THE CHURCH OF SAINT PASCAL BAYLON



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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

Catholic Schools Week

PHILOSOPHY

At St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School, we strive to share the love of Christ with those around us as we learn and grow spiritually, emotionally and academically.

MISSION

St. Pascal Baylon is a school of excellence in the East Metro where our students' lives are transformed in a Catholic, faith-centered environment focused on innovation, service to our community and the cultivation of each student's potential.



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Dear Friends:

During this recent transition time of national political leadership I have been pondering a few things. The first is President Obama's statement that we need to rally around President Trump because "if he succeeds then we all succeed." I don't believe that is necessarily true. (And I don't intend to be partisan here). A lot depends upon what any president is trying to accomplish. I don't want to encourage the "success" of any leader whose intentions are not consistent with my moral values. I think I understand Mr. Obama's sentiment, that it is preferable to be united as a nation rather than conflicted. Nobody is going to argue with that. But it isn't quite as simple as his statement made it sound. It is not difficult to look around the world today and to identify people and regimes that seem to be "successful" in their stated purposes but which are inhumane. Perhaps the most obvious example is Syria, where President Assad has been astonishingly successful in retaining his power, at the expense of ruining his country and murdering his own citizens. Mr. Obama, of all people, knows this.

Another recent and related rumination of mine concerns the boycott of the inauguration by quite a few members of congress. They were excoriated by some as being disdainful of America or of dishonoring the democratic process. Once again, it isn't that simple. A decision to be physically present or absent for a symbolic, public ritual is itself a highly symbolic act. By that I mean that symbols by their very nature don't mean exactly one thing. I'm willing to bet that none of the members of congress who absented themselves believed that they were making any anti-American statement by doing so. But obviously it is quite possible for others to interpret it that way. That is the messy result of symbolic communication.

And, by the way, words also are symbols, which is why it is so essential that we use them wisely and accurately. When I taught high school religion long ago I used to illustrate this point by inscribing the word "yellow" on the classroom blackboard. The chalk was white and the slate board was black. There was nothing remotely resembling the color of yellow in that word, but everybody knew what I was talking about because we have all learned to associate that set of letters, lines and curves with things like bananas and lemons. Words are symbols that depend upon the interpreter to determine what they mean. Any non-English reader looking at the same blackboard would see only gibberish in the word "yellow."

And that brings me back to one last thought on the recent inauguration. It was the comment by Rep. John Lewis on TV that "I don't see Trump as a legitimate president." Whatever one thinks about that opinion it is clear that the use of that word-symbol was explosive and subject to a wide range of understanding. Everyone has his/her own interpretation of what "legitimacy" means.

I don't intend these comments to be too heady or abstract. Just the opposite. The words we use every day, the places where we choose to show up and people with whom we opt to gather are already symbolic expressions of what we value. We should be very thoughtful about all of that.

Fr. Mike Byron

Baptism for Older Children

According to the guidelines of the Church, once a child has reached the age of reason (generally considered age 7), s/he then follows the preparation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process involves you and your child walking with other children and adults over a period of time to grow into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you have a child over the age of 7 who is not yet baptized, or has been baptized in another faith tradition and would like to become Catholic, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office to begin a conversation.

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? Watch and listen on youTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5o-4aGz9Ag.

Marian Center Dessert and Social Hour

February 1 at 1:30 PM (Mass at 1:00 PM) 200 Earl St. between Burns Ave. & Thorn St. Join St. Pascal friends for dessert every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM on the first floor across from the Snack Shop. Come and enjoy some time with some of your parish friends. Please invite anyone who would like to visit folk from St. Pascal's. Mass is celebrated daily at 1:00 PM. We'll see you there!

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.

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 Koppes, Geraldine Kroll and Rosella Taylor

who were recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to thier families and friends, and pray for their 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 reregistered 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 PreK - 8th Grade students

8th Grade Fundraisers

Don't miss these upcoming opportunities to support the spring trip to Washington D.C. *Culver's Night at Sun Ray*

Monday, January 30 from 5:00-7:00 PM Grocery Bagging at Cub Sunray Saturday, February 4, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Correction

In the January 22 bulletin, it was noted that there are 3 catechumens in the RCIA process. There is actually just one. Please keep all of those who are discerning the possibility of receiving the sacraments of initiation in prayer.

Adult Faith Formation Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete and return the adult faith formation survey from last week's bulletin. Hard copies are available in the kiosks. The survey and an online link to the Survey Monkey version can also be accessed by visiting the parish website.

Middle School Lock-Out

9:00 PM Friday, February 24 to 6:30 AM Saturday, February 25

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join youth from area parishes for a night of fun, including time at Maple Grove Community Center (swimming pool, gym, ice area, and teen room available), Cosmic Bowling, and Movies. Cost is \$35/person, and includes cost of bus, activities, and pizza. Permission forms and info sheets available in kiosks and parish office. Forms are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, February 17. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

NOTE: This event begins and ends at St. Mary's Parish Life Center in White Bear Lake—NOT St. Pascal's.

Funeral Lunch Ministry

We are looking for help in this important and loving ministry—DISH WASHERS are especially needed. We also need volunteers to set up and serve food during the lunch. If you can spare a few hours for this ministry, Please call Ro May at 738.2426. Thank you.

Breaking Bread with Jesus: Meals in the Gospels with Art Zannoni

Thursdays—February 9, 16 & 23 from 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.

Parish Contact Information

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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 - 4тн Thursday at 6:30 рм

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 рм	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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, January 31

7:30 AM + Al Olson

Wednesday, February 01

9:30 AM The People of the Parish

Thursday, February 02

7:30 AM + Afton Shepard

Friday, February 03

7:30 AM Men's Club

Saturday, February 04

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, February 05

- 8:45 AM + Micael Ekstrom &
- + Rosemary Cusick
- 10:30 AM + Al Olson

Heart Questions

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:11–12

Matthew 5:11–1

Adult: When you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly?

Child: Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a Monday: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 Friday: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: ls 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Readings for the Week

January 29, 2017

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of January 22, 2017 For fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

For the Week:	Actual Re	<u>ceived</u>	
Sunday Stewardship	\$	7,736	
Mortgage Campaign	\$	3,167	
Other (Incl. Holy Day)	\$	122	
Year to Date: (July 1 – June 30)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
		Budget \$ 510,000	<u>Variance</u> \$ (10,955)

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, Janu	ary 29—Catholic Schools Week begins	
9:30am	Mission Trip Envelopes: CM	
10:00am	All School Open House: BH	
12:00pm	Confirmation I Orientation: OC	
Monday, Janu	uary 30	
9:30am	Nia: OC	
5:00pm	Culvers Night: Sun Ray Culvers	
6:30pm	Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym	
Tuesday, Janu	uary 31	
4:00pm	Confirmation I Interviews	
6:00pm	Women's Club General Membership Meeting: BH	
6:30pm	Grace Within Leaders meeting: Room 107	
Wednesday,	February 1	
9:30am	School Mass—All are welcome	
1:00pm	Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St. Paul	
6:30pm	First Eucharist Parent Meeting: BH	
6:30pm	Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105	
7:00pm	Choir: CR	
	oruary 2—Presentation of the Lord	
9:30am	Nia: OC	
4:00pm 7:00pm	Confirmation I Interviews SJCC Meeting: FR	
7:00pm	Men's Club Board Meeting: CF	
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Friday, Februa No scheduled	•	
Saturday, Feb	oruary 4	
9:30am	Ushers Meeting: CH	
11:00am	Grocery Bagging: Sun Ray Cub	
5:00pm	Mission Trip Mexican Dinner: BH, Kitchen	
After Mass	Mission Trip Envelopes: CM	
Sunday, February 5		
After Masses	Mission Trip Envelopes: CM	
12:00pm	Confirmation I: OC	

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

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

"The Seasons of Faith" with Deacon Mickey Friesen

Half-day Retreat for the women of Blessed Sacrament and St. Pascal's Saturday, February 18, 9:00 AM - 12 Noon at Blessed Sacrament

We will explore how our faith lives can mirror the seasons of nature. Each season has a role to play in the growth of life toward harvest time. For us, the seasons of our faith each have something to say to us about what it means to live a "fruitful life" or "abundant life" that Jesus calls us to: "I came that they may have life in abundance,"(Jn 10:10). There will be time for presentations, quiet prayer and reflection questions. Please RSVP by calling the Blessed Sacrament parish office at 738.0677 by February 15 if you plan to attend.

14th Annual Friends & Family Event "Off to the Races"

April 22 from 5:30-9:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Join us for a favorite parish and school fundraising event that includes fine dining, entertainment (horse racing), games, raffle baskets, laughter and more. Tickets go on sale in March. We rely on generous donations from parishioners and area businesses to help us create a successful event. For more information please contact: Mike Aeling (mjaeling@gmail.com or 307.8237)

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