CONFIRMATION

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses.”

Acts 1:8

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Adam Ernster  Joe Kennedy  Chris Rypa
Emma Esteb  Georgia Lanik  Kaelie Smith
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Dear Friends:

This is Confirmation weekend for many of our St. Pascal’s young people. At 2:00 PM Sunday we will assemble at the Cathedral with Archbishop Hebda to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon these good souls. Usual there are somewhere between four and six parishes together at any given Confirmation liturgy, and the recent practice has been for the presiding bishop to select one of the pastors present to assist him in anointing the candidates with the oil of the Sacred Chrism. He usually selects the pastor who has been ordained the longest, and for all but one of the past many years that pastor has been I. It’s always strange for me to realize that I am now among the elder half of our local clergy, because it seems as though I just started out in ministry yesterday. Recently the oldest priest in our archdiocese died at the age of nearly 100. He was presiding for decades over one of the largest parishes in Minneapolis during my seminary and as a young priest. The bishop who confirmed me (Raymond Lucker) as a youth is now long deceased, as is the bishop who ordained me (John Roach), the rector of the seminary (Charlie Froehle) where I studied, and every pastor to whom I was ever attached in a parish until I was into my 30s. The turning of time is an amazing thing to ponder.

And even more amazing is the way our church has changed in my lifetime. It’s not only the liturgy that’s so different (I received my first communion while kneeling at the altar railing and responding to the priest’s Latin invocation), but the role of the church in society. Nobody foresaw the impending clergy sexual abuse scandal at the time I was ordained (it blew up almost immediately thereafter). And who could have imagined bankruptcy and the forced sale of the Chancery? Who could have imagined the tumultuous tenure of our recently departed archbishop? Some days I wake up and wonder if I would have jumped in to all this drama if I had it to do over again. Thankfully the answer to that question (so far!) always has been yes, both because of the excellent priest-role models that came before me and because of the courageous and hopeful witness of the youth coming after me—like the young women and men being confirmed this weekend.

I wonder what kind of a church our teenagers will be experiencing in a few decades. I do hope that they are still attached to our church, and I am confident that many of them will be. But we can be sure it will be different from the kind of community that we now know. Meanwhile, we all have our part to play, for a moment in time, in sharing faith with one another, celebrating sacraments together, and working for mutual encouragement toward the coming of the Reign of God. The Holy Spirit never disappoints, whether at Confirmation or at any other time.

Fr. Mike Byron

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon—Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 AM

Attention, Seniors 55 Plus! We begin our fourth year of Young at Heart on this month with Father Mike celebrating the Eucharist with us at 11:00. After a short meeting, we will enjoy a beef stew dinner made with “sirloin steak tips” catered by Magnolia’s. For this we ask a $10.00 donation payable on the day of the meeting. We also will begin collecting our yearly $10.00 membership dues which greatly helps defray the cost of our monthly entertainment. This month we will have our annual Bingo Game with its surprises! If you have never come to this gathering before, you are most welcome now! This is a group of wonderful people! Please RSVP by Monday, February 20 by contacting Betty Hensel at 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com or Rosemary Hall at 748-5112.

Social Justice and Caring Committee

On the weekend of March 4/5, St. Pascal’s parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee’s We Care Campaign. The three options chosen by the committee for its winter project are:

Option 1: Progressive Baptist Church Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf

This food shelf is located within Progressive Baptist Church at 1501 Burns Avenue in St. Paul. It provides emergency food items to anybody in need. No residency or parish memberships are required.

Option 2: Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota is a non-profit agency located in St. Paul that provides legal assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota. It works to educate Minnesota communities and professionals about immigration matters and advocates for state and federal policies which respect the universal rights of immigrants.

Option 3: KNOM Radio Mission

The KNOM Radio Mission is the oldest Catholic radio station in the United States. It broadcasts from Nome, Alaska, located 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. It transmits news, weather and Catholic programming (such as mass and family prayer) to dozens of isolated communities in the Alaskan bush that rarely have access to a priest. It ministers to communities experiencing high rates of poverty, alcoholism, child abuse, depression and domestic violence. This mission is entirely supported from private giving.

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located near the entrances to the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

We welcome into our community of faith

Chase Alexander Mudgett
child of Danielle

who was recently Baptized in our church.

May God bless this household of faith.
ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS

2017-2018 Registration is Open
If you have questions or need assistance with the registration process, please contact Mary McGrath, our Enrollment/Admissions Specialist, at 776.0092 ext. 112.

St. Pascal’s Men’s Club Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent from March 03—April 07
4:30 to 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandreau St. entrance)
The “All-You-Can-Eat” menu offers fried and baked cod, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, mac and cheese, dinner roll, coffee/water, and dessert. Milk, pop, bottled water and take-out will be available.
- Adults (12 and up): $12.00
- Children (6-11): $5.00
- Children 5 and under: FREE
Proceeds purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for the St. Pascal’s K-8 Grade School Physical Education program and extracurricular sports activities plus other parish/school events.

Thank You
Thank you to all who supported the fundraisers held during January and February for the St. Pascal’s/Blessed Sacrament Youth Mission Trip to Grenada this summer. We anticipate total proceeds to be over $5,500. We earned $737 with the dinner, have $3,254 in silent auction bids, and $1,790 has come in with the Envelope Fundraiser. If you didn’t have a chance to donate and would still like to contribute, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

St. Pascal’s SummerFest Planning Meeting—Sunday, March 5 at 6:30 PM
Please make plans to attend the all-parish planning session for the first St. Pascal’s SummerFest (formerly the Fall Festival). All are welcome to share their ideas, suggestions and thoughts on activities for the Festival. We’ll meet in Brioschi Hall.

Please Join Us at the 8th Annual Taste of St. Pascal’s Next Sunday, February 28!
4:00-6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall: Sponsored by St. Pascal Women’s Club

Entertainment by Locklin Road—an awesome Irish group performing musical storytelling, including traditional and contemporary Irish songs.

Let us know you are coming! Fill out and return a flyer, available on the poster in the commons area, or phone the parish office at 774.1585 and provide your name and the number attending. Reservations are due by Thursday February 23.

Prepare and label your dish. Everyone attending should bring a generous serving of a favorite dish to share. If you can, prepare a food from your family’s native country. But don’t stay home if you’d prefer to make an “American” dish. Macaroni and cheese or a pan of bars is just fine! Please label your food item—its name and main ingredients.
If you can help with set-up or clean-up, OR if you have any questions about the event, please call or email Toni Baker at 731.7763 or toni@bakers.us. Children are also invited to come early and ready for the “We are the World” parade...let us know how many when you make your reservations.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

A Walk Through the Jewish Feasts with Rabbi Barry Cytron
Monday, March 6, from 7:00-9:00 PM in Brioschi Hall—sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.
Through video and discussion Rabbi Barry Cytron, one of Fr. Mike Byron’s colleagues from his years at St. Paul Seminary, will take our community on a whirlwind trip through the Jewish Calendar. We will explore the three major pilgrimage festivals (Pesach, Shavuot & Sukkot), Jewish High Holy Days, and the Sabbath.
Please call the parish office by March 3 if you plan to attend so we can prepare appropriately for hospitality. If you are able to bring treats or help with set up/serve/clean up, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

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.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2017
June 19-23, 2017 from 9:00 AM-Noon
More details coming soon!

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 said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* Matthew 5:43-44a

**Adult:** What is the point of “turning the other cheek” in an argument? Why is it so hard to do?

**Child:** Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

**Financial Gifts – Week of February 12, 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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**Readings for the Week**

**February 19, 2017**

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**The Week Ahead**

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

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**Sunday, February 19**

9:30am  | 2 Suitcases (Film): FR
2:00pm  | Confirmation: Cathedral of St. Paul

**Mon Feburary 20—Presidents Day**

Parish and school offices closed—no school
No scheduled events

**Tuesday, February 21**

6:30pm  | Grace Within women’s group: Room 107
7:00pm  | Spirituality Book Club: LB

**Wednesday, February 22**

9:30am  | School Mass—All are welcome!
5:00pm  | Faith Formation Family Night: BH
5:45pm  | Plaza Movie Night: The Plaza Theater
7:00pm  | Choir: CR

**Thursday, February 23**

9:30am  | Nia: OC
11:00am | Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: CH, BH
6:30pm  | Finance Council: Founders Room
7:00pm  | Breaking Bread with Jesus Bible Study: BH

**Friday, February 24**

6:00pm  | Parkway Little League: BH
9:00pm  | Middle School Lockout: Leaves from St. Mary’s WBL

**Saturday, February 25**

9:30am  | Parkway Little League: BH

**Sunday, February 26**

After Masses  | New Member Registration: BH
12:00pm  | Confirmation I: Old Church
4:00pm  | Taste of St. Pascal’s: BH, Kit

**MEETING LOCATION KEY:**

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

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**Parish Communications Mastermind Group**

We are looking to establish a small, fast moving, solution-oriented group to create and support a concise communication strategy that advances the parish mission by sharing information that informs, inspires and enriches our sense of community. Our vision is to establish effective communication between staff, ministries and parishioners through the bulletin, website, social media, and other channels. We are looking for individuals with communication, graphic or web design, audio/video or social media experience who can assist with writing, editing, or proofreading.

Time commitment: 3-5 hours per month for initial meetings and 4-10 hours per month for selected projects. Once a communication strategy and tools are established, fewer hours will be required. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thea Munoz at 774.1585 or thea.munoz@stpascals.org.

**Furnish a Home with Hope**

Once holiday celebrations are over, and families go back to their daily routines, it’s easy to forget that the winter months are still a struggle for many families in the Twin Cities. Bridging—a local non-profit that provides quality household goods to families transitioning out of poverty and homelessness—needs donations to fill the shelves year-round, especially in winter, when individual donations drop significantly. Your donation goes directly to our shelves to receive a “second life” for a family in need. Bridging serves nearly 13,000 individuals every year. Get involved today—donate your stuff, time, or dollars to help a local family in need! Learn more and get started by visiting www.bridging.org or calling 952.888.1105.
Dear Parishioner:

We hope you already have the evening of Saturday, April 22, 2017 on your calendar – it’s the 14th annual Friends and Family event for St. Pascal’s. This event is one of our larger (and certainly one of the most fun) parish-wide fundraising events of the year. Please plan to attend this event and encourage your friends and family to attend as well. Let’s make it a huge success!! We will have plenty of games, basket raffles and entertainment. This social event both builds stronger St Pascal’s community and raises money. Tickets to this event will be on sale starting March 25th after all masses but can also be purchased in the parish office after that date. Cost will be $25.00 per person.

At this time, we are looking for donations to make this event a success.

- Gift cards to local business establishments. These can be to restaurants, stores, gas stations, etc. - minimum value $10 but higher values are needed as well. These will be used as prizes for the games as well as part of the “Box Game”. We will be collecting these gift cards starting March 4th or bring them to the parish office. If you would prefer to donate cash, we will purchase the gift cards as needed.

- Parishioners to host a “Community Mixer’s Events”. We would like parishioners to host a dinner or other event, in their house or anyplace else, as part of a continuing effort to build a close knit community of parishioners. These events can be ethnic dinners (Mexican, Oriental, African, American, etc.) or fun (game nights, mystery night, barbecue, etc.). You can set the number of guests (typical event is for 8 guests). The date of the event is usually arranged later but if you require a specific date, just let us know. Space to attend these events is then sold at the Friends and Family event.

Thank you for your generous support of this event. Together we make St. Pascal’s a place of worship and welcome, a closer community and a place of celebration!!

If you have any questions, please contact us either by phone or email.

Michael Aeling
651-307-8237
mjaeling@gmail.com

Ellen Aeling
651-307-8241
ellenoaeling@gmail.com
14th Annual Friends and Family Event
“Off to the Races”
April 22, 2017

Who: All Parishioners, Families and Friends of St. Pascal’s

Where: St. Pascal’s Brioschi Hall – starting at 5:30 pm

Why: Join us for one of our favorite parish and school fundraising events

What:
- Fine Dining
- Entertainment - Horse Racing
- Games (Gift Boxes, Heads & Tails, Golf, etc.)
- Raffle Baskets - 50 inch TV, Drone, Computer, etc.
- Community Mixer’s Event sales – see other side for more information
- Laughter

How: Tickets will 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 651-307-8237) or
Ellen Aeling (ellenoaeling@gmail.com 651-307-8241)