APRIL 23, 2017  |  SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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:

Last Sunday’s edition of the Star-Tribune featured a very interesting front-page article titled, “Churches shed labels to give new voice to faith.” It discussed a very popular phenomenon among Protestant parish churches, of one kind or another, to re-name themselves without reference to their denominational tradition (or what we might call a “brand.”) I first heard of this sort of thing more than twenty years ago in a conversation that I had with a couple of Baptist ministers, who said that most Baptist churches in Minnesota no longer contained the word “Baptist” in their name, because it was considered a tarnished brand after what they called the “takeover” of that church by media giants like Jerry Falwell, Jim Bakker, Pat Robertson and other members of the so-called “Moral Majority” during the 1980s. The word “Baptist,” many thought, had come to be associated with intolerance or with partisan politics.

As part of last week’s article a local pastor was quoted as saying that a new name for a church is an opportunity for a fresh appeal to would-be members. I suppose that’s true, if that’s your primary objective. And (so as not to pick on the Baptists!), the Evangelical Protestant and Assemblies of God churches have also been at the forefront of this trend for quite a while, with the vast majority of them having dropped those descriptive names in recent years. It also noted that the Catholics, some Lutherans, and most Black Baptist churches in our country have resisted this instinct to re-brand. At one point in the article another pastor noted that he had heard of a woman who had remarked, “I’m not a Baptist. I go to Eagle Brook.” Eagle Brook, as many of you know, is probably the largest Baptist-based congregation in the East Metro (or of any other denomination, for that matter.) That woman is being formed in a Baptist tradition and doesn’t even know it.

And there’s the problem. And the reason for my gratitude for being Catholic. In the past many years we have had more than our share of a bad-brand problems, to say the least. But at our center we still know and insist upon who we are, what we stand for, and what we have to offer to a community that might take an interest in us. Sometimes people will find that appealing and important. Other times, maybe not so much. But there seems little to be gained, and much to be lost, by hiding our true religious identity in hopes of getting more people (and $$) to come through the door on Sunday mornings. It occurs to me that if Jesus had had a marketing consultant and a few focus groups he probably could have managed to live to a ripe old age and died peacefully in bed. Sometimes you pay a price for being true to your identity. That’s very Christian and very Catholic. At Easter time this is all the more obvious. As I reflect back on the title of that newspaper article I have to wonder what exactly is that "new voice of faith" that dares not speak its name.

St. Pascal’s is a well-known East Side Catholic "brand" for a long time now. I think that most of us are very proud of that, though perhaps a few are not. Nevertheless, we are what we are, warts and all, and we are Catholic both when that is popular and when it is not. I’d rather be attached to that than to some generic congregational brand that sounds vaguely pleasant but that doesn’t much reveal itself. Thank you for your part—constantly—in contributing to the public meaning of “St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Community.” If we don’t always do it perfectly, we do it awfully well, and that was nowhere better on display than on Triduum weekend.

Fr. Mike Byron

Men’s Retreat: Led by the Spirit
Saturday, May 20, 9:00 AM-Noon
Join Deacon Richard and men of St. Pascal’s as we spend a morning discovering the joy of living a life moved by the Spirit. Through scripture, prayer, and sharing, we will see how receiving the Holy Spirit allows the love between the Father and the Son to pour into our hearts. All men are invited. Please contact the parish office to let us know you are coming. Refreshments provided.

Welcome Event for New Parishioners
April 29-30, following all Masses
The Hospitality Committee is hosting welcome receptions for those who have joined our parish since October 21, 2016. Please stop by Brioschi Hall to greet the newest members of our faith community and enjoy some refreshments. Let’s make it a great turn-out!

Volunteer Opportunity
Reception Coordinator
Use your organizational skills to oversee a team of people to help provide service for special occasion receptions at St. Pascal’s such as new member receptions, Adult Faith Formation evenings, and sacramental celebrations. If you are a good leader and can delegate, please consider helping out with this volunteer opportunity. For this—and other parish or school volunteer opportunities—contact Shane Lefler at shane.lefler@stpascals.org.

We Care Campaign Update
The Social Justice and Caring Committee, with much gratitude, reports that through your generosity in the "We Care Campaign" held during the weekend of March 4/5, a total of $2,784.35 was raised for three organizations. The following organizations were provided the reported dollar amounts to assist them in their various outreachs to God’s people:
- The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota received $931.45
- The KNOM Radio Mission, a Catholic radio station in Alaska received $856.45
- The Progressive Baptist Church Fishes and Loves Food Shelf received $996.45

Thank you, people of St. Pascal’s, for your kindness and thoughtful donations to these worthy causes.

—The Social Justice and Caring Committee
## ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS

**Transfer Student Tuition Discount $1,000**
Students transferring to St. Pascal’s from a non-Catholic school (public or charter school) for the 2017-18 school year will receive $1,000 off tuition the first year and $500 off the second year. Students do not need to be eligible for financial aid to qualify for this program.

**SHARE-THE-SPRIT**
Do you know families who are considering a new school? Tell them about St. Pascal’s! Most of our transfer students and new families come to St. Pascal’s school because of your good word and the stories you share. Participate in our family referral program and earn a $25 gift card to Green Mill for every family you refer that registers at St. Pascal’s School.

**Save the Date**
Wednesday, May 17 at 9:30 AM
Join us for the Feast of St. Pascal’s All School Mass with Archbishop Hebda.

**Shop Online and Support Our School**
For every purchase you make on Amazon or Amazon Prime, a portion of your purchase could be donated to St. Pascal’s school. Next time you go to shop on Amazon follow the link on the parish website under the School News heading and bookmark it for future use. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our school every time you shop, at no cost to you.

**PTP Garage Sale Update**
The PTP will not be coordinating a spring Garage Sale in May. Thank you for your inquiries and we look forward to your support next year!

## MCCL “Thanks Mom for Life” Mother’s Day Flower Sale
*Before and after all weekend Masses on May 13 & 14*
Honor your mother or another special woman in your life this Mother’s Day. Proceeds from the sale will go to respect life organizations: Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Options for Women East and Birthright of St. Paul.

Orchid Corsages: $7.00 | African Violets: $7.00 | Birthright roses: $5.00 each.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Vacation Bible School 2017
**Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose**

**DATE:** June 19-23
**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 12 Noon
**PLACE:** St. Pascal Baylon Church
**COST:** Only $32/child or $80/family for the whole week.

Are you looking for a place for your children this summer where they not only have fun, but also learn how they have been created by God for a purpose? Then come join us at this year’s VBS. Activities include SoundWave Sing and Play, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Game Makers, and more! Children ages 4 (by September 1, 2017) to grade 5 are welcome—bring your friends! Grades 6 and up, as well as adults—come join the fun as leaders! Registration forms are available in the kiosks and on the parish website.

Interested in helping with VBS? Need more information? Contact Kim Roering at 774.1585 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

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**St. Mary’s 4th Annual “Catch the Dream Gala”**
**Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM**

Dear Friends at St. Pascal’s—You are invited to the “Catch the Dream Gala” hosted by St. Mary’s Mission in Red Lake. We know it would not be a success without you! The evening begins with a wine reception followed by dinner, a video and guest speaker. Please RSVP to the parish office no later than Monday, April 24. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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**
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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 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.

**School Office**

**Mass Announcements**
Direct to the parish office by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
Mass Times & Intentions

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Readings for the Week

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Heart Questions

Then Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”
John 20:27

Adult:  We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?
Child:  What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

Mortgage (capital campaign) contributions.

Sunday, April 30—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
12:00pm  Confirmation I: OC

Monday, April 24
6:30pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym

Tuesday, April 25
6:30pm  Finance Council: FR
7:00pm  Grace Within dinner: BH
7:00pm  Spirituality Book Club: LB

Wednesday, April 26
9:30am  School Mass—All are welcome!
5:45pm  Plaza Movie Night: The Plaza Theater
6:30pm  Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm  Choir:CR

Thursday, April 27
7:00pm  Red Lake Gala: BH, Kit

Friday, April 28
No scheduled events

Saturday, April 29
10:00am  First Eucharist Retreat: CH, OC, Chapel
5:30pm  New Member Reception: BH

Sunday, April 30—3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
After Masses New Member Reception: BH
12:00pm  Confirmation I: OC

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church

Save the Dates

Friday, May 5 at 6:00 PM—SPRING FLING
Celebrate spring and honor all the parish volunteers. Enjoy live music, appetizers, drinks and each other’s company. The recipient of the Women’s Club Legacy Award will be announced. The entire parish is invited!

Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM—Mother’s Day Brunch
Enjoy a delicious brunch with the women who bring joy and meaning to your life.

Fare For All: Food That Makes Cents
Local Site: Hazel Park Congregational Church
1831 E Minnehaha Ave. St. Paul, Minnesota 55119
First Wednesday of the month from 4:00-6:00 PM: May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2
Fare For All provides fresh, quality food items at a lower cost than a typical grocery store. Package prices range from $10 - $25. Fare For All helps families stretch their food budget and access nutritious foods that tend to be more expensive. Most government and emergency food assistance programs serve only low income families, so Fare For All serves as a good resource both for those families and for families and individuals who don’t meet certain income requirements.

Fare For All Sites are cash-and-carry—no need to register in advance. For more information and additional sites, visit their website at fareforall.org.

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of April 16, 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 Communal Life

April 23, 2017

The Acts of the Apostles describes the strength of the first Christian communities. Today’s First Reading show that those early Christians did all things in common. They gathered to learn the teachings of the Apostles. They shared food and other goods. They prayed at the temple and in their homes—together. Life in Christ is best served when it becomes life in Christ together, life in Christ in common with other believers.

On this Second Sunday in the Easter season, our communities of faith should be proclaimed as our sources of life in Christ lived daily. When we suffer, our community prays for us, shares food, and seeks ways to help us. When we share good news, our community proclaims that joy ever more loudly, and promises continued support and prayer as. Look around your church community today. Here is your faith fan club. Empowered by the Spirit, renewed by the Risen Christ, and graced by the continued presence of the Father, our communities of faith assemble and share what breaking bread together means. Rediscover the sincerity of heart within your parish. You will find that the peace of Christ, which is proclaimed in the Gospel as Christ’s greeting, will rest more deeply when voiced and named clearly and with sincerity. You will find that the faith that is more precious than gold, as St. Peter writes in today’s Second Reading, is more powerful when the assembly proclaims it together by word, in action, and for one another. The joy of the resurrection is palpable in the community of faith.


Peace Be with You

God our Father, you sent your Son to give us life, and to bless us with his peace. Your Son breathed his Spirit on his disciples and on us today, filling us with his mercy and forgiveness, his peace and his grace. May we be filled with the Spirit, and take that Spirit into the world, filling the world with your peace. May we be empowered by the Spirit, so that others may grow in holiness and love, and your grace might flow beyond our grasp.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 24
Boldly Speaking God’s Word
In today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, those earliest Christians were empowered by the Spirit over and over again. That empowerment was manifested by speaking the Word of God with boldness. In the light of the Resurrection and its meaning affecting all avenues of one’s life, speaking the Word of God boldly can be less daunting. Has Easter helped you to reflect on how boldly you apply the Word of God to your life? Today’s Readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.

Tuesday, April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist
The writer of the oldest Gospel, St. Mark, was not one of the Twelve. His Gospel is the shortest, and was used as a source for both Matthew and Luke. Take some time today to read from this straightforward account of Jesus, perhaps focusing on his presentation of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Consider the succinct ending to the Gospel and his emphasis on faith. Today’s Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 15–17; Mark 16:15–20.

Wednesday, April 26
God So Loved the World
The opening lines of today’s Gospel capture both Incarnation and redemption. God so loved the world, so loves us, that he gave his Only Begotten Son that we might have eternal life. How much love do we have within us that we show others? We have many chances to show our love in the world, but do not always accept those opportunities. Today can be the day to accept one of those opportunities and demonstrate our love, which is God’s love, to the world. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.

Thursday, April 27
Easter Joy
After six weeks of Lent, we have this wonderful season of Easter, which stretches even longer. However, it seems almost too much to remain joyful and ready to sing alleluia for that long. Pope Francis has reminded us that, as Christians, we have a calling to be joyful. The joy of the Resurrection is found in rediscovering Christ here and now, in one another and in daily experiences. Don’t let go of that joy. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.

Friday, April 28
Loaves and Fish and Fragments
The Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and fish helps us contemplate the many ways that Jesus shares himself with us and feeds us. In this story, Jesus is aware of the crowd’s need for physical as well as spiritual nourishment. What do you do with your leftovers? How do you share your loaves, your food, your mealtimes? Sharing Jesus Christ with others is simpler than you might think. We might be more inclined to participate in that sharing if we take time to realize the many ways Christ has shared himself with us. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.

Saturday, April 29
St. Catherine of Siena
One of the great mystics and spiritual writers of the Church, Catherine of Siena suffered from the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. However, her wounds were not visible to the world until her deathbed. Instead, her joy in the Passion of the Lord was paramount. She sought, with great integrity, to unify a divided Church and to draw all peoples to the Cross as the one means of achieving salvation. Today’s Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8–9, 13–14, 17–18; Matthew 11:25–30.
This year’s event will be held the day after the ALL-SCHOOL REUNION, allowing many of our former students to attend. In addition, a number of new ideas for this year include:

**CRAFT SALE**

If you are handy, love making stuff and would like to donate new homemade craft items to be sold at the Festival, here is your opportunity. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sue Kubiak at suekubiak@gmail.com or (651) 771.9085.

**DIVERSITY SHOWCASE**

St. Pascal’s is home to numerous diverse national groups, each of which has stories to tell and things to share about their culture. We invite you to share these tales at the Festival through music and dance, ethnic clothing, foods or cultural items, storytelling, etc. If you would like more information on this exciting new aspect of the Festival, please contact Mike Kelleher at the information listed below.

**OUTDOOR EVENTS**

The All-School Reunion and SummerFest will use a large tent and allows some of the Festival events to be outdoors this year (weather permitting). Yay! More information will be available at a future date.

I am excited about SummerFest, a new chapter in St. Pascal’s history. Anyone who is interested in helping out with planning or who has ideas, suggestions or questions about the Festival should contact the Festival Chair, Mike Kelleher, at (651) 247.9411 or at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.
Spring Fling
Dance
Parish Wide

Friday
May 5th 2017
6-8:30pm

St. Pascal’s Volunteers
Snacks Drinks & Fun

Presentation of the Women’s Club Legacy Award
Sponsored by the Women’s Club