2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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The Time is Always Right to Do Something Right—Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

Monday, January 16, 2017 7:45 - 10:30 AM
East Side/Downtown St. Paul location: Progressive Baptist Church at 1505 Burns Ave, St. Paul
Attend this annual uplifting community celebration in our neighborhood. The celebration features a hot breakfast, local programing, and a live broadcast of the General Mills event in downtown Minneapolis. Tickets: Adult $5 Ages 12 & under FREE
Register at interfaithaction.org/mlk.

Usher Meeting

Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 AM
For all those currently serving in the Usher’s ministry—don’t miss this important meeting with Fr. Mike. We will meet in the church. For more information, contact Sharon Balcom at 774.1585 ext. 126 or sharon.balcom@stpascals.org.

Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, January 15 after Masses
St. Pascal’s Men’s Club will host Fellowship Sunday on January 15. Fresh made donuts and their secret formula orange drink will be served. Donuts will also be available for purchase at $5.00 a dozen.

Wine & Beer Tasting and Parish Mixer

Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM
Join us in Brioschi Hall and bring a friend for this fun event! Sponsored by the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club & Sarracks Liquor.

Friends & Family Dinner—

Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 PM
Gift cards for Friends and Family Dinner

Christmas has passed—did you get a gift card that you don’t have much use for? Donate it to the Friends & Family dinner! Just put it in an envelope, write Friends & Family Dinner on the outside, and drop in the collection basket.

Questions contact Ellen at ellenoaeling@gmail.com_307.8241, or Mike Aeling at mjaeling@gmail.com or 307.8237.

8th Annual Taste of St. Pascals’s

Sunday, February 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Come enjoy our fabulous potluck supper celebrating the cultural heritage and diversity of all parishioners is returning by popular request. In past years, more than 200 participants have feasted on fabulous ethnic dishes in addition to foods as American as macaroni and cheese or even White Castle hamburgers! This year’s entertainment by Locklin Road—an awesome Irish group performing musical storytelling, including traditional and contemporary Irish songs.

Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Toni Baker 731.7763 or toni@bakers.us.

Winter Weather—Office Closure Policy

On those days when the St. Paul Public School District closes city schools due to weather, St. Pascal Baylon will also 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.
Grace Within: An Empowering Journey to Your Inner Self

Tuesdays, February 21 - April 25
6:30 - 8:30 PM in Room 107 at St. Pascal's
Open to women from St. Pascal's and Blessed Sacrament... an invitation to understand how you can grow spiritually and become who God created you to be. Cost is $25 and includes materials, refreshments and child care. Limited to 10 participants. Registration ends on Tuesday, February 14 or when full. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

The Spirituality of Sleep
with Fr. John Paul Erickson

Wednesday, January 25 from 6:45 - 7:45 PM Brioschi Hall
Come join us for the first of two special presentations by the pastors of Blessed Sacrament and St. Pascal's especially for parents, but open to all! Fr. Erickson will be speaking about how the choices we make for our physical bodies affect our spiritual selves, too, and vice-versa (a topic near and dear to all sleep-deprived parents).

This presentation will take place in Brioschi Hall at St. Pascal's, while the March 29 presentation by Fr. Mike Byron will take place at Blessed Sacrament (topic TBD). For more information, please contact Kim in the parish office.

Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy

January 21, from 7:00 - 11:00 PM
St. Mary’s Chapel, Saint Paul Seminary
University of St. Thomas Campus
Free parking in the Seminary parking lot
For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion.

7:00 PM Mass with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda is followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information, visit www.archspm.org or contact Sonya Flomo at 291.4515. 44th Annual MCCL March for Life

January 22, 2017
2:00 PM March in front of State Capitol
2:30 PM Program on Capitol front steps
Join thousands of Minnesotans at this inspiring event to march for justice, for women, for life! Visit Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life at www.mccl.org or contact us at 612.825.6831.

St. Pascal’s Legacy Society

Just as we plan to ensure 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.

Emergency Food Help

Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM
Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave.
If you or someone you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf for a variety of nutritious items. No residency or parish membership requirements.
Mass Times & Intentions

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**Heart Questions**

“I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

John 1:31

**Adult:** We witness to Christ as John did, by living lives full of generosity, forgiveness, and mercy toward others. When do you find it most difficult to do this?

**Child:** Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

**Financial Gifts – Week of January 8, 2017**

**For fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

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Please note: Automatic (electronic) contributions are made on the 1st and 15th of each month and will be recorded with the following Sunday’s collection. Each week our budget requires $17,000 in Sunday stewardship collections and $5,500 in Mortgage (capital campaign) contributions.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

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**The Week Ahead**

Visit us at wwwstpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

**Sunday, January 15**

After Masses: Men’s Club Donut Sales: BH

**Monday, January 16 – MLK Jr. Day**

Parish and school offices closed (no school)

No scheduled events

**Tuesday, January 17**

6:30pm: Wine & Beer Tasting/Parish Mixer: BH

7:00pm: Spirituality Book Club: LB

**Wednesday, January 18**

9:30am: School Mass—All are welcome!

6:30pm: Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105

7:00pm: Choir: CR

**Thursday, January 19**

6:30pm: Cub Scouts (Pack) TBD: CF

**Friday, January 20**

No scheduled events

**Saturday, January 21**

4:30pm: RCIA Rite of Acceptance: CH

**Sunday, January 22**

9:30am: New Member Registration: BH

12:00pm: Confirmation II Interviews: Parish Office

**MEETING LOCATION KEY:**

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church

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**DeLaSalle High School Open House**

**For Prospective Students and Families**

**Wednesday, January 18, from 7:00-9:00 PM**

The Open House features presentations about DeLaSalle’s Catholic and Lasallian heritage; college prep curriculum and Guidance program sending 98-100 percent of grads off to college; 1:1 iPad technology initiative, now in its sixth year; extra-curricular activities, $2.95 million program of financial aid grants and academic scholarships, unique Global Advantage Program, connecting students to international academic travel; and so much more. DeLaSalle staff and many current students will be present to welcome guests and answer questions.

Easily the fastest-growing Catholic high school in the Upper Midwest, DeLaSalle is at current building capacity of 780 students in grades 9-12. This year, DeLaSalle welcomed its largest overall enrollment in 45 years, up 32 percent in the past six years alone.

DeLaSalle received more than 400 applications for 200 spaces in the 9th grade last year, and the school looks to fill 175-200 spaces in the Class of 2021. Currently, DeLaSalle draws students from over 125 Twin Cities grade schools, from up to 30 miles away in all directions. DeLaSalle has been centrally located on historic Nicollet Island since 1900. School busing is available from most areas of the Twin Cities.

For more information, please visit wwwdelasalle.com or contact Patrick Felicetta at 612.676.7605 or patrick.felicetta@delasalle.com or Mike O’Keefe at 612.676.7679 or mike.okeefe@delasalle.com.

**Save the Date—World Day of the Sick Mass**

**Saturday, February at 10:00 AM**

St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, MN

FRANCIS ON THE FAMILY

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION ON
AMORIS LAETITIA: THE JOY OF LOVE

The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place.

Pope Francis

Amoris Laetitia is Pope Francis’ post-synodal apostolic exhortation on family life. Signed on March 19, 2016, it is the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today.

Join us to explore some of the insights of this document and what it means for families and the Church today.

Tuesday, January 24
7:00-8:30 pm
Brioschi Hall
with Fr. Mike Byron

Please call the parish office by January 23 if you plan to attend so we can prepare appropriately for hospitality.

Interested in delving into the document? If you would like to participate in a 4 week small group study of the document following Fr. Mike’s presentation, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office to let her know and arrangements will be made based on interest.
This coming July, sixteen 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 we will be painting and making repairs for local residents, orphanages, schools and churches. We will also be working with children on the island. To help us defray the cost of our trip, please support the following fundraisers:

**WEEKEND ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER**

**January 21/22, January 28/29, and February 4/5**

The bulletin board in the commons area will have 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 any other mission trip participant, or placed in the Mass collection baskets.

**MEXICAN DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

5:00 - 7:00 pm in Brioschi Hall

Adults: $8.00  
Children 6—12: $5.00  
Children 5 and under: Free!  
Family Rate: $30.00

Join us for tacos, Spanish rice, black beans, chips ‘n cheese, dessert, and more! We’ll also be hosting a silent auction with gift baskets, including gift certificates for some of your favorite restaurants and businesses. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses beginning January 21, and at the door. Silent auction items will also be on display and ready for bids beginning January 21!

For more information, contact Kim Roering at 651-774-1585, ext. 128 or kim.roering@stpascals.org
ST. PASCAL BAYLON
WINTER CARNIVAL & OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY JANUARY 12, 2017 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2017 10:00-11:00 a.m.
All School Open House

FREE AND FUN EVENT
All ages are welcome, something for everyone!

An ACTION packed hour of:
- Winter obstacle course!
- STEM LAB snow measuring stick!
- Hot cocoa and cookies!
- Prize giveaways!
- Live music

SHARE THE SPIRIT PROGRAM
Any current family or parishioner who brings a new family to the Open House receives a $25 gift card!