God’s love knows no barriers. St. Pascal’s...where all people matter.
Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting, looking for a parish home or already part of our faith community, it’s great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us after Sunday Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 | FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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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

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard
and angels sing.

Circle of Love Madonna, giclée print by Rose Walton, 2011

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Dear Friends:

Today is the Feast of Christ the King, the culmination of our church’s liturgical year. I have never forgotten something that a colleague of mine once said about twenty years ago when we were helping to lead a musical group at a parish in Cambridge, MA. She expressed her belief that the most appropriate song for today’s feast would be "What Child is This?"—the Christmas carol—because she believed that our tradition had gotten the meaning of this feast day all wrong for a very long time. And I think she was/is correct about that. If the gospels are clear about anything in this regard it is in the fact that the alleged "kingship" of Jesus was not in conformity with the presumed trappings of royal earthly power and privilege that everyone in his day seemed to presume. The biblical stories of Herod and of Pontius Pilate illustrate that they both thought that they were in search of a person who commanded armies and who sat on thrones and who conquered by raw force and cruelty, just as they did. They projected their own notions of "kingship" upon Jesus, and they just couldn’t understand how any kind of king could be meek, vulnerable, poor, unarmed, capable of being crucified. And unfortunately our Christian history of preaching and teaching has all too frequently made the very same mistake.

The heart of Jesus’ witness about kingship is that the so-called great ones are the ones who serve the rest, and the so-called "first" ones are really the "last" ones, at least as this world understands those categories. If you examine the history of religious art, for example, you will discover that the image of "Christ the King" is most usually made to look like any other king we know, only bigger, tougher, and more aloof. The crown he wears is not one of thorns, as the bible actually reports, but of gold and jewels. And he reigns not by suffering or self-offering, but by dominating. We’ve completely missed the point: Jesus did not arrive to fit in neatly to our conceptions of what a real "king" looks like; he arrived in order to tell us that our notions of "kingship" are completely distorted and in need of correction by the witness of his life. He is not our king because he’s the strongest man in the room. He’s the king because he’s the most compassionate and selfless person in the room (which actually is stronger than brute force). He does not command our obedience with threats of harm. He invites our obedience with words of encouragement, and allows us to say "no" if that is our choice. Compared to our usual images of how a “king” behaves, this Jesus seems pretty soft. As I have pointed out before, the inscription that Pilate had placed over Jesus’ head on the cross, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews," (INRI) was not meant to be an honor. It was meant to be the most dripping sarcasm, as if to say, "This guy is a king? Hah!"

"What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?" This absolutely vulnerable little baby, whom "angels greet with anthems sweet?" Who has arrived here in poverty and almost complete anonymity, to be adored by poor shepherds as well as by alien magi from the East? "This, THIS is Christ the King," who has come not to fit the mold of earthly royalty but to judge that mold by calling out how distorted it is. To be subjects of this king is to identify with the lowly and to seek out the poor and dispossessed. It is to spend a lot of time in the places where the "least ones" hang out, rather than behind the walls of any palace. Let us give praise to Christ our King, indeed, but let us be very well aware of just what that title suggests of him and demands of us.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**Parish Advent Reconciliation**

**Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm**

Plan to join us on this evening as we celebrate God’s love and forgiveness. There will be about 16 children celebrating the sacrament for the first time. This is an opportunity for the community to embrace these children, leading them to the sacrament by your example.

A number of priests will be present to hear individual confessions. A social will follow in Brosci Hall

**CAN YOU HELP? Tuesday, December 5 & 12**

We are in need of people to provide cookies and bars for the socials following the Advent Reconciliation Service and the Advent Reflection. Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, serving, and clean up. If you are able to assist with any of this, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Building Update**

Many thanks to a generous, anonymous donor who funded our new swipe card access system for the Conway door. This new system allows us to issue swipe cards for those working special events and needing access for other activities in the church building.

This was an important step in our plan of insuring all staff and visitors in our building are safe and secure. The final step in this process is re-keying our interior doors to a grand master system and involves tumbling the locks on over 200 hundred doors. Preliminary cost estimates are between $7,000-$9,000, so this will be an expenditure that will be budgeted over the next few years (unless another kind, generous donor wishes to help out). Thank you all for your generous support for our parish home.

Blessings—Theresa

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Help Those Who Often Go Without**

It’s time to make the schedule for 2018 Ramsey Family Service Center Meal Services. Since March of 1983, St. Pascal volunteers have served meals to those who often go without. Some volunteers go on Monday or Wednesday nights (5:00 - 7:00 PM); others go in on Mondays for lunch. Volunteers are scheduled 6 times a year—every other month.

A caller is needed for a few of our teams. Could you make about 5 calls to remind the volunteers of their service time? It would need to be done the weekend before the service day. An easy volunteer job that can be done from home!

Contact Toni Baker at 731.7763 or toni@bakers.us for more information, to volunteer, to change your service time, etc.

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**Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon—Thursday, November 30 at 11:00 AM**

Attention, Friends 55 Plus...our next meeting is the Thursday after Thanksgiving. Fr. Mike will celebrate the Eucharist with us at 11:00 and, following a short meeting, we will have a catered Chicken Marsala meal from Magnolia’s for which we ask a $10.00 donation payable on the day of the meeting. Our speaker will be our own Fr. Mike and although the topic might still be "in the mind of God" at the time of this notice, you won’t want to miss it. All are welcome—we would love to have you join us! Please RSVP by Monday, November 27 to Betty Hensel at 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com or call Barb Kendle at 738.3799.
**OUR SCHOOL**

From the Principal Jennrich
Sharing Our Gifts Every Day. November is a time when we naturally think of Thanksgiving, and it seems a perfect time to renew our commitment to living gratefully and generously. One of the ways we are instilling a spirit of giving is through donations to our "Smash for Cash" Advent Drive. More information is coming soon! All the funds collected will be used to purchase gift cards to help several of our school families. Thank you supporting this important outreach to our school families!

Culver’s Night at the Sun Ray Culver’s
November 27 from 5:00-7:00 PM
St. Pascal School receives 10% of the sales during this time AND proceeds go towards the 7th and 8th grade Washington D.C. trip! Come out and enjoyed a delicious dinner served to you by our 7th and 8th graders!

Cookies in a Jar: Back again this year!
The popular Cookies in a Jar will be on sale in December after Masses. These make great gifts and/or can be brilliant time savers for your own holiday baking. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Confirmation I—9th Grade Families
This past week a mailing was sent to families of 9th graders regarding registration for confirmation. If you have a 9th grader and did not receive the mailing, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. Youth in 9th grade and older who wish to prepare for the sacrament are welcome to be a part of the process.

Mission Trip Fundraiser: Davanni’s Night!
Eastside Davanni’s (310 White Bear Ave.)
Monday, December 11 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM
A group of youth and adults from St. Pascal’s and Blessed Sacrament will be travelling to Nashville for a mission trip through Catholic Heart Workcamp in July 2018.
Come enjoy dinner out and help us get to Nashville! With a ticket, 20% of your total order (before tax) will go to support our youth and adult participants. Dinner tickets will be in the December 10 bulletin, and available at the welcome desk, parish kiosks, and on the parish website. For more information about the fundraiser or the mission trip, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Stewardship Pledge Update
Commitment to our parish community has many faces. Our ministry fair last month highlighted the ways we reach out to each other and to the outer world through ministry, education, social and worship opportunities. Sharing our financial blessings helps bring the light of Christ to the neighborhood and larger community by funding parish ministries and initiatives.
We are grateful to all who have made a financial commitment for 2018. Even if you are unable to pledge, turning in your card helps in our budgeting and financial planning.

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As of November 16, there were 14 new households pledging for 2018. 21% of families increased their pledge, 13% decreased and 56% stayed the same.
Check the bulletin weekly for updates. You will find 2018 pledging information/cards in the gathering space that includes an automatic withdrawal form that was not included in the mailing to your homes.

Questions? Give me a call—Theresa

Advent Reflection with Fr. Mike Byron: Where is Jesus in the Old Testament?
Tuesday, December 12 in Brioschi Hall from 10:00 AM -12 Noon
OR 7:00-9:00 PM
Two options! Choose the best for you.
Christians claim that the Word of God, Jesus Christ, existed before time began (John 1). And yet we also claim that he was born of Mary in a specific moment in history, in Israel about 2,000 years ago (Luke 1). It raises an interesting question as to who, how, and where this Jesus-Christ-Word was in the meantime. As part of our Advent reflection, we will explore some of the ways that the Church has tried to come to grips with this deep Mystery, and how we have come to recognize him in some of the literature of the Hebrew Bible.
Please contact the parish office by Monday, December 11 if you plan to attend so we can prepare appropriately for hospitality. You can also sign up online from the parish website or go to stpascals.weshareonline.org.

**Parish**

**Contact Information**
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Email church@stpascals.org
After hours emergency number (for death, dying or anointing of the sick) 651.280.9239

**Parish Office Hours**
Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

**School**

**Contact Information**
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Fax 651.774.9152
Email: laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

**School Office Hours**
September-June
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
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair
Meetings - 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM

**Sacramental Information**

**Reconciliation**
4:00 PM Saturday and by appt.
Communal Reconciliation twice yearly. Check the bulletin for dates.

**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.
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.
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<td><strong>Tuesday, November 28</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sunday:</strong> Feast of Christ the King &lt;br&gt; Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 &lt;br&gt; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 &lt;br&gt; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 &lt;br&gt; Mt 25:31-46</td>
<td>Visit us at <a href="http://www.stpascals.org">www.stpascals.org</a> for more information on upcoming events.</td>
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<td>7:30 AM + Donna Raley</td>
<td><strong>Monday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 &lt;br&gt; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 &lt;br&gt; Lk 21:1-4</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, November 29</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tuesday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Dn 2:31-45 &lt;br&gt; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 &lt;br&gt; Lk 21:5-11</td>
<td>9:00am Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot: Conway Lot</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 &lt;br&gt; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 &lt;br&gt; Lk 21:12-19</td>
<td>After Masses New Member Registration: BH</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, November 30</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thursday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Rom 10:9-18 &lt;br&gt; Ps 19:8-11 &lt;br&gt; Mt 4:18-22</td>
<td>Boy Scout Wreath Sales: Church Doors</td>
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<td>7:30 AM The People of the Parish</td>
<td><strong>Friday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Dn 7:2-14 &lt;br&gt; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 &lt;br&gt; Lk 21:29-33</td>
<td><strong>Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 01</strong></td>
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<td>11:00 AM + Larry Hall</td>
<td><strong>Saturday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Dn 7:15-27 &lt;br&gt; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 &lt;br&gt; Lk 21:34-36</td>
<td>3:00pm Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot: Conway Lot</td>
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<td><strong>Friday, December 01</strong></td>
<td><strong>Next Sunday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 &lt;br&gt; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 &lt;br&gt; 1 Cor 1:3-9 &lt;br&gt; Mk 13:33-37</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Nia: OC</td>
<td>5:00pm Culvers Night: Sun Ray</td>
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<td>4:30 PM The People of the Parish</td>
<td><strong>Wednesday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Nia: OC</td>
<td>6:30pm Prebaptism session: PC</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, December 03</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thursday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Nia: OC</td>
<td>7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym &amp; 108</td>
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<td>8:45 AM + Emilia Calubayan</td>
<td><strong>Friday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Rosary: CH</td>
<td><strong>Tuesday, November 28</strong></td>
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<td>10:30 AM + Eusebio Antonio</td>
<td><strong>Saturday:</strong> &lt;br&gt; Noon Young at Heart Mass &amp; Luncheon: CH, BH</td>
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**Heart Questions**<br>[The Son of Man] will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” Matthew 25:45

**Adult:** Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care? Who are those whom you ignore?

**Child:** To which person did you especially try to show the love and care of Jesus?

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**Santa Shop for St. Pascals School Students**

*Tuesday - Thursday, December 5, 6, & 7*

At the Santa Shop, students can do their Christmas shopping and surprise family members with gifts that they have selected on their own. Gifts are wrapped and sent home with the students ready to go under the tree. **We need volunteers** to help students shop, to help with check out, and especially to wrap the presents the students buy. Any amount of time you can spend helping is greatly appreciated!

The Santa Shop will be open for shoppers on:
- Tuesday, December 5 from 12:30 - 3:30 PM
- Wednesday, December 6 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- Thursday, December 7 from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

For more information or to sign up, please contact Barb Odhiambo (1st Grade teacher) at barb.odhiambo@stpascals.org or Sarah Mathis at the Welcome Desk at sarah.mathis@stpascals.org or 776.0092.

**Women’s Club Christmas Brunch:** December 9 at 11:00 AM

Join us at Tinucc’s in Newport, MN to enjoy fellowship and share the Christmas spirit! Buy your tickets after all Masses through December 3.

**Christmas Tree Sales:** Now - December 23 or until sold out
- Monday - Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

The St. Pascal’s Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot is now open for business! Their usual excellent selection of Fraser fir, Balsam fir, Scotch pine, and White pine will be available as well as wreaths and swags.

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**Meeting Location Key:**

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria; CH: Church; CM: Commons, CR: Choir Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

Financial Gifts – July-September, 2017

For fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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**School (July-September)**

| Income | $169,083.34 |
| Parish Support | $138,281.86 |
| (total FY support of $251,000) |
| Total Expenses | $307,365.20 |

I hope this new format of reporting our financials will help clarify our financial position. Thank you so much for your continued support. Questions? Please let me know.

—Theresa Ruttger, Parish Administrator
**THE CHURCH OF SAINT PASCAL BAYLON**

**Keeping Advent 2017**

**DECEMBER 3 ...**

**ADVENT DATES TO NOTE**
- 1st Sunday of Advent: December 03
- Feast of St. Nicholas: December 06
- Immaculate Conception: December 08
- 2nd Sunday of Advent: December 10
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: December 12
- 3rd Sunday of Advent: December 17
- 4th Sunday of Advent: December 24

Mass at 4:30 PM Saturday, December 23 & 10:00 AM Sunday, December 24

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION**
- **Tuesday, December 05 at 6:30 PM**
- Parish & First Reconciliation—All are welcome
  (ASL Upon Request)

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy day of obligation)**
- **Friday, December 08**
  - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

**ADVENT REFLECTION with Fr. Mike Byron**
- **Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 AM and again at 7:00 PM**
  “Where is Jesus in the Old Testament?”

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION**
- **Friday, December 15 at 9:30 AM**
  - School & Parish—All are welcome

**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**
- Saturdays at 4:00 PM & by appointment

**Keeping Christmas 2017**

**... TO JANUARY 8, 2018**

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Weekend Mass**
- **Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 PM**
- **Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 AM**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**
- **Sunday, December 24**
  - 4:00 PM Lessons & Carols Begin
  - 4:30 PM Liturgy
  - Contemporary Ensemble
  - 10:00 PM Carols begin
  - 10:30 PM Liturgy
  - Choir & Brass

- **Monday, December 25**
  - 9:45 AM Carols begin
  - 10:00 AM Liturgy (ASL)
  - Choir, Brass & Organ

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
- **Sunday, December 31**
  - Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
- **Monday, January 1, 2018**
  - No Mass—Not a holy day of obligation in 2018

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
- **Sunday, January 7, 2018**
  - Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
- **Monday, January 8—we transition to Ordinary Time**
  - No Mass

**REGULAR LITURGY SCHEDULE**
- **No weekday Mass on Monday**
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 AM
- Wednesday (School Mass): 9:30 AM
- Saturday: 4:30 PM
- Sunday: 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM (ASL)
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 AM
- Wednesday (School Mass): 9:30 AM

*Prepare our hearts and lives... For each of us is God’s home!*  
*The Incarnation of God... The Word made flesh among us!*