FEBRUARY 05, 2017 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” — Mt 5:14

Dear Friends:

In the past few weeks we have had opportunity at two of our weekend masses to pray over and to welcome our lone catechumen for this year, Shariff. I know that most St. Pascal’s parishioners don’t yet know him, but I hope that changes as he and we move toward his full initiation at the Easter Vigil. In fact, that’s one of the stated goals of the R.C.I.A. process—that we all do this together. I have known Shariff for years. His (Catholic) wife Kara and Mother-in-law Barb are weekly participants at our 10:30 mass, and I’ve known them since I was first ordained. I was honored to preside over Shariff and Kara’s wedding lots of years ago (and since they are both EMTs by day they saved me from choking at the reception dinner at the time; you don’t forget that stuff).

I am grateful to Deacon Rich Moore and his team who have arranged to accommodate Shariff’s complex work schedule so as to make this happen. I mention all this because we don’t always have the opportunity to welcome a real live catechumen into our parish. The technical difference between a “catechumen” and a “candidate” is this: Candidates are already baptized in another Christian denomination/tradition, and that baptism is recognized as sacramentally valid by us. At some point in time, and for various reasons, a baptized Christian discerns that he/she wishes to complete (or transfer) his/her allegiance into the Catholic faith. We do not re-baptize such people at the Easter Vigil, but we do confirm them and admit them to share in the Eucharist table. Lately, at least in the United States, this seems to be the more common situation, but it is not really what the R.C.I.A. process is designed to address.

Shariff, by contrast, is a true catechumen. He has never been initiated into a religion at all. This is exactly what the R.C.I.A. is meant to acknowledge. And the beauty of it is that it recognizes that there has been something compelling enough about the life witness of the Catholics surrounding him—family, friends, parish community—to attract him to want to discover more about this tradition and to risk identifying with it as a new way of life. That is a profound testament, not only to his own openness to the stirring of God in his heart, but also to the compassionate face of Our Lord that has been shown to him all long, by people like us. That’s why we are all involved here. Unlike a candidate, a catechumen can’t be presumed to be familiar even with some of the most basic stories and memories of our tradition, which is what makes it all the more important and exciting for us to share them. And that is the reason for our public ritual and joy and solemnity as we move through these next many weeks with Shariff. It is a time for shared gratitude, witness, and getting acquainted with one another while on the road to Easter.

And while on the topic of Christian initiation, we’ve had a recent eruption of requests from families for the welcoming of school-age children here, whether for baptism or Eucharist. That’s all happy news, of course, but there really isn’t a settled-upon procedure for how a parish should accommodate that. We know how to welcome infants and we know how to welcome adult catechumens/candidates, but the in-between gets fairly mushy, and much depends upon the specific circumstances of families and the maturity of the young people. We are working to develop some sort of parish guidelines/policies so that our response to such requests isn’t just arbitrary. I think we need to find a middle ground between “baptism upon request” (which is the template for our infant parishioners) and a full-blown R.C.I.A. process, which is normal for adults. We continue to live and learn and discern...

Fr. Mike Byron

Lent 2017 Bible Study—Matthew 26-28: Jesus’ Life-Giving Death
This study offers a close look at the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew. The suggested fee is $15. Groups/times available are:

- Tuesdays, 8:15 - 9:45 AM or 7:00 - 8:30 PM—starts February 28
- Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM—starts March 2

If you would like to join one of the groups, please register by February 20. To sign up, get more information, or arrange to pick up a book, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Eucharistic Ministers: Spring Schedule
It is time for the next schedule to be done. Please check your calendars for March, April and May, and let Joann know of any dates when you will not be available. She needs those dates by February 15. As always there will be sign-up sheets for the Easter Triduum. You may call Joann at 735.2762, or e-mail at joann.bertini@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation Survey
Please take a few minutes to complete and return the adult faith formation survey from the January 22 bulletin. Hard copies are available in the kiosks. A link to the online survey at Survey Monkey can also be accessed by visiting the parish website.

Women’s Book Club
Monday, February 13 at 7:00 PM
Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? Do it this month! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf and next month, March 13, we will share thoughts about Someone by Alice McDermott.

14th Annual Friends & Family “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 at mjaeling@gmail.com or 307.8237 or Ellen Aeling at ellenoaeling@gmail.com or 307.8241.

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.

World Day of the Sick Mass
Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 AM
St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, MN

In Christ We Live Forever
Please remember in your prayers...

Eugene Lowe
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**

**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 mailed 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.

**Share the Spirit**

Participate in St. Pascal’s family referral program and earn a $25 gift card to Green Mill for every family you refer who registers in St. Pascal’s School.

**Parish-School Involvement**

There are some excellent opportunities for parishioners to volunteer with the school. One current opportunity is to meet with our 5th-8th grade kids during their before school Study Hall from 8:00 - 9:00 AM to assist with homework. It would be invaluable to have adults who could assist them with their basic homework questions. If you would like to volunteer for this or other opportunities or have any further question, please contact Shane Lefler at shane.lefler@stpascals.org or call the school office at 776.0092.

**Note to School and Parish Volunteers:**

Volunteers working with children in the school or parish must be Essential 3 qualified (having completed a background check, attended a VIRTUS session and signed a Code of Conduct.) Access a list of upcoming VIRTUS sessions and complete other requirements online at www.virtusonline.org. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Family-Parish Together Time—Taste of St. Pascal’s**

When your family comes to the Taste of St. Pascal on Sunday, February 26, plan on coming one hour early at 3:00 PM. From 3:00 - 4:00 PM your children can learn to sing “We Are the World” with a couple of adult parishioners while you help set up the tables for the event. The children will then begin our event with a mini parade around Brioschi Hall, waving flags and singing their hearts out for us. When you make your reservations let us know how many “younger” will join the parade and how many “olders” will help to set up for the event. For reservations and more information, please contact Toni Baker at 774.1585 or toni@bakers.us.

This is our 8th Annual potluck supper celebrating the cultural heritage and diversity of all parishioners. Entertainment this year by Locklin Road—an awesome Irish group performing musical storytelling, including traditional and contemporary Irish songs. (Three families who are among the first 100 parishioners to register for the dinner will be entered into a drawing to receive a Locklin Road CD!) Father Mike will sing a song or two also—it’s an event you won’t want to miss!

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**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Donations Needed**

**Faith Formation Family Night**

On Wednesday, February 22, faith formation families from St. Pascal’s and Blessed Sacrament will be participating in a joint family night focusing on Lent and the call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. One of the activities they will participate in is making Angel Packs for distribution to those who are homeless. We are looking for donations of the following:

- Q-Tips
- Band Aids
- Alcohol Swabs
- Floss Sticks
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Candy Bars
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Items can be dropped off in the parish office or the box marked “Family Faith Formation Night” in the donation closet. Questions? Contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**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), Cosmig 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.

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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.
Mass Times & Intentions

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<td>Sunday: Is 58:7-10, Ps 112:4-9, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, February 08</strong></td>
<td>Monday: Gn 1:1-19, Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c, Mk 6:53-56</td>
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<td>9:30 AM + Women’s Club</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, February 09</strong></td>
<td>Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a, Ps 8:4-9, Mk 7:1-13</td>
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<td>Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17, Ps 104:1-2, 27-30, Mk 7:14-23</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, February 11</strong></td>
<td>Thursday: Gn 2:18-25, Ps 128:1-5, Mk 7:24-30</td>
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<td>4:30 PM + Rose &amp; Richard McCabe</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, February 12</strong></td>
<td>Friday: Gn 3:1-8, Ps 32:1-2, 5-7, Mk 7:31-37</td>
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<td>8:45 AM + Fr. Tom Brioschi</td>
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<td>10:30 AM The People of the Parish</td>
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**Heart Questions**

_Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”_  
Matthew 5:16

**Adult:** In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

**Child:** How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

Financial Gifts – Week of January 29, 2017  
For fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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<th>For the Week</th>
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Year to Date:  
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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 www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

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<th><strong>Sunday, February 5</strong></th>
<th>9:30am Mission Trip Envelopes: CM</th>
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<td>12:00pm Confirmation I: OC</td>
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<td><strong>Monday, February 6</strong></td>
<td>9:30am Nia: OC</td>
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<td>6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, February 7</strong></td>
<td>6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, February 8</strong></td>
<td>9:30am School Mass:—All are welcome!</td>
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<td>5:30pm PTP Meeting: FR, Nursery</td>
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<td>6:30pm Faith Formation: Library, OC, 101, 105</td>
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<td>7:00pm Choir: CR</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, February 9</strong></td>
<td>9:30am Nia: OC</td>
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<td>7:00pm Men’s Club Membership Meeting: CF</td>
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<td>7:00pm Bible Study (Breaking Bread): BH</td>
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<td><strong>Friday, February 10</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, February 11</strong></td>
<td>10:00am Calix Society Mass &amp; Luncheon: BH, CH</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, February 12</strong></td>
<td>After Masses New Member Registration: BH</td>
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<td>10:30am Confirmation II Rite of Sending: CH</td>
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<td>2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF</td>
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**MEETING LOCATION KEY:**

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

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**Donating Stock to St. Pascal’s**

One of the best ways to give to charity is through highly appreciated stock. Here at St. Pascal’s we have a number of households that make their yearly stewardship offering through the gift of stock. Here’s how it works:

Contact Mike Lentz in the parish office for the wiring instructions to have the stock transferred. You will want to make sure that your brokerage firm knows that you DO NOT want to sell the stock, but are wanting to “transfer in kind” to St. Pascal’s. That way, St. Pascal’s can sell the stock (immediately) and use the funds for the designated purpose without having to pay any taxes on the gain.

Now, if you have a stock that has a built-in loss, do not give this “in kind.” Instead, you will want to sell the stock at a loss in order to take the loss on your personal tax return AND use the proceeds to give to the church (or whichever charity you select) which will go on your Schedule A as an Itemized Deduction.

Giving stock is one of the best ways to support great causes and use the tax code to your advantage!

_“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_  
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 in Jn 10:10: “I came that they may have life in abundance.” 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._
January 30, 2017

Dear Parishioner:

My name is Mike Kelleher and I am beginning my second year as chair of the St. Pascal’s Fall Festival. I am writing to inform you of some changes regarding the Festival as well as to invite you to share your suggestions for Festival events.

1. The first change, and the most significant one, involves the date for the Festival. Traditionally, the Fall Festival was held on the final Sunday of September. This year, we will be holding the Festival on Sunday, August 13 and renaming it the *St. Pascal’s Summerfest*. This change will allow us to hold the Festival the same weekend as the All School Reunion, which is being held on Saturday, August 12. I would like to emphasize that the two events are NOT being combined into one event. Planning and activities for the reunion and the festival will continue to be separate. It does make a certain amount of sense, however, to hold the two events on the same weekend, allowing alumni and other guests to come for both events as well as to share resources for both events.

2. We would like to add some activities to the Festival to show the diversity of the parish. St. Pascal Baylon is blessed with many different ethnic and national groups, all of which have interesting stories to tell through food, dress, music and other cultural materials. We would like to add an opportunity for various groups of the parish to share their tales with others. This could be done through a food stand, songs or dances, clothing, story-telling, or other activities unique to a particular culture.

3. To begin the process of Festival planning, I would like to invite you to join us for an all-parish meeting to discuss ideas, suggestions and plans. This meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Sunday, March 5 in Brioschi Hall. All are welcome to join us and please bring along any suggestions or ideas which you have to continue the wonderful success of our Festival. If you have any questions or if you are unable to make it to the meeting, but have a suggestion or idea, please contact me at 776.0092, extension 101 or at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

My sincerest thanks to all of you for your support of St. Pascal’s in the past and I look forward to working with many of you on this year’s event.

Blessings to All,

Mike Kelleher, Festival Chair
Taste of St. Pascal’s
8th Annual Taste sponsored By St. Pascal’s Womens Club

February 26, 2017
4-6PM

Bring an ethnic dish to share and join everyone in this culinary adventure!

Entertainment by Locklin Road an awesome Irish Group.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5o-4aGz9Ag

Seating is limited so reservations by 2/23 are necessary. Call the office 651-774-1585 or fill out the bottom of this flier and send to the office.

Name

Phone #

# people for reservation
Have you met St. Josephine Bakhita?
She is one of the Church’s newest saints.
(Beatification: May 17, 1992 / Canonized October 1, 2000)
Josephine Bakhita was sold into slavery many times as a child, was led to God by a group of sisters and eventually became the Patron Saint of Sudan and Human Trafficking.