The Church of Saint Pascal Baylon

JULY 30, 2017 | SEVENTEENTH 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

Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44


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Dear Friends:

While taking a weekend break in Chicago last weekend I noted a news article in the paper about the resignation of Minneapolis Police Chief Harteau. The story had been in front page bold banner headlines in the Twin Cities the previous day, but there it was just a couple of paragraphs of text, to be found deep within the national news section. That’s understandable, especially in a city in which the number of murders so far this year already is well into the hundreds. But what caught my attention in the little summary article was its last sentence, which stated simply that “Mayor Hodges criticized the action of the officer involved but defended his training.” I translated that sentiment to mean, yet again, in effect, “That guy did something wrong but we didn’t.” During this sad season of officer-involved shootings, both here and across the nation, I have frequently reflected upon the fact that nobody on any side has ever admitted to doing anything wrong. Not the Mayor, not the Chief, not the Police Union, not the shooter, not the juries, not the prosecutors, not the victim’s advocates. It’s no wonder that so much terrible sentiment and hateful emotion springs up in a context in which it is felt to be too dangerous or shameful to admit of someone having made a mistake. I assume the reasons for that have to do with legal and political vulnerability. But the human condition is one in which people make mistakes, and even sometimes perpetrate evil acts on purpose or out of fear. To attempt to paper over that fact will lead us nowhere. Expressing regrets, promising prayers for victims or blaming authority without also determining to make a hard self-examination is fairly meaningless.

This is where the tradition of the Christian community can be informative, particularly Catholicism. In one of the earliest interviews of his pontificate you may recall that Pope Francis, upon being asked who he is, responded, “I am a sinner.” That’s the baseline from which all Christians begin their faith journey through life. The first words uttered by John the Baptist in the gospels are “Repent and be saved!” Those also are fairly meaningless syllables to anyone who is unwilling first to admit that he/she is weak and prone to mistakes and ignorance and fear and sins. We Christians rightly refer to Jesus as our Savior. Savior from what? (Not from God, because God already loves us.) If I can’t acknowledge that I am prone to the perils of bad behavior and evil intentions then what sense does it make to claim to need a savior? And the same holds true for organizations and communities of all kinds. Jesus himself reminded us that healthy people have no need of a physician; sick people do. And he criticized those who came to him without any intention of repenting of anything: A “brood of vipers” was the image I believe he used to refer to such people.

It is not accidental that the very first movement in our Eucharistic liturgy after we have gathered as community is to acknowledge our sinfulness and request forgiveness from God AND from one another. Without that as a starting point for our prayer we really don’t have need of the rest of it. Forgiveness is meaningless where nobody is willing to say they have done anything wrong.

And so it may be very useful for us, as individuals, communities, and societies, to begin our engagement in conflicts by making a deliberate examination of ourselves and the possible role that our own mistakes and sins may be playing in perpetuating trouble.

Fr. Mike Byron

Parish Thank You
The family of Betty Kirchoff would like to thank all of the people who donated food for her funeral service. The food was delicious and the hospitality was greatly appreciated. The kindness showed to our family during this difficult time was so special to all of us. Thanks again.

The Kirchoff Family

Story Time with Fr. Mike
Sunday, August 6 following the 10:30 Mass
Preschool on up—all are welcome! Father Mike will be reading "When God Made You" in Brioschi Hall during Sunday hospitality. Join us afterwards for some playground time! We will provide juice boxes and crackers!

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert
Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street
Wednesday, August 2
Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM followed by dessert and social hour at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop. Join St. Pascal Friends for dessert every 1st Wednesday of the month and enjoy some time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting folk from St. Pascal’s. We hope to see you there!

Women’s Book Club
Monday, August 14 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. On August 14, we’ll share thoughts about Laura Amy Schlitz’s The Hired Girl, and on September 11 we’ll discuss A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

Come One, Come All!
St. Pascal’s All School Reunion
Saturday, August 12 after the 4:30 Mass
Alums, parishioners, school families and friends of St. Pascal’s are all invited to attend. Enjoy craft beer, wine and good eats while listening to live music and connecting with new and old friends. Please contact mary.worley@stpascals.org or 774.1585 with any questions.

National Night Out Celebration
Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00-8:00 PM
777 Forest Street (free parking)
Free food and refreshments, games and activities for kids, music and much more! We would like to get to know our new neighbors! Hosted by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Reason to Celebrate!
The St. Pascal Early Childhood Learning Center has just received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Accreditation recognizes programs that promote high-quality early learning by connecting practice, policy, and research.

Registrations are still being accepted for the 3 year old preschool program and the 4 year old Pre-K kindergarten readiness program. Contact Jackie Nordman, admission director, to register.

Looking for a grade school with high expectations?
St. Pascal’s is the school for you! Our recent graduates rank in the top 10% in the nation in reading and the top 23% in the nation in math. In addition, our teachers build warm and caring relationships with each child while challenging them with a rigorous curriculum. At St. Pascal’s, families are welcomed and invited to get involved in learning staff!

Mark Your Calendars
Back to School Night: Tuesday, September 5
First day of school: Tuesday, September 5

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**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Fall 2017 Adult Faith Formation Events**
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these upcoming adult faith formation opportunities.

**Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 PM**
Immigration
Dr. Bernie Evans

**Thursdays—September 28 and October 5 from 7:00-9:00 PM**
The Stories Jesus Left Behind: Parables in the Gospel of Luke
Dr. Art Zannoni

**Fall Bible Study, October 3-November 9**

**Thursday, November 9 from 6:30-9:00 PM**
Women’s Retreat, “Food for the Soul: Wine”
Dr. Jackie Witter

**Tuesday, December 12**
Advent Evening of Reflection
Fr. Mike Byron

**Faith Formation Registration 2017-18**
Registration materials for faith formation will be available beginning the week of August 7, with a new online registration option! Families who were enrolled in the 2016-2017 year will receive an email and mailing with information about registering. If you are new to the parish and/or faith formation process, contact Kim Roering at 774.1585 or kim.roering@stpascals.org for more information.

**Countdown to Summerfest: 15 Days and Counting!**

**Sunday, August 13 from noon-5:00 PM**
The All-School Reunion and SummerFest will use a large tent which allows some of the Festival events to be outdoors this year (weather permitting). Yay!

**Food:** You’ll find BBQ-style dinner items and fantastic tacos outside in the tent this year. And don’t miss the popular Pie Shop and the Bake Walk inside.

**Live Music:** Dine in air conditioned comfort in Brioschi Hall and enjoy live music by FourEver Young (highlighting St. Pascal’s talent) and Tipper Road, Saint Paul’s own local Irish band featuring superb harmonies, intricate melodies, and good old fashioned Irish mischief!

FourEver Young (11:45 AM - 1:45 PM) | Tipper Road (2:30 - 4:30 PM)

**Sweepstakes tickets—keep selling those tickets!**
Sweepstakes ticket sales are the #1 money maker for the Parish Festival and requires the least amount of work! Give all your friends, family and neighbors plenty of chances to win—purchased tickets and money may be placed in the collection basket or turned into the parish office anytime. Need more tickets? We’ve got them! Stop by the parish office—we are happy to give you more—did we mention Sweepstakes ticket sales is the NUMBER ONE money maker for the Festival?

Be sure to come by SummerFest for good food, great fun and a chance to hang out with your friends and fellow parishioners. Check out this week’s insert for even more information on our always fantastic Parish Festival. See you at SummerFest!
Readings for the Week
July 30, 2017

Sunday:
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57, 72,
76-77, 127-130
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52

Monday:
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Ps 106:19-23
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Ps 103:6-13
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:
Ex 34:29-35
Ps 99:5-7, 9
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Ps 84:3-6, 8-11
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,
27, 34b-37
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:
Lv 25:1, 8-17
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

Mass Times & Intentions

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<td>Noe &amp; Annette Bibeau</td>
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<td>Sunday, August 06</td>
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Heart Questions

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44

Adult: What would you be willing to “sell,” or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Child: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of July 23, 2017
For fiscal year July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018

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Parking lot project met its goal. Project completion date is set for August 4.

Year to Date:
(July 1 – June 30)

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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 $17,331 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, July 30
9:45am  Farewell Blessing for Mike Lentz: BH
6:00pm  Post-Mission Trip meeting: BH

Monday, July 31
8:00am  Summer Stretch: YR
9:30am  Nia: OC

Tuesday, August 1
8:00am  Summer Stretch: YR

Wednesday, August 2
8:00am  St Therese Wdby Board: FR
8:00am  Summer Stretch: YR
1:00pm  Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr-St. Paul
7:30pm  Men’s Club Softball: CF

Thursday, August 3
8:00am  Summer Stretch: YR

Friday, August 4
8:00am  Reflect & Renew Day: FR

Saturday, August 5
No scheduled events

Sunday, August 6
11:30am  Story Time with Fr. Mike: BH

Monday, August 7
9:30am  Nia: OC
6:30pm  AFF Meeting: SL

Tuesday, August 8
No scheduled events

Wednesday, August 9
10:30am  Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
7:30pm  Men’s Club Softball: CF

Thursday, August 10
4:00pm  Summerfest Boutique setup: OC

Friday, August 11
8:00am  Summerfest Boutique setup: OC
8:00am  Summerfest Dining Room setup: BH

Saturday, August 12
8:00am  Summerfest Boutique setup: OC
8:00am  Summerfest Dining Room setup: BH
4:30pm  All School Reunion: Campus, Parking Lot

Sunday, August 13
After Masses  New Member Registration
12:00pm  Parish SummerFest!: Campus, Parking Lot

Meeting Location Key:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons
FR: Founders Room, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

Become a Member of the St Pascal’s Legacy Society

Remember St Pascal’s in your WILL. Your WILL is an opportunity to honor those who have given meaning and purpose to your life. Your gift helps ensure that the legacy we have created at St. Pascal Baylon during our lifetime will continue after our death. If you want more information, please do not hesitate to call Mike Lentz at the parish office at (651) 774-1585 or talk to any member of the Legacy Committee. The Legacy Committee is made up of the following parishioners: Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O’Malley.
Dear Parishioners:

We are only two weeks away from our first SummerFest event! I would like to take this opportunity to update you on several events for the Festival.

RAFFLE TICKETS

This is the largest single piece of our Festival proceeds. All parishioners received 20 raffle tickets earlier this month. No purchase is required to participate in the raffle, but a donation of $5.00 per ticket is requested. If you would like additional raffle tickets to purchase or sell, they will be available after Masses this weekend and next, and are available in the parish office during normal business hours.

THEME BASKETS

Theme baskets are on display in the gathering space this week and next. Tickets for theme baskets, as well as a number of larger items such as a big screen television are available as well. Donations of theme baskets, or money/gift cards to use toward purchasing items, are still being taken and can be dropped off in the parish office during business hours. If you have questions or would like more information regarding theme baskets, please contact Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org.

MERCANTILE BOUTIQUE

Donations for the mercantile boutique can be dropped off in the parish office or in the donation closet. Please mark items as “SummerFest Mercantile”. Donations may include movies or books, CDs, home-grown produce and baked goods, estate items, glassware, pictures and artwork, scarves, jewelry, etc. Please contact Cindy Reisdorf at jjresidorf@msn.com for more information.

BOTTLE BLAST

We are looking for bottled items of all kinds for the Bottle Blast, including pop (any size bottle), soaps, lotions, shampoo, conditioner or anything that comes in a bottle. Donations can be left in the donation closet, marked “Bottle Blast”. Please contact Kathy Winters at kwinters@lampertyards.com for more information.
CHILDREN’S GAMES

We are looking for larger prize items such as board games, toys, and gift cards. Donations can be left in the donation closet marked “Children’s Games”. Please contact Cory Peterson at cpeterson456@comcast.net for more information.

PIE AND COFFEE

Pies for the Pie Shop can be dropped off on the morning of the Festival in the staff lounge (off the Conway atrium). Please contact Roberto or Roxi Cocchiarella at rmcocchiarella@yahoo.com for more information.

BAKE WALK

Bakery items, including cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, muffins, etc. are needed for the Bake Walk. Items can be home-made or store bought. These can be dropped off the morning of the Festival in the gym. Please contact Mike Kelleher at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org for more information.

BBQ DINNER/KITCHEN HELP

Volunteers to work in the kitchen/dining room are needed on the day of the Festival. Please contact Margaret Malec margaret.malec@diasorin.com or Ro May at lawrencemay@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS!

If you have any questions regarding SummerFest, would like more information or would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Festival chair, Mike Kelleher at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

Many thanks to those who have made or will make donations of any kind to SummerFest, especially those who are chairing the various activities at the Festival. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you here on August 13. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelleher, Festival Chair