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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
Dear Friends:

One of the biggest differences between a New Year’s resolution and a Lenten resolution is this: approximately 46 weeks. The self-made promises that we embrace on January 1 are famous for their failures, and I think a big reason is that they are undertaken, at best, for a period of one year and, at worst, forever. That is rarely how human behavior is able to be changed for the better. The great theologians of our Catholic tradition, like St. Thomas Aquinas, taught about the importance of cultivating virtuous habits as a part of the journey to personal holiness. That’s a process that is necessarily gradual, starting with decisions made for a day, a week, a month, or a season. A year’s time is sometimes just too daunting a thing to imagine when it comes to modifying our patterns of acting, but perhaps six weeks of Lent is something less overwhelming to consider. It is the rare person, for example, who can make an abrupt and permanent decision to quit smoking two packs of cigarettes a day (although my Grandpa Byron did so after 45 years), or to quit drinking too much (although my Grandpa Byron did so after 25 years). For the rest of us non-neurotic mortals, however, the pathway to good health and habits needs to be easier.

In that sense, Lent makes it easy for us to try out better ways of living for a specific period of time. Ideally when Easter arrives we will discover that we’ve actually acted our way into patterns that make us feel healthier and happier, and we have enriched our church and world in the process. Success, as they say, breeds success, and our desire will be to continue on with our newfound habits indefinitely.

So perhaps we might use these several weeks of Lenten purification to pursue achievable goals of more virtuous living, whether that means praying more, exercising, being more generous in charitable giving, unplugging the TV or shutting off the smart phone, eating better, or engaging with the poor or estranged people we know. At least to begin with we can aim to do it for six weeks rather than for eternity. That seems like a more likely formula for a good outcome.

And one very specific thing you can do this Lent is to invite your friends and family to our weekly Fish Fries, which are scientifically proven to be the best in St. Paul. (Pay no attention to the noise being made by St. Albert’s in Minneapolis. Minneapolis doesn’t matter, and they seem to be a little desperate in their pleas for support.) Our St. Pascal’s Men’s Club puts on an amazing experience of hospitality, great food, and community spirit during this season every year. Again, it’s an endeavor that simply could not be sustained if it were a project without an end or a specific season, but for six weeks it’s relatively easy to make happen (so sayeth the one who neither sets up, cooks, serves, nor cleaneths up afterward.)

I hope this is a season of meaningful conversion for you, whatever your age or circumstance. We are never too old or un-free to cultivate good new habits of holy living, and this is the time that the church provides for us to make deliberate efforts to do so.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**Women’s Book Club**

*Monday, March 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 in the Founders Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott and next month, April 10, we’ll discuss John Taymyn’s *The Colony.*

**Lenten Program with Fr. Mike Byron**

*Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM*

St. Olaf Catholic Church
215 S. 8th St., Minneapolis

Join us as we ponder the death and resurrection of Jesus through a program in two sessions: “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” and “Why Did Jesus have to Rise?”

Cost: $20 including optional noon Mass and lunch at St. Olaf. Please make check payable to the League of Catholic Women and send to 410 Grove St, Minneapolis, MN 55404, or pay online at leagueofcatholicwomen.org.

**Reservations due by March 14.** Walk-ins welcome (Mass and program only). Sponsored by the League of Catholic Women and Loyola Spirituality Center.

**All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast**

*Sunday, March 19 after both Masses*

$8/Adults and $5/kids (14 and under)

Includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice. Proceeds help fund scout camps, pack activities, achievement awards and community service. Bring your appetite and support Cub Scout Pack 294!

**Baker’s Wanted!**

Please consider providing a dessert (homemade or purchased from your favorite bakery, enough to serve 8-10 people) to be live-auctioned during the “Off to the Races” Friends & Family event on Saturday, April 22 at St. Pascal’s. If interested, please contact Susan Hommes at 738.1610 or shommes@umn.edu.

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**Baptized in Christ**

We welcome into our community of faith Gabriel Duncan Ikeri, child of Alyssa and Julian who was recently Baptized in our church. May God bless this household of faith.

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**In Christ We Live Forever**

Please remember in your prayers...

Jerome Sartor 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.

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**Friends & Family Dinner—Gift Cards NEEDED**

These will be used as prizes for the games as well as part of the “Mystery Gift Box Game” for one of the funnest fundraisers St. Pascal’s has on April 22! Gift cards can be to restaurants, stores, gas stations, garden centers, grocery stores, etc. Minimum value $10 but we need cards with higher values as well. If you would prefer to donate cash, that would be fantastic! We will be collecting gift cards after Masses starting on Sunday, March 5. Please come by our display in the gathering space and pick up a gift card tag. Bring the gift card back the following Sunday (put it in an envelope clearly marked “Friends & Family” and drop it in the collection basket). Gift cards can also be dropped off in the parish office during regular office hours.
Opportunity Scholarships
One of the most exciting things on our horizon is the momentum of education choice and the new Minnesota bill regarding “Opportunity Scholarships.” Education choice is a reform movement focused on affording parents the opportunity, flexibility, freedom and access to choose which school their child attends. That’s why Opportunity for All Kids (OAK), a statewide advocacy organization supporting public and private school choice, is supporting Opportunity Scholarships for low-and-middle income families. They are funded through private contributions made to non-profit scholarship granting organizations. A 2015 survey conducted statewide found strong support for Opportunity Scholarships.

How does the Opportunity Scholarship program work? An individual or corporation is provided a state tax credit of 70% for donating to a qualified foundation compliant under 501(c)3 rules. This program does not take money away from the public schools because it is funded through private contributions made to non-profit scholarship granting organizations.

Achievement v. Cost. The cost per student to educate K-12 students in St. Paul Public Schools is between $10,516 - $13,672 per year, and yet St. Paul Public Schools are among the lowest performing public schools in Minnesota. Last year only 37% of SPPS students in grades 3-8 were proficient in math and only 39% were proficient in reading. At St. Pascal’s School WE ARE CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP! Last year, 46% of our grade 3-8 students are proficient in math (41 students/93 tested) and 60% are proficient in reading (52 students/93 tested).

Wouldn’t it be a great educational benefit if Opportunity Scholarships could be used to move students from low performing public schools to St. Pascal’s? I will keep our school and parish families posted on information related to this important bill that could be a “game changer” for all Catholic and private schools that serve low-and-middle income families.

Living Faith Books
Living Faith devotional booklets for April-May are now available for $1.25 each. They can be picked up in the parish office or on the usher’s stand outside of the worship space.

Vacation Bible School 2017
Save the Date! June 19-23
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Watch upcoming bulletins and website for more details!

Parish and School Lenten Service Project:
Caring Hearts for the Homeless
Collecting through Wednesday, April 12
St. Pascal’s is collecting men’s and women’s items for the Catholic Charities In Kind Warehouse including:

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste

Please drop your items off in the red donation boxes located in the foyer. Thank you for your prayers and positive impact on the lives of those who need it most.

The Life and Thought of Pope Francis—St. Odilia Parish Lenten Mission
March 13-15 with Fr. Michael Joncas
St. Odilia Church, 3495 N. Victoria St., Shoreview, MN 55126
Open to the public. No fee, no registration. Freewill offering requested.
Gather for three evenings of inspiration and insight, as Fr. Joncas explores with us the life and thought of Pope Francis.

Monday, March 13 from 7:00-9:00 PM
Pope Francis: The man, the priest and the teacher
Tuesdays, March 14, 7:00-9:00 PM
The Joy of the Gospel
Wednesdays, March 15, 6:30-8:30 PM
The Joy of Love

For more information, contact Lucy Arimond, Director of Adult Formation and Evangelization at Arimond@stodilia.org or 415.3331.

St. Pascal’s Men’s Club Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent from March 3 – April 7
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 go to 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.

Parish Contact Information
Parish Office 651.774.1585
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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
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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 Lackman

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, March 07**
7:30 AM  The People of the Parish

**Wednesday, March 08**
9:30 AM  Women’s Club

**Thursday, March 09**
7:30 AM  + Al Olson

**Friday, March 10**
7:30 AM  The People of the Parish

**Saturday, March 11**
4:30 PM  The People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 12**
8:45 AM  + Terry Lemke
10:30 AM  + Tom Gemza

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Heart Questions

*Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1

**Adult:** What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

**Child:** What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

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### Stewardship of Treasure

**Financial Gifts – Week of February 26, 2017**

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

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### Readings for the Week

**March 05, 2017**

**Sunday:**
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:**
Lk 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:**
Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:**
Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:**
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:**
Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:**
Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:**
Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

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### The Week Ahead

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

**Sunday, March 5—1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Caring Hearts Lenten Project through Wednesday, April 12*

12:00pm  Confirmation I: OC
12:00pm  Piano Festival: CH
6:00pm  Visitation for Joseph Kreigl: CM, Chapel
6:30pm  Festival Kick-off Meeting: BH

**Monday, March 6**
9:30am  Nia: OC
4:00pm  Heggie’s Pizza pickup: BH Kit
6:30pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym
7:00pm  A Walk Through the Jewish Feasts: BH

**Tuesday, March 7**
8:15am  Bible Study: PC
10:00am  Joint Parish FF&SJ meeting: FR
6:30pm  Pastoral Council: SL
6:30pm  Grace Within women’s group: Room 107
7:00pm  Bible Study: PC

**Wednesday, March 8**
9:30am  School Mass—All are welcome!
10:30am  Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
5:30pm  PTP Meeting: FR, Nursery
6:30pm  Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm  Choir: CR

**Thursday, March 9**
9:30am  Bible Study: PC
4:00pm  Facilities Meeting: SL
7:00pm  Men’s Club Membership Meeting: CF

**Friday, March 10**
4:30pm  Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit
7:00pm  Stations of the Cross: CH

**Saturday, March 11—Set your clock forward 1 hour at bedtime**

No scheduled events

**Sunday, March 12—2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Daylight Saving Time starts*

8:45am  RCIA Rite of Continuing Conversation: CH
After Masses  New Member Registration: BH
2:00pm  Girl Scouts: CF

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### MEETING LOCATION KEY:


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### Catholics at the Capitol—Protect Life & Human Dignity

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

Our state faces real challenges. Assisted suicide threatens the vulnerable. Underprivileged kids are stuck in failing schools. And too many families are trapped in poverty. Christ asks us to boldly step into the public square to protect life and human dignity. Join Minnesota’s bishops, dynamic Church leaders, and 1,000+ Catholics from across the state for Catholics at the Capitol, a day of inspiration and advocacy at our State Capitol.

- **Be INSPIRED** by dynamic Church leaders and the power of prayer
- **Be INFORMED** about the critical issues impacting life and human dignity in Minnesota
- **Be EQUIPPED** to effectively engage your elected officials

Legislators pay attention to their constituents. We WILL influence what they do. This is our moment. Let’s go!

Learn more and register at CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org or call 651.227.8777.
Today’s Readings: Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 17; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11. As we sing the Lenten hymn “Forty Days and Forty Nights,” we are drawn into Christ’s time in the desert, his temptations, and his perseverance. Christ’s trial in the desert is captured in two short phrases of the second verse: “Shall not we your sorrow share” and “Fasting with unceasing prayer.”

Today’s Gospel brings to mind more than Christ’s time in the desert and the devil’s three temptations. We are challenged, on this First Sunday of Lent, to prepare for our forty days and nights of fasting and prayer. Or perhaps we should consider this time fasting with prayer.

We share with Christ our desert times, when worldly distractions and demands are set aside for us to focus on who we are as people of faith. Today’s Gospel is a reminder that our temptations are best addressed when we refocus ourselves in a context of prayer and time apart from our usual distractions and demands. By retreating from all that busies us, we are better able to couch distractions in prayer and respond to demands with deepened faith. Throughout our forty days and forty nights, we share with Christ not only his sorrow, but his righteousness, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading.

We have a share in the life of Christ, and at the beginning of the Lenten season, we know that our prayer is sustained and strengthened by our sharing in Christ’s Death and Resurrection. We are strengthened by our Baptism to combat the temptations we encounter, supported by the unceasing prayer that we share with Christ.
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 6
Be Holy, for I Am Holy
Each Lent we are reminded that we who are baptized are called to be Christ-like. As we journey through the forty days, we reflect on what it means to be Christian. The readings during the season spell that out for us. Through our Lenten disciplines, our goal is holiness: to love one another as Christ did, in all he accomplished. Reflect this week on what it means to be holy. Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.

Tuesday, March 7
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
The witness of the earliest Christian martyrs is epitomized by these two women martyrs. Perpetua, and her servant Felicity, both imprisoned while pregnant, remained constant in their faith through childbirth, separation from their families, and watching as others were taken to the arena of martyrdom. May their witness, in life and death, remind us that we are never separated from the love of Christ (Romans 8:38–39). Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5,6–7, 16–17, 18–19; Matthew 6:7–15.

Wednesday, March 8
St. John of God
St. John of God had a natural impulse to aid people who were in need. Whether buying clothes on the spot to help clothe a poor family or rushing into a burning hospital to carry out patients, John was the first to assist others. His works of mercy were profound, and an example to us of Christ’s words: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Today’s Readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.

Thursday, March 9
Ask and It Will Be Given You
Queen Esther prayed from morning until evening for the Lord to help her, and her prayers were answered. In the Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us to continually ask, seek, knock, and our persistence will be rewarded as well. As we search and ask, and knock and plead, may our mourning be turned into gladness, and our sorrow into wholeness. Today’s Readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; Matthew 7:7–12.

Friday, March 10
Be Reconciled First
Today’s Gospel places a priority on reconciliation. Against whom do you hold a grudge? To whom is your automatic response one of anger? Even before we turn to others to judge, to condemn, to lash out, Jesus calls us to leave our gifts at the altar and be reconciled to one another. Today is a good day to reach out to someone, without prejudice or malice, and pay it forward. Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8; Matthew 5:20–26.

Saturday, March 11
Change Our Hearts
It is not enough to follow the Commandments. Discipleship is not only about doing the right thing. We are called to holiness, which entails more than correct actions. Lent challenges us to change our ways, to change our focus and redirect it so that we change our hearts. Select a Lenten hymn today and pray the text, taking to heart what it says to you. Today’s Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.
2016 - 2017 Women’s Club Legacy Award

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

Mother Teresa

In 2011, the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club presented their first Legacy Award to 2 recipients with a plaque in recognition of their many years of unselfish service to our parish. The Legacy Award is presented to a member of the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club (past or present) who has served as an exemplary example of a Christian steward to our parish and to the Women’s club in giving of their time and talent over multiple years. This person exemplifies and upholds the mission of the Women’s Club.

The Women’s Club is now soliciting nominations for the year 2016-2017 award.

Eligibility:
Any member of the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club, past or present can be nominated. Members who are paid office staff are not eligible for the award for service performed in their line of work.

Criteria:
Nominations for this award are invited for women who have exhibited exceptional stewardship. Simply stated, exceptional stewardship may be defined as ‘doing much more than one’s share’ as a member of the Women’s Club by exhibiting lifetime stewardship - exceptional stewardship as a member over the years.

Timing: Deadline March 31, 2017
The award will be presented at the Women’s Club Volunteer Appreciation Dance on May 5. The deadline for receiving nominations is March 31, 2017.

Nominations:
Anyone may nominate a worthy woman for this award. All nominations must be in writing and the nominator’s name and contact information is required. Nominations will be accepted in ANY WRITTEN FORM. Simply submit a narrative including the nominee’s name and a description of why the nominee deserves this award. Please be as specific as possible regarding activities, responsibilities, dates of service etc.
*Please include nominator’s name and contact information. Anonymous nominations will not be considered. For consideration, turn the nomination into the parish office in a sealed envelope before the deadline.

Administration and Selection:
The St. Pascal’s Women’s Club Executive Board will administer the award process. The board will review the nominations and select an award recipient.

Award:
The Legacy Award will be presented at the Women’s Club Parish Wide Volunteer Appreciation Dance – Friday, May 5. The winner will receive a glass award engraved with her name and the year. Their name will also be added to the Women’s Club Legacy Award plaque that is permanently displayed in the Founders room.
In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience His tenderness.

POPE FRANCIS

Do you feel like you are being surrounded by negative messages in every form of media? Do you have a desire to take some quality time away from the phones, computers, TVs, faxes and iPads to listen to the still, small stirrings of the Holy Spirit? We have a wonderful option for you. The St. John’s Chapel will be open on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month from 10:30 - 11:30 for silent prayer and meditation. We are asking our neighbors from all the East Side congregations to join us in this time of peaceful prayer. Can you imagine the strong message this action will be for our neighborhood and our children—especially those attending St. Pascal’s School?

Please feel free to ask your neighbors to join us.