3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19
Dear Friends:
This is the time of year when we anticipate Catholic Schools Week, and I am very happy to report that St. Pascal’s School remains not only vital and excellent but also growing. This past year has seen a double digit increase in our student body, with dozens of new families attracted to us. Most satisfying to me is that the faces of our students reflect more and more the diversity of our quickly changing neighborhood. This is what we exist to do with our ministry of childhood education. That said, more and more of our kids are coming from less affluent homes/families, making the financial challenge for us all the more significant. We’re working hard to address that, and it’s getting better, but we need to remain vigilant. Thank you for being so supportive of the essential mission of our school—the last remaining Catholic school on St. Paul’s East Side, which is the most densely populated part of our city and where about a third of its citizens reside. It is important that we are here for the families who need us.

It is really not possible to speak of our school without reference to the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who staffed it for decades. Many of our long-timers will have their own memories to share about those good women. I have had the privilege of friendship with lots of the “CSJ nuns” for many years, but none impressed me more than Sr. Mary Mark Mahoney, who died last week. I hope some of you saw her obituary. She went to God on her 106th birthday, January 16th. I first met her about twenty years ago, when she was merely in her mid-eighties. By then she had already "retired" at least three times, first from a 35-year career in teaching, then from a ministry of pastoral care, and then from a ministry of spiritual direction. When I came to know her she was spending most of her energies advocating for prisoners on death row, both by writing supportive letters to them and by testifying in courtrooms about the evil that is capital punishment. (Our popes and bishops eventually got around to agreeing with her publicly). As her obituary reported, this last ministry of hers was “the best thing I ever did.” It went on to say that for Sr. Mary Mark, “Our loving God is not going to ask us what religion we belong to but how we lived our life.”

Amen. And may the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you, and take you to the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Rest well, Mary Mark.
Fr. Mike Byron

RCIA: Rite of Acceptance
On Saturday, January 21, we have the opportunity to welcome and offer our prayer support to our three RCIA catechumens. Catechumens are those who have not been baptized. The Rite of Christian Initiation is designed for all those who have reached the age of reason and who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed consciously and freely, seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God’s help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully. This is an opportunity for the catechumens and for us...because we the Christian community are committing ourselves to walking with the catechumens as part of our own on-going process of conversion. Our spiritual work then is both example and companion to their journey. This rite includes not simply the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, but also the rites belonging to the catechumenate as endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The Rites will take place at various Masses throughout the coming weeks. It is the privilege and responsibility of all of us to pray and support these people as they journey forward in faith.

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.

8th Annual Taste of St. Pascal’s
Save the Date: Sunday, February 26
4:00 - 6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall
The St. Pascal Women’s Club is planning the best Taste of St. Pascal’s yet! Entertainment by Locklin Road—an awesome Irish group performing musical storytelling, including traditional and contemporary Irish songs. Want a preview? Listen and watch on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5o-4aGr9Ag.

Breaking Bread with Jesus: Meals in the Gospels with Art Zannoni
Thursdays—February 9, 16 & 23
7:00-9:00 PM in Brioschi Hall
Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shares meals with a variety of people. For Jesus, a meal was more than a way to fill his stomach. A meal was a way to teach about the love God was extending to all men and women, especially those most in need of God’s message. Jesus’ meals with the poor, sinners, and outcasts were signs of solidarity with those despised and rejected. Often outsiders were included in Jesus’ table fellowship. These meals were signs of the future heavenly banquet—what it would be like to be dining in the kingdom of God. This 3-part series will explore the meal stories in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) to provide participants with a better understanding of what it means to practice Christian fellowship. Emphasis will be placed on both the similarities and differences in each meal story. A free will offering will be taken.

Addiction Recovery Mass
Healing Service and Luncheon
Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 AM
All are welcome to attend this healing Mass for those affected by the illness of addiction. Sponsored by The Calix Society.

In Christ We Live Forever
Please remember in your prayers...
Gerald Walter
who was recently buried from our church.
We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul’s eternal peace.
**ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Important Registration and Financial Aid Dates For 2017-18**

**January 11 - February 3:** The “Registration Race” is on! Students can check the bulletin board outside the school office to see which class has the highest number of students re-registered. The class with the highest percentage of students re-registered by Friday, February 3 will receive breakfast served by the principal!

**February 3:** Current K-8 families registered by 5:00 PM on February 3 will be entered into a drawing to win one of three $1,000 tuition credits. Every student registered by this date will also be entered into a drawing for a $200 tuition credit, which will be given to one registered student in every grade!

**February 8:** K-8 Early registration incentive drawing for current students will take place after the 9:30 AM Mass in Brioschi Hall. All are welcomed to come and join the fun! Father Mike will do the honors of drawing the names of the winners.

**April 1:** K-8 Financial Aid Applications are DUE to TADS. Apply online; sign in to your TADS account and select the Financial Aid tab.

**May 5:** TADS tuition agreements and financial aid awards emailed to families on May 5, if not before.

**May 15:** TADS tuition agreements are DUE—parents must set up payment plan and sign tuition agreements online by May 15.

**Catholic Schools Week Open House**

**ALL families—New & Current**

**Sunday, January 29 from 10:00-11:00 AM**

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**Support Mission Trip 2017**

**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*

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.

**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.

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**The Spirituality of Sleep with Fr. John Paul Erickson**

**Wednesday, January 25, 6:45 - 7:45 PM in 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 parishioners and friends of St. Pascal’s! 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.

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**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.

Bulletin inserts for St. Pascal parish and school events only are limited to 3 inserts per weekend

**Mass Announcements**

Direct to the parish office by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
Heart Questions

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Adult: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

Child: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of January 15, 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!

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, January 22
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
After Masses Mission Trip Envelope Fundraiser: CM
12:00pm Confirmation II Interviews: Parish Office

Monday, January 23
9:30am Nia: OC
5:00pm Staff CPR/First Aid workshop: BH
6:30pm Prebaptism Class: P
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym

Tuesday, January 24
7:00pm Amoris Laetitia: BH

Wednesday, January 25
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
5:45pm Plaza Movie Night: The Plaza Theater
6:30pm Faith Formation Family Night: LB, OC, 101, 105, BH
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, January 26
9:30am Nia: OC
4:30pm MS Parent/Teacher Conferences: OC
6:30pm Finance Council: FR

Friday, January 27
NO SCHOOL: Staff Development
8:00am MS Parent/Teacher Conferences: OC

Saturday, January 28
5:00pm Mission Trip Envelope Fundraiser: CM

Sunday, January 29—Catholic Schools Week begins
After Masses Mission Trip Envelope Fundraiser: CM
10:00am All School Open House: BH, School Campus
12:00pm Confirmation I Orientation: OC

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room

Save the Date—International Holocaust Remembrance Day

A Voice of Conscience with Fr. Patrick Dubois
January 26 at 7:00 PM
Beth El Synagogue
5225 Barry Street West—St. Louis Park
FREE but RSVP is required. Find the link on the parish website or https://voiceofconsciencejrc.eventbrite.com.

Save the Date—World Day of the Sick Mass
Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 AM
St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, MN
Mass with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebd. Special prayers, blessing with Lourdes water, and reception. Watch for more details.

2017 Catholic Services Appeal
This year’s Catholic Services Appeal for the 17 Collective Ministries (shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own) has officially begun. The CSA asks that you once again open your generous hearts to hear the cry of the poor, the sick, the school children, and the many other people in need who are served by these ministries. Visit the CSA website at www.csafspm.org for more information and a list of the 17 Collective Ministries. Thank you for your generosity!
St. Pascal’s Adult Faith Formation Team has sponsored a number of opportunities for adults to come together and grow in their faith over the past two years—from Bible and book studies to retreats to speakers presenting on various topics. As we look to the future, we want to know... **what is it YOU would like to see happening for adults?**

Here is what has happened since September 2014...

**BIBLE STUDIES**
- **PRESENTATIONS**
  - The Mass: Why We Do What We Do
  - Shared Origins, Diverse Roads: Catholicism & Judaism
  - The Body of Christ is a Eucharistic Body
  - Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Funeral Planning: What You Want to Know
  - What Might Female Deacons Mean for the Catholic Church?
  - A Catholic Looks at Islam
  - How to Be Church After Vatican II
  - Faithful Citizenship
  - Care of Creation

**WOMEN’S AND MEN’S RETREATS**
- Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives:
  - Understanding God’s Cycle of Creation
  - Spiritual Freedom
  - Food for the Soul: Chocolate
  - Food for the Soul: Bread of Life

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON BOOKS AND ARTICLES**
- The Church of Mercy
- Christians, Muslims, and the Common Good

**ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION**
- with Fr. Mike Byron
  - God of Surprises
  - Can You Really Cope with Hope?
  - The Annunciation: How Do We Know God’s Will?

So...what would you like to see?
Feel free to **complete the form on the reverse side** and put it in the collection basket or submit to the parish office (to the attention of Kim Roering). Your great ideas can also be emailed to Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org. Thanks for your input!
I am: _____ Male     _____ Female
I am: _____ Single     _____ Married     _____ Divorced     _____ Widowed
I am in the following age group...
_____ 22-39     _____ 40-55     _____ 56-75     _____ 75+

What spiritual issues are you or others in your age group experiencing today?

In what ways can the church help you continue growing as a Catholic Christian?

   Be specific...what kind of things would you like offered for your age group?

Please rank the following learning environments from 1-6 (1 being most interested in and 6 being least interested in) based on your personal preferences:

   _____ Self-directed     _____ Small groups
   _____ Mentored     _____ Large groups
   _____ At-home     _____ On-line/digital platform

Topics I would like addressed/speakers I would like to hear include:

Additional comments:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Please return form via the collection basket or submit to the parish office (to the attention of Kim Roering).
New School Fundraiser!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Every 4th Wednesday at the 6:00pm show, Plaza Movie Theater will give St. Pascal’s $2.00 of the $3.00 admission for tickets purchased for this show. Entry not permitted after 6:20pm.

If more than 100 tickets are purchased, the school will also receive $20.00 in plaza passes. NOTE: The Plaza accepts cash only for admission & concessions.

Bring your friends! Ask your neighbors! Let’s go to the movies!

This month’s movie is

**Trolls** on **Wednesday, January 25th**

Poppy, the optimistic leader of the Trolls, and her polar opposite, Branch must embark on an adventure that takes them far beyond the only world they've ever known.

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