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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

The Transfiguration
OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2

Dear Friends:

During my recent brief trip to Chicago I ended up staying in a hotel that was very near to a church called St. Peter’s in the city’s Loop. I was passing by on the very loud and crowded sidewalk around midday when I noticed all kinds of people coming out of the building. Obviously I had just missed the daily mass. Well actually not. I had missed the 11:40am mass, but I was just in time for the 12:15pm one, which I attended. In picking up a bulletin I noted that they have seven masses in that place every single day, with non-stop confessions from 7:30am to 6:00pm. It’s a place that is run by the Franciscans, and I thought that it probably helps that they have 17 priests listed among their staff. There were three things that I was aware of as I attended mass that day. The first is that it had the vibe of a “refuge” from the noise and busy-ness of the world outside. And it really was. It was quiet and peaceful and quite beautiful, an escape from the bustle that was right outside the doors. But I was also aware that I’m kind of ambivalent about the idea of church-as-“refuge.” Is that what we are to be about? A space for personal comfort and encouragement, apart from the rest of the world? Yes, there is a time and place for that, but I think it needs to be constantly asked just what is a Catholic community here to do. Sometimes it exists as a place of solace and “coming away,” but not always, or maybe not even normally.

The second thing I noticed was that the gathering of folks for the 12:15 mass was quite young, mostly younger than I. And it was a good sized group of maybe one hundred or more. And since I was seated next to one of the “confessinals” I noticed that it was busy throughout the celebration of the Eucharist. I was impressed with the idea that this is a place so valued by so many, but not much impressed with the realization that “private” sacraments go on during the same time that the community is gathered for worship. Again, the vibe was one of a kind of “sacrament factory.” That’s not all bad, but worthy of ongoing reflection.

And third, I noted how good the liturgy was. They cared enough to have an organist and a cantor in addition to the other ministers of the altar. And the preaching was top notch. On a weekday. The gospel that day had the Pharisees asking Jesus, "What sign can you give us to prove that you are the Messiah?" The preacher turned the question around to challenge us to ask, "What sign can you give to God or anybody else that you are taking any of this seriously?" A great homiletic maneuver in my opinion!

Subsequently I read the bulletin and noted that the very thoughtful writings of the Pastor were two pages long. Sorry, but you aren’t ever going to get that from me here. His topic was on “fraternal correction,” i.e. the ability to say out loud, ”When I am citing somebody else, I will steal from those remarks here. Cardinal Tobin stated, "Fraternal correction is an invitation to contemplation. It's an opportunity to step back from your life and look and ask, 'Is that true? Am I being inauthentic?’ It’s not simply just jumping on somebody and correcting what they're doing wrong. It’s fraternal. You invite the contemplation because you are a brother to somebody. You’re not a cop or the dean of discipline. You’re a brother. You’re as sister. That’s why you are doing it.” Bravo.

All this is why it is so refreshing and necessary for a pastor to get away once in a while, so that he can see and hear and learn from somebody other than himself.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**Eucharistic Ministers: Fall Schedule**

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Please check your calendars for September, October and November, and let Joann know of any dates when you will not be available by Tuesday, August 15.

If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at 735.2762, or joann.bertini@gmail.com.

**St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club**

Monday, August 14 at 7:00 PM

**Change of location for August Book Club—**

We will meet at SunRay Library this month only! If you ever thought about coming to the Women’s Book Club, do it this month! We meet (usually in the Founders Room) on the 2nd Monday of each month. Come as often as your schedule allows. This month, 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.

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

RCIA is available to any person seeking full membership into the Catholic Church. Each year adults, youth, and children who want to convert from a different faith tradition or finish their sacramental initiation come together to learn about the church through prayer, catechesis and liturgy. It is an initiation process for:

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Adults who have been baptized but have not completed initiation sacraments of Eucharist and/or confirmation
- Adults who have been baptized in another tradition and wish to become Roman Catholic
- Children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized

Please email Dcn. Richard Moore at richard.moore@stpascals.org or Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Reason to Celebrate!
The St. Pascal Early Childhood Learning Center recently 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. Congratulations to Colleen Urness, program director and all of the early childhood learning staff!

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, admissions director, to register today.

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. 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 many ways. Contact Jackie Nordman, admissions director, to register today.

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 the late summer evening with 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.

**Countdown to Summerfest: 7 Days and Counting!**

**Sunday, August 13 from noon-5:00 PM**

Games • Prizes • Live Music • Good Food • Great Fellowship • And More!

*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? **Tickets will be on sale at 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!

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Summer Stretch
This past week 13 youth participated in Summer Stretch. Their service included:
- packing meals at Feed My Starving Children
- visiting residents at Ecumen Lakeview Commons
- helping at Options for Women
- assisting at Second Harvest Heartland,
- working with the National Park Service at Indian Mounds Regional Park
- Sorting and organizing donations at ARC Value Village

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.

Parish Contact Information
- Parish Office 651.774.1585
- Fax 651.774.9152
- Email church@stpascals.org

Parish Office Summer Hours
- Mon-Fri 8:00 - 3:00 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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- Fax 651.774.9152
- Email: laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

School Office Summer Hours
- June
  - Mon - Fri 8:30 - 2:30 PM
- July
  - Office hours by appointment
- August
  - Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM

Parish Councils
- Parish Pastoral Council
  - Ann Karner, Chair
  - Meetings - 1ST Tuesday at 6:30 PM
- Parish Finance Council
  - Chair TBD
  - 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 are limited to 3 inserts per weekend and are included at the discretion of the pastor.

Mass Announcements
- Direct to Sharon Balcom by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
Wednesday, August 09
7:30 AM The Women’s Club

Thursday, August 10
7:30 AM The People of the Parish

Friday, August 11
7:30 AM The People of the Parish

Saturday, August 12
4:30 PM + Mary Kachelmyer

Sunday, August 13
8:45 AM The People of the Parish
10:30 AM + Eusebio Antonio

Car Wash School Fundraiser
St. Pascal’s School 7th and 8th grade students are sponsoring a car wash to raise money for their spring, 2018 trip to Washington DC.

This event will be held on Saturday, August 19 from 9:30 to 3:30 in the Conway Lot. Cost is $5.00 per car. Additional donations will be gladly accepted!

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings for the Week
August 6, 2017

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

| Saturday, August 5 | No scheduled events |
| Sunday, August 6 | 11:30am Story Time with Fr. Mike: BH |
| Monday, August 7 | 9:30am Nia: OC |
| Tuesday, August 8 | 6:30pm AFF Meeting: SL |
| Wednesday, August 9 | No scheduled events |
| Thursday, August 10 | 10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel |
| Friday, August 11 | 7:30pm Men’s Club Softball: CF |
| Saturday, August 12 | 4:00pm Summerfest Boutique setup: OC |
| Sunday, August 13 | 8:00am Summerfest Dining Room setup: BH |

Ooops! Has This Ever Happened to You?
The ushers come forward to begin the Sunday Stewardship collection. You scramble to locate your envelope—which you NOW remember is on your dining room table. Ooops! No envelope to give this week! In the rush of getting off to church, we all forget the envelope once in a while. But beginning September 1, check out an easier way to give. St. Pascal’s new Online Giving platform is simple, safe and keeps God at the top of your giving list!

The St. Catherine Choral Society Auditions
Area singers are invited to audition for membership in preparation for the 2017–2018 season. Auditions will be held at St. Catherine University, August 10–25. Repertoire for the year includes works by Schubert, Rutter and Bernstein, in honor of that composer’s centenary. Rehearsals begin September 7. Contact director Patricia Connors at 690.6688 to schedule an appointment. For further information, visit http://stkat.es/2ui4J4V.

The St. Catherine Choral Society is a large mixed chorus, which combines St. Catherine University students, faculty, staff and experienced singers from the community. The choir performs two concerts of symphonic choral works per year accompanied by a professional symphony orchestra and guest soloists. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings during the academic year.
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.

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