimental story from the past that excuses us from the hard work of caring for our neighbors here and now. Our Lord came into this world to save people who understood themselves to be lost and alone and afraid. If you are not one of those people yourself, you can very well bet that you live on the same street with someone who is. Not all of them are from distant lands or are adherents to other religions, though many of them are. But there is a palpable threat out there right now for many of them of being hated, and we Christians have a responsibility to stop it. Eating together was a very good beginning.

The Gospel of St. Matthew, which we are hearing especially this season/year is the one that reminds us that Jesus Christ was, for a time, a homeless refugee in a foreign country, attached to a family that was being threatened with physical violence by the government of Israel. This is not incidental to the Christmas story, nor to our present-day responsibility as believers. Let us be mindful, even as we are grateful.

Thank you for the faithful witness that you put out there all year long on behalf of our parish in 100 different ways. It matters very much that we are here together to share the Christmas story with our neighbors. And I know that Christmas is also frequently an occasion when many people who are not regular members of our parish choose to be among us for worship, or choose to return home to a place they haven’t been in a while. Welcome to you, and please know of our enthusiasm in inviting you to become part of our many ministries of service and outreach. Or maybe, for a time, just feel free to worship with us.

May this season of hope and joy remind us all how much we have been first loved by God. All of us. And may that incredible Good News inspire us to be his agents of mercy and compassion for others. All of them. I wish you a Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Mike Byron

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Thank You, St. Pascal’s Community
Thank you for the prayers and donations at the culmination of my husband Mike’s four year cancer journey. We are overwhelmed with your caring.

—The Jaworski Family

Friends & Family Dinner
Can you help with Friends and Family Dinner? Kick off meeting for Friends and Family Dinner on Monday January 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in parish conference room. Ellen and Mike Aeling are chairing the Friends & Family Dinner and need help planning and carrying out this event. Have you helped with this event in the past? Do you have new ideas for this event? Come to the meeting and help make this year’s Friends & Family dinner both fun and a great fundraiser. Questions? Call Mike Aeling 307.8237.

Women’s Book Club
Time to make a New Year’s Resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women’s Book Club. We meet at St. Pascal in the Founder’s Room at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, January 9, we will discuss Best to Laugh by Minnesota author Lorna Landvik. Next month, February 13, we will share thoughts about Our Souls at Night by Ken Haruf. For a list of the twelve 2017 selections or for more information, contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 731.7763.

Register Now for the MLK Jr. Breakfast
Monday, January 16, 2017 from 7:45-10:30 AM
East Side/Downtown St. Paul location: Progressive Baptist Church
1505 Burns Ave, St. Paul, MN 55106
Attend this uplifting community celebration in our neighborhood. The event features a hot breakfast, local programing, and a live broadcast of the General Mills event in downtown Minneapolis. The keynote speaker will be Myrlie Evers-Williams, author and civil rights activist.

Tickets: Adult $5  Ages 12 & under FREE
See full list of breakfast sites and register at interfaithaction.org/mlk

Holiday Office Hours
School Office Closed
Through Monday, January 2, 2017
Parish Office Closed
Monday, December 26, 2016
Monday, January 2, 2017
From the staff and teachers at St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church and School—May God bless you and all those you love with a joy-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Save the Date
7th Annual Taste of St. Pascal’s
Sunday, February 26, 2017
Don’t miss this fun and interesting community event—watch for more details!
**ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Enjoy Your Christmas Vacation!**  
December 22, 2016—January 2, 2017  
We’ll see you back Tuesday, January 3, 2017

**Thank You Supporters & Volunteers**  
To everyone who made contributions to our school in 2016—thank you! Your support and generosity makes many of our resources and extra-curricular activities possible. God bless you in the new year! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with set up, shopping, wrapping and selling items at the school Santa Shop. The students were very excited to bring home their gifts. A special thank you to Tiffany Jeanson for helping organize the event.

Thanks-for-giving to all our families who brought food and dog treats to the St. Paul Police Department for the Thanksgiving GraciousMob and to all those who participated in the Christmas Eve GraciousMob event at the White Bear Avenue Fire Station. We appreciate you!

**Upcoming Enrollment Open Houses**  
Open House for CURRENT families  
Thursday, January 5 from 5:30–6:30 PM  
PreK, Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Winter Enrollment Carnival for NEW families  
Thursday, January 12 from 5:30–6:30 PM  
PreK, Jr. K, and Kindergarten Roundup

Catholic Schools Week Open House  
ALL families—New & Current  
Sunday, January 29 from 10:00–11:00 AM  
PreK - 8th Grade students

**Annual Golf Tournament**  
Love golf? We are in need of a new chair for this event. The Women’s Club teams up with the Men’s Club to sponsor this fundraiser for St. Pascal’s school. Plenty of help is available. Please contact Ellen Aeling at 307.8241 or ellenaeing@gmail.com.

**Mission Trip Fundraisers**  
This coming July, 16 youth and adults from St. Pascal’s and Blessed Sacrament will be traveling to Grenada, one of the southernmost islands in the Caribbean, for a mission trip through Catholic Heart Workcamp. In Grenada, participants will be painting and making repairs for local residents, orphanages, schools, and churches in addition to working with children on the island. To help defray the cost of the trip, we will be holding the following fundraisers:

**Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction**  
Saturday, February 4 from 5:00-7:00 PM  
Join us for tacos, Spanish rice, black beans, chips and cheese, dessert, and more!  
Adults: $8  
Children 6-12: $5  
Children 5 and under: Free!  
Family Rate: $30  
The silent auction will have gift baskets and include certificates to some of your favorite hotels, restaurants, and businesses. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses beginning January 21, and at the door. Silent Auction items will be available to view/bid on the weekends of January 21/22, January 28/29, and at the dinner.

**Envelope Fundraiser**  
Weekends of January 21/22, January 28/29, and February 4/5  
In the commons/Brioschi Hall there will be 144 envelopes posted with amounts from $1 to $144 on them. Those who wish to participate will pick an envelope with the corresponding dollar amount that they are comfortable donating. Envelopes with donations can then be turned into Kim Roering or placed in the collection baskets at Mass.

**Winter Weather and Office/Building Closure Policy**  
On those days when the St. Paul Public School District closes city schools due to weather, it is the practice of St. Pascal Baylon to close its school and cancel all school and parish activities and meetings for the evening. The building may also be closed at the discretion of the pastor or business administrator. Daily Mass will be offered on weather-related days provided that the Pastor/Presider can get to the church and there is someone there to unlock the building.

**Parish Contact Information**  
Parish Office  651.774.1585  
Fax  651.774.9152  
Email church@stpascals.org

**Parish Office Hours**  
Mon-Fri  8:00 - 4:30 PM  
Holidays as announced

**After Hours Emergency Number**  
For death, dying or anointing of the sick  651.280.9239

**School Contact Information**  
School Office  651.776.0092  
Fax  651.774.9152  
Email: laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

**School Office Hours**  
September - May  
Mon - Fri  8:00 - 4:00 PM  
June - August  
Tue & Wed  9:00 - 2:00 PM  
Summer hours also by appointment

**Parish Councils**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Ann Karner, Chair  
Meetings - 1ST Tuesday at 6:30 PM

**Parish Finance Council**  
John Knoll, Chair  
Meetings - 4TH Thursday at 6:30 PM

**Sacramental Information**  
**Reconciliation**  
Saturday at 4:00 and by appointment

**Baptism**  
Pre-baptismal classes are required. To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

**Marriage**  
Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

**Parish Prayer Line**  
8:00 - 10:00 AM  651.735.0004  
Mary Butler-Levine  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  651.774.3248  
Pat Kackman

**Parish Communication**  
**Bulletin Notices**  
Please email notices to the parish office by 3:00 PM Monday—hard copy notices must be in by 2:00 PM. Email to thea.munoz@stpascals.org.  

**Mass Announcements**  
Direct to the parish office by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

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**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Year-End Financial Gifts**  
As this calendar year quickly comes to a close, you may consider a special year-end financial gift to the parish in support of our many ministries and/or to support our mortgage reduction efforts. Last year, we received over 35 special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged! Remember, all gifts must be received by December 31 to be considered for the 2016 tax year. Stock transfers and sales do take some time so please take that into consideration as you consider a gift to St. Pascal’s. Thank you for your generous consideration.
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### Heart Questions

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:5

**Adult:** Why is knowing Jesus important in your life?

**Child:** How do you experience Jesus when you give a gift to someone else?

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**St. Therese of Woodbury Youth Volunteer Scholarship**

If you’re between the ages of 15-18 and volunteer regularly with older adults, consider applying for the St. Therese Youth Volunteer Scholarship. Two educational scholarships in the amount of $2,000 each will be awarded. Qualified youth will have volunteered 20 or more hours with older adults (relatives or non-relatives). Volunteer activities might be in a care center, raking a neighbor’s leaves, help with grocery shopping, reading the newspaper, etc. Submit an application and write an essay. Deadline for submissions is January 13, 2017. To learn more about the scholarship, visit [www.sttheresemn.org/youth-scholarship-awards](http://www.sttheresemn.org/youth-scholarship-awards) or contact the Director of Volunteer Services at 952.283.2210.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly**

We are a volunteer-based organization committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among elders who have little, if any, family or friendship support in their lives. We offer a host of volunteer opportunities to connect with elders including a Visiting Volunteer and a Phone Companion Program. For these and other opportunities, to learn about becoming a volunteer or to register for a volunteer orientation, please contact Georgia Afton at gafton@littlebrothersmn.org or 612.746.0732.

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### The Week Ahead

Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

**Sunday, December 25, 2016—CHRISTMAS DAY**

No scheduled events

**Monday, December 26, 2016**

NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break through Monday, January 2, 2017

Parish and school offices closed

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**

No scheduled events

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

No scheduled events

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

No scheduled events

**Friday, December 30, 2016—Feast of the Holy Family**

No scheduled events

**Sunday, January 1, 2017—MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

No scheduled events

**Monday, January 2, 2017**

Parish and school offices closed

**Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

9:15am School resumes

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

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**So Long 2016!**

*December 31, from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM*

How can you say goodbye to a stressful year? Join others for “On the Crest of a New Year,” at St. Paul’s Monastery. Our popular day-long retreat will help you celebrate New Year’s Eve in a place of silence and peace. The day includes reflection, prayer, conversation and silence as you consider where you’ve been in 2016 and what may lie ahead in 2017. This mini-retreat will be is only $50 and includes meal ($80 if overnight). Call 777.7251 or email benedictinecenter@stpaulsmonastery.org.

**The Legacy Society**—Just as we plan to ensure the financial security of our families, we must plan for the security of our faith families. Your planned gift to St. Pascal’s endowment will provide financial support forever. You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on! If you want more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Mike Lentz at the parish office at 774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee - Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O’Malley.

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### Remember Someone in a Special Way

**THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Make a donation (any amount) in honor of a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. $10 Suggested donation.

**I would like to purchase a Christmas plant (circle one)**

- In Honor of
- In Memory of

**From:**

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**Thank you for your generosity and care!**
ISAIAH 9 : 6
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2016   I   THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

WELCOME TO ST. PASCAL’S PARISH

Our parish family is enriched by your presence during this blessed season and throughout the year. We hope you will continue to worship with us and also join us for the many activities that help us grow as a faith community here at St. Pascal Baylon. Our faith formation opportunities help us grow in faith. Our social events such as Taste of St. Pascal’s and Friends & Family help us to know each other better. Our senior Masses and luncheons help friends stay in touch. Our Women’s Club, Men’s Club and Social Justice and Caring Committee offer many opportunities for service and friendship building. Opportunities are endless. Check our website and watch the bulletin. Our parish is a friendly place made richer by your presence and involvement.

Ann Karner, Pastoral Council Chair

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Taste of St. Pascal’s
Sunday, February 26
Join us for our excellent parish-wide potluck supper celebrating the cultural heritage and diversity of all parishioners. In past years, more than 200 participants have feasted on fabulous ethnic dishes in addition to foods as American as White Castle hamburgers! Don’t miss this much-anticipated opportunity to share food, stories and fellowship with parishioners from many places and backgrounds.

14th Annual Friends & Family Dinner
Saturday, April 22 directly after the 4:30 Mass
Plan to join us for an evening of great food, games of chance and fun! Join the planning team! If you want to help create a wonderful community-building and fundraising event for St. Pascal’s, then come be part of this fun team. Hands to help...We also need help to run the games, dessert auction, registration, ticket sales and more. If you would like to help with planning or on the day of the event, please contact event co-chairs Mike and Ellen Aeling: Ellen at ellenoaeling@gmail.com or Mike at mjaeling@gmail.com.

SummerFest—The Parish Festival re-born!
Sunday, August 13
Watch for more details.

COMMUNITY & SERVICE

The Social Justice and Caring Committee
The SJCC meets each month to help decide on ways to cultivate a spirit of Christian discipleship among parishioners and to help them live the Gospel message by involving themselves in the social issues of the larger world community. The committee works to make the institutions of society better serve the common good and to help parishioners joyfully and generously respond to the needs of the local, national and international community—especially those who are poor, marginalized and unable to care or speak for themselves. The committee strives to offer parishioners the opportunity to learn about and work on social justice-related issues, to become involved in the direct service of others and to share monetary treasures with the larger world community.

Spiritual Care for the Homebound
When parishioners are unable to come to Mass due to advanced age or serious illness, it is important that the parish continue to offer spiritual support. One way that support is offered is by providing regular Eucharist during a friendly visit by a minister to the homebound. To arrange a visit for yourself or a member of your family at home or at a care facility, contact Ann Karner at 651 330.0024. To arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact the parish office.

First Wednesday Marian Center Mass & Dessert
Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM, dessert at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop
Join St. Pascal Friends for dessert every 1st Wednesday of the month and enjoy some time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting folk from St. Pascal’s. We hope to see you there!
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Reflection on Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love
*Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM*
Fr. Mike Byron

Breaking Bread with Jesus: Meals in the Gospels
*Thursdays—February 9, 16 & 23, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM*
Art Zannoni

Grace Within: An Empowering Journey to Your Inner Self
*Tuesdays, February 21-April 25, 2017 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM*
No session April 11
A small group spiritual formation process for women utilizing personal journals and led by peers. Watch for pre-registration information—limited to 10 participants.

Matthew 26-28: Jesus’ Life-Giving Death
*Beginning February 28 and March 2, 2017*
*Tuesdays, 8:15 - 9:45 AM—starts February 28
Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM—starts February 28
Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM—starts March 2

Jewish Celebrations—A Walk Through the Jewish Feasts
*March 6, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 PM*
Rabbi Barry Cytron

Empowered by the Holy Spirit
*May 6, 2017 from 9:00 AM—12 Noon*
Deacon Richard Moore

Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin and on the website or contact Kim Roering in the parish office at 651 774.1585.

ST. PASCAL’S MEN’S & WOMEN’S CLUBS

Men’s Club
Established in 1947, the mission of the St. Pascal Men’s Club is to promote the spiritual, social and economic welfare of the parish and develop good fellowship among its members. In addition, the Men’s Club helps to provide financial, moral and physical leadership for St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School’s K-8 athletic program. The Men’s Club sponsors a fall Booya, Christmas Tree Lot, their celebrated Fish Fry on all Fridays of Lent and more.

Women’s Club
The mission of the Saint Pascal’s Women’s Club is to empower, educate and support women into lives of service, spirituality and leadership to their families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world. The Women’s Club sponsors several ministries and events including funeral lunches, the care of the altar, bake sales, parish social events and more.

YOUNG AT HEART

St. Pascal’s Seniors’ Group sends a warm invitation to all men and women of the parish who are 55+. Now in our third year, we are a group of young-and-light-hearted seniors who meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (no meeting in August). We celebrate the Eucharist at 11:00 AM with our pastor, Fr. Mike Byron, followed by a short meeting. Each month we have an inspirational or entertaining activity and enjoy a very tasty meal catered by Magnolia’s. A $10 donation is requested. Take this opportunity to spend time in good fellowship with other seniors in our community! Please contact Betty Hensel at 651 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com, or Barb Kendle at 651 738.3799 for more information.

BOOK CLUBS

Women’s Book Club
We meet at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Founder’s Room. You can come as often as your schedule allows—you are always welcome whenever you can come. Contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651 731.7763 for more information or for a list of the 12 selections for 2017.

Spirituality Book Club
We meet at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of every month in the school library. Members read a variety of documents/books regarding the spiritual life—fiction, non-fiction, Catholic Church documents, texts from other religions etc. The members meet and discuss what they think about the book/document. They decide on a meeting-by-meeting basis what to read next. Anybody is welcome to attend.

WHY NOT JOIN US?

Parish membership teams are available after both Sunday Masses on the second and fourth Sunday of each month to answer your questions and help you to register as a member of our parish. If you prefer, download a member registration form at www.stpascals.org/JointheParish and return it at your convenience. For more information, call Marla in the parish office at 651 774.1585 ext. 132.
WELCOME TO ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions a parent will ever make.

By choosing a St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School education, you are ensuring that your child is surrounded every day by people who share your values and high expectations. Catholic teaching tells us that each child is a gift from God and a promise for tomorrow. With that belief as our foundation, we have created an environment that develops the whole child by fostering academic achievement, personal responsibility and commitment to service.

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School focuses on creating a culture of academic excellence designed to help each child thrive. Our students excel and they are given the attention and tools they need to be successful.

At the center of our success is our greatest asset—our teachers. These professionals bring to the classroom the highest degree of skill, commitment and caring. They uphold our tradition of academic rigor and prepare students for the day when they will use their gifts to better their community.

Visit St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School and you'll see children learning, singing, acting, drawing, painting, dancing and praying together. At St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School, spiritual development is not confined to a class; it is a continuous, ever-present affirmation that allows our students the chance to deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their own Catholic Identity.

Just like people, St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School has a personality and charism all its own. What we hold in common is a solid commitment to the academic, spiritual and personal development of every child.

We hope that you'll visit St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School soon!

Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round Up
Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Bring your child to meet teachers and create some take home activities, meet with the principal and the teachers to learn about our curriculum, and enjoy some hospitality at the end of the event.

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Register for 2017-2018 When you choose St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School, you become part of a very special family. Together we prepare your child for future success, and shape your child to lead a Christ-centered life. Visit us for a tour or check out our website at school@stpascals.org.

We hope you will join our school family for the 2017-2018 school year.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The St. Pascal’s Legacy Society

The St. Pascal’s Legacy Committee wants to spread the vision that St. Pascal Baylon is a parish with a great future.

A successful endowment fund is a long-term commitment to that future. Endowment gifts provide a source of perpetual support for the mission of our parish. Each new gift to the endowment adds greater financial support and security for our long-term mission. We are asking our parishioners to remember St. Pascal’s in your wills or other planned giving and consider a bequest to the St. Pascal’s Endowment Fund. These bequests help ensure the legacy we have created here at St. Pascal’s during our lifetime and will continue even after our death.

For more information on the Legacy Society or to make a gift, please contact Mike Lentz in the parish office at 651.774.1585 or talk to any member of the Legacy Committee: Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan and Brigid O’Malley.

Support St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School

Tuition covers a portion of the St. Pascal school’s operating budget. Additional financial resources are required for student scholarships, meeting day-to-day expenses and making capital improvements. St. Pascal’s has been serving students since 1950. The generous support of our community allows our mission to continue, providing every student who desires a Catholic education the opportunity to learn here. To learn more about philanthropic opportunities, please contact Mary Worley, Director of Development at 651.774.1585 ext. 134 or mary.worley@stpascals.org.

Time & Talent Ministries

St. Pascal’s has a rich tradition of stewardship. Our parishioners have made great strides in committing to provide our community with quality Catholic education, pastoral care, faith formation and fellowship. Along with this, we work regularly within the larger East Side community to foster our tradition of Catholic values. We have a fantastic opportunity as a parish and school community to work in accomplishing our missions together. To find out more about volunteer opportunities at St. Pascal’s, please contact Shane Lefler at shane.lefler@stpascals.org.

As an alumnus, St. Pascal’s has always been near and dear to my heart. It isn’t just a school; it’s a family. I was reminded of just how invested the staff is when I visited one summer. I ran into my 2nd grade teacher; who recognized me and remembered me by name even after 20 years! We are looking forward to our daughter benefiting from that same dedication and commitment as she grows up here.”

—S. Anderson, Alumni and School Parent
COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, GROUPS & CLUBS: We would love to get to know you better!

Parish Pastoral Council • Finance Council • School Board • Facilities Committee • Hospitality & Fellowship Committee • Environment & Art Committee • SummerFest Committee • Friends & Family Dinner Committee • Legacy Committee • Social Justice & Caring Committee • Community Garden • Catechist K-8 • Vacation Bible School Team • Summer Stretch Team • RCIA • Adult Faith Formation Committee • Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leader • Sunday Morning Nursery • Bible Study/Small Group Facilitators • Various Outreach Ministries • Prayer Line • Spirituality Book Club • Women’s Book Club • Young at Heart • Collection Counter • Funeral Luncheons • St. Pascal’s School Volunteer • Men’s Club • Women’s Club • Cub Scouts • Boy Scouts • Cantor • Choir • Eucharistic Minister • Eucharistic Minister (Homebound) • Proclaimer of the Word • Usher • Sacristan • Liturgy Coordinator • Altar Server (Grade 4 - Adult) • Altar Server Funerals (Adult) • Church Care Cleaning

ST. PASCAL BAYLON 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events and dates subject to change

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| 1 Mary Mother of God | 2 5th Sunday of Lent  
| 5 Open House PreK-Kindergarten | 8:45am RCIA Scrutiny  
| 8 Epiphany of the Lord | 3 No school—Spring Break (through Friday, April 7)  
| 9 Baptism of the Lord—No Mass | 9 Palm Sunday  
| 12 5:30pm PreK - Kindergarten Round Up | After Masses • Women’s Club Bake Sale  
| 15 After Mass • Men’s Club Donut Sale | 10 9:15am School resumes  
| 16 MLK Jr. Day—Parish & school offices closed (no school)  
| 7:45am MLK Jr. Community Breakfast at Progressive Baptist Church | 13 HOLY THURSDAY  
| 24 7:00pm Reflection on Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love with Fr. Mike Byron | 8:00am Morning Prayer  
| 29 Catholic Schools Week begins | 7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
| 10:00am All School Open House | 14 GOOD FRIDAY—Parish & school offices closed (no school)  
| | 8:00am Morning Prayer  
| | 7:00pm The Lord’s Passion  
| | 15 HOLY SATURDAY  
| | 8:00am Morning Prayer  
| | 8:00pm The Great Easter Vigil  
| | 16 EASTER SUNDAY  
| | 8:45 am Mass  
| | 10:30am Mass  
| | 17 1:00pm Bloodmobile  
| | 18 7:00pm Reflection on Triduum with Fr. Mike Byron  
| | 22 9:00am PreK-K Open House  
| | 5:30pm Friends & Family Dinner  
| | 27 6:00pm Red Lake Gala  
| | 2 July: Bloodmobile, Men’s Club Softball (through August), Mission Trip  
| | 4 PENTECOST SUNDAY  
| | 7 Last day of school for PreK & Jr. Kindergarten  
| | 8 Last day of school for K-7  
| | 11 Holy Trinity  
| | 18 Corpus Christi  
| | 19 9:00am Vacation Bible School  
| | 25 The Annunciation of the Lord  
| | 29 Memorial Day—Parish & school offices closed (no school)  
| | 2 July - December Event Highlights 2017  
| | 7 July: Bloodmobile, Men’s Club Softball (through August), Mission Trip  
| | 8 August: All School Reunion, NEW! Parish SummerFest  
| | 9 September: School begins, Golf Tournament  
| | 10 October: Men’s Club Booya, Fall Bible Study  
| | 11 November: All Saint’s Day, Women’s Retreat, Veteran’s Day Dinner, Turkey Bingo, Stewardship Weekend, Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot  
| | 12 December: Advent, Immaculate Conception—Holy day of obligation, Communal Reconciliation Services, Christmas  

JULY - DECEMBER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS 2017

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Welcome God’s Love into the World

God the Father,
Creator of all that lives and loves,
this day you give of yourself.
Your Son, the Word made flesh,
has come into the world;
this day your Son is welcomed with great joy.
May we who have awaited his coming,
who have prepared our hearts with anticipation,
grow in love and service,
as we share that joy, that welcome,
and that presence
with our families, our communities,
and the world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Incarnate Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, December 25, 2016
Boundless Joy

The news of our Savior’s birth cannot be contained. Every reading is bursting with joy at this ultimate Good News: Rejoice! Exult! Make merry! Announce to the world and proclaim to all people! We have been preparing for this day. Even as we prepared in joy, there was something holding us back, but no longer. The darkness no longer appears dark, for the light has come, and it is a light brighter than any other.
The readings for today tell us that there was “no room in the inn,” but the news of a wondrous birth is spread by angels and shepherds. The Savior has come into the world, heaven and earth rejoice. It is as if the entire world lets loose unbounded joy.

How can we both celebrate and spread this joy today? The shepherds did not just hear the announcement of the angels, they gathered their flocks and traipsed together to find this simple new family and welcome the infant, with both silent awe and joyful sharing of the news. May this Christmas find us eager to celebrate and spread the news with exaltation, silent awe, sharing good news and kindness, and looking for Christ in all families and situations of the day. Our abundant joy cannot be contained.
Monday, December 26
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
It seems unusual that the day after Christmas we commemorate St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. However, his witness in the Acts of the Apostles is also a testament to the Communion of Saints into which we are all called by virtue of our Baptism. One of the first seven deacons, Stephen works among the people, speaks with wisdom, and cries out, while dying, “receive my spirit.” Today’s Readings: Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Matthew 10:17–22.

Tuesday, December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
At the heart of the Christmas season lies a theology rooted in St. John. This theology is not just about the Word made flesh, from the readings of Christmas Day. John is the author of both of today’s readings, and it seems that he cannot remind us enough that we know Jesus Christ. His writing shows that we have seen him and have touched him. God is now made visible through us, our fellowship, and our belief at the side of the empty tomb. In the First Reading, we hear, “We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.” Our joy is also complete! Today’s Readings: 1 John 1:1–4; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 11–12; John 20:1a, 2–8.

Wednesday, December 28
Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
In this wonderful season of Christmas, we are reminded of so many innocent lives cut short. Take time today to marvel at the beauty and wonder children bring, at any age. Celebrate God’s loving presence in the innocence of one another. Last of all, pause in prayer for those who suffer at the violent hands of others. May they forever be gathered around Jesus. Today’s Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124:2–3, 4–5, 7cd–8; Matthew 2:13–18.

Thursday, December 29
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thomas Becket (1119–1170) spent much of his years as archbishop of Canterbury battling King Henry II. His martyrdom, killed by four knights during vespers in the cathedral, sparked a political and religious backlash on the English monarchy. Buried in Canterbury Cathedral, the site became the primary English pilgrimage destination. Today’s Gospel sums up what so many pilgrims still seek: “those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” Today’s Readings: 2 Timothy 2:8–13; 3:10–12; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 16:24–27.

Friday, December 30
Feast of the Holy Family
We know very few individual stories about the Holy Family, but today is a perfect time for activities connecting with those stories. Tell stories of birth (Bethlehem) and singing lullabies for the journey of youth (Flight into Egypt). Share meals together as the Holy Family did in Nazareth. Make time to pass on insights and skills. During this week between Christmas and New Year’s, visit relatives, taking time to listen to family stories seldom heard. Always let each other know where you are! Today’s Readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17; Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5; Matthew 13:15–19, 23.

Saturday, December 31
Testify to the True Light
The readings today call us to witness and stay true to our faith. John the Baptist is our model, for he forged a way for others to recognize Christ. Both readings remind us that all peoples are enlightened by the truth. In addition, this light is found only through God’s Only Begotten Son, who has now become the Way, the Truth, and the Light in which we are grounded by Baptism. Today’s Readings: 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 11–12, 13; John 1:1–18.