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.
Dear Friends:

In this season of Christmas, we rightly speak a lot about the joy of welcoming the Lord into our world and into our lives. Surely it is true that there has never been a greater miracle than God actually becoming human (well, OK, I guess the resurrection from the dead is right up there too). But it can become fairly easy for us to pass over the challenging part of this season, namely, that the Incarnation of Jesus was/is not just some charming story from long ago that is meant to elicit sweet sentiment in us. Far from it. An early Christian teacher, St. Irenaeus, said correctly that "God became human so that humans might become God." That is not something that just "happens" to us, as if by magic; it’s something we must work at with diligence, always with the grace that comes to us from Christ. Christmas is not just a happy memory; it is a summons to work.

And if we look at the life witness of Jesus we may be somewhat humbled, maybe even a little disturbed, in realizing what it means to "become God" in human terms. For one thing, most basically, it means that "becoming God" is something of which we are capable, in the light of Christmas. In many respects it would be a lot easier if we humans could content ourselves with the notion that we are of little worth and powerless and incapable of changing the circumstances of the world. And in fact in many of the prayers of the "new" mass translation of seven years ago, that’s exactly the impression that is given, which is why that translation is so wrong and needs to be fixed. If it’s all up to God to solve what is wrong in our world and in our lives, then we get a pass and an excuse for doing nothing. That was not Jesus’ way, and must not be our way either.

To "become God" is to model our lives after the life of Christ, which for him meant stepping into danger, opposing injustice, scandalizing people with the extent of his mercy, willingly becoming poor for the sake of ministering among the poor, and opposing the arrogant and self-righteous "important" people of his day. It’s what led him to the cross. These are not the sweet sentiments of Christmas, which is why it can be more than a little misleading to turn this holiday into a sugar-plum sort of nursery story. As we gaze upon the manger scene in our church (or anywhere), let’s remember what we are really looking at—a homeless family consigned to a barn in the cold night, trying to stay warm among farm animals. There is nothing romantic or lovely about that, even though we are often tempted to treat it as such in our imaginations.

Sorry to be the Grinch here, but I hope I’m doing nothing other than calling us back to the most important truth about the meaning of this season. "Becoming God" is hard work, and the work is ours. This weekend we turn the page on a day. It’s what led him to the cross. These are not the sweet sentiments of Christmas, which is why it can be more than a little misleading to turn this holiday into a sugar-plum sort of nursery story. As we gaze upon the manger scene in our church (or anywhere), let’s remember what we are really looking at—a homeless family consigned to a barn in the cold night, trying to stay warm among farm animals. There is nothing romantic or lovely about that, even though we are often tempted to treat it as such in our imaginations.

By the way, this week marks the tenth anniversary of the death of our former pastor, Fr. Tom Brioschi. Several of his priest friends, including me, gathered for mass and lunch in order to remember a large man and spirit, in every sense of the word. I am reminded of Tom almost daily, because most of the liturgical vestments we have here at St. Pascal’s were tailored to suit him, not me. He was one of the great ones who showed us how to become God. We can all to that for one another.

Fr. Mike Byron
**OUR SCHOOL**

**Register for the 2018-19 School Year**
Registration is fast approaching! Are you interested in checking out St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School? We are currently offering tours and meeting with families interested in our program. Schedule a visit today!

**Kindergarten Shadow Opportunity**
Pre-K families interested in SPBCS Kindergarten experience a one-hour snapshot of a “day in the life of a SPBCS Kindergartener!” This opportunity includes a tour of the school, observation, and finishes with a Q&A with Admissions Director, Jackie Nordman. Call the school today or email Jackie Nordman at jackie.nordman@stpascals.org.

**Upcoming Enrollment Event: SPBCS Early Learning Center Preschool/Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up**
*Thursday, January 11 from 5:30-6:30 PM*
Current and Interested Families can check out the classrooms and meet the teachers! What a great event to continue our Enrollment Kick-Off—dress in your favorite sports team apparel! Fun activities in the gym, craft projects and treats and prize drawings too!

**NEW for 2018-19: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...**
Preschool (3yr old) Half-Day morning class!
It will be a great night to see the amazing program for your child’s educational foundation....TOUCHDOWN!

**First Wednesday Mass & Dessert—Wednesday, January 3**
*Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street*
Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM followed by dessert and social hour at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop. Join us for dessert every 1st Wednesday of the month and enjoy time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting folks from St. Pascal’s. We hope to see you there!

**Emergency Food Help—Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave**
*Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM*
If you or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf at Progressive Baptist Church for a variety of nutritious items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Mission Trip Spots Still Available**
There are still a few spots available for the youth mission trip to Nashville from July 14-22, 2018. Open to youth entering grades 8-12 in September 2018. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for details.

**Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction**
*Saturday, January 27, 2018 5:00-7:00 PM in Briosci Hall*
The Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction is a fundraiser for the youth mission trip to Nashville. Watch the bulletin for details. If you would like to contribute gift cards, merchandise, or services to the silent auction, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**St. Pascal’s Legacy Society**
Estate planning is the way to continue your life’s work. Invest time to insure that your life’s efforts will continue the causes and people who will most treasure your gifts and were most treasured by you. Your attorney, with your accountant, can prepare a proper will and make other arrangements for the easy transfer of your estate. Please remember St. Pascal’s in your estate planning. If you want more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Theresa Rutger at the parish office at 774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O’Malley.

**MLK Jr. Community Breakfasts—Monday, January 15 from 7:00 - 9:30 AM**
*Multiple neighborhood locations (St. Casimir’s parish is this year’s Eastside site)*
Plan now to celebrate the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday at one of our uplifting community breakfasts. Enjoy a tasty, hot breakfast and watch a live broadcast of the General Mills breakfast event in downtown Minneapolis. The keynote speaker will be David Oyelowo, lead actor in the 2014 film Selma. Everyone is invited to attend. Space for the breakfast is limited, so reservations are required.
Tickets Adult $5 | Ages 12 & under FREE
Register at interfaithaction.org/mlk

**Parish Contact Information**
*Parish Office 651.774.1585*  *Fax 651.774.9152*  *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**
*School Office 651.776.0092*  *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.*
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, January 2
7:30 AM  + William Weyandt

Wednesday, January 3
9:30 AM  People of the Parish

Thursday, January 4
7:30 AM  People of the Parish

Friday, January 5
7:30 AM  Men's Club

Saturday, January 6
4:30 PM  People of the Parish

Sunday, January 7
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:45 AM  Jim & Ellen Lecher
10:30 AM  + Dorothy Kelleher

Heart Questions
Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

Luke 2:51a

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Kids: Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?

Immigration Sunday MN
Since 2009, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota have designated a Sunday in January, typically the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, as Immigration Sunday Minnesota. Immigration Sunday gives us an opportunity to learn more about the Church’s teaching on immigration and raise awareness about migration and immigration issues in Minnesota and beyond. The theme of this year’s Immigration Sunday MN is “Share the Journey,” which has, at its heart, the vision of a united global human family. The focus is on our joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit, and host communities. Our public awareness campaign promotes opportunities and spaces for migrants and communities to come together and share stories and experiences, with the aim of strengthening the bonds between migrants and communities.

What Can You Do?
Learn more about Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration, tell Congress to support Immigration Reform, help Unaccompanied Migrants and support the Family Reunification Program. For more information and resources, visit the parish website or mncatholic.org/advocacyarea/immigration-sunday-mn.

Readings
December 31, 2017

Sunday:
The Holy Family
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Ps 105:1-6, 8-9
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40

Monday:
Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday:
1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday:
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Ps 98:1, 3, 6
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday:
1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Jn 1:35-42

Friday:
1 Jn 3:11-21
Ps 100:1-5
Jn 1:43-51

Saturday:
1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Mk 1:7-11

Next Sunday:
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

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

Sunday, December 31 — Feast of the Holy Family
No scheduled events

Monday, January 1, 2018 — Mary, Mother of God
No Mass (Not a holy day of obligation in 2018)
Parish and school offices closed
No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 2
6:30pm  Pastoral Council: SL

Wednesday, January 3
School Resumes
9:00am  Rosary: CH
9:30am  School Mass
1:00pm  Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St. Paul
6:30pm  Catechist Meeting: SL
7:00pm  Choir: CR

Thursday, January 4
7:00pm  Men’s Club Board Meeting: CF
7:00pm  SJCC Meeting: FR

Friday, January 5
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 6
No scheduled events

Sunday, January 7 — Epiphany of the Lord
12:00pm  Confirmation II (w/sponsors): CH, OC

Monday, January 8 — Baptism of the Lord
7:00pm  Women’s Book Club: FR
7:00pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym &108

Tuesday, January 9
6:00pm  Women’s Club Board Meeting: FR
6:30pm  AFF Meeting: SL

Wednesday, January 10
7:30am  School Board: FR
9:00am  Rosary: CH
9:30am  School Mass
10:30am  Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: CH
6:00pm  PTP: FR, Nursery
6:30pm  Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm  Choir: CR

Thursday, January 11
5:30  Preschool-K Open House
7:00pm  Men’s Club Members Meeting: CF

Friday, January 12
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 13
6:00am  Men’s Club Donut Making setup: BH Kit
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9:00am  7-8th Grade Grocery Bagging: Cub Foods Sun Ray
9:00am  Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM

Sunday, January 14, 2018
6:00am  Men’s Club Donut Making: BH Kit
9:00am  Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM

New Member Registration: BH
Men’s Club Donut Sales: BH

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

May God bless you with a year of happiness and peace!
Awaken Your Love

Loving God, you sent your Word to dwell among us and reveal to us your glory. By sending us the Light, your only Son, you have blessed your people who once lived in darkness. On this great feast of the Incarnation, we lift our voices and give you praise for your awesome deeds. Like your servant John the Baptist, grant us confidence to testify to the gift of your Son, who is our salvation. Send us forth proclaiming the gifts of your mercy and love, which you revealed in your Incarnate Word, so that, all who hear the Good News may come to know Christ. May we, who received the Light at Baptism, persevere in faith, hope, and love as we forever sing of your saving power. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday, December 25, 2017
Word Made Flesh

John’s Gospel recounts the story of the Incarnation in an extended poetic form. Jesus, the Word become flesh, shines in the darkness and is the One who gives life. Every Sunday when we hear the Scriptures proclaimed, the Word is alive and trying to find a home in our hearts. Listen to the Word; hear the Word; allow the Word to rouse your heart to action and transform it so your life becomes a proclamation of the Good News, the Word made flesh.
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Las Posadas

Las Posadas is a nine-day Advent celebration that begins on December 16 and ends on Christmas Eve. Today, it is celebrated in many Latin American countries and has become common across the United States. Augustinian Spanish friars, who were evangelizing the New World, first brought Las Posadas to Mexico during the sixteenth century. In 1586, Pope Sixtus V issued a Papal Bull that granted permission for Christmas Masses to be celebrated the nine days preceding the solemnity of Christ’s birth.

Las Posadas is intended to help participants prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The novena-like celebration is a communal event that reenacts Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. The nine days also symbolize the nine months of Mary’s pregnancy. The Lucan Gospel account tells us that Mary and Joseph searched for a place to stay, but the inn (posada) was full. They find shelter, but not in an inn, which is how Jesus is born in the manger.

For this celebration, the community gathers during the evening with lighted candles. With two individuals portraying Mary and Joseph (and sometimes with a donkey), the group sings carols and makes their way to the first stop. The pilgrims or peregrinos go from place to place seeking shelter but are rejected at first by the “innkeepers.” Eventually, the group arrives at the final house and is welcomed into the home, singing “Enter, Enter, Holy Pilgrims.”

Once the group arrives at the final house, traditional songs, such as “Canción para pedir posada,” are sung and then followed by Scripture readings and prayers. The evening concludes with a festive meal and activities for children.

This tradition, steeped in God’s hospitality, reminds the participants that Christians must show hospitality to the poor and marginalized. Las Posadas can help parish communities deepen their devotion to the Holy Family. This is a festive and prayerful way to celebrate Advent and meditate on the Holy Family’s journey to Bethlehem.

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a nine-day Advent devotion that has been celebrated in the Philippines since the sixteenth century. Like Las Posadas, these “Dawn Masses,” begin on December 16 and end on December 24 with the Misa de Gallo (Rooster’s Mass). The Filipino celebration has roots in Mexico, when in 1587 the pope allowed outdoor Masses for Christmas since the celebration was too large to hold indoors.

Liturgically, these nine Masses are intended to help the community prepare their hearts and minds to receive the Christ Child at Christmas. They are also celebrated as a nine-day novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition says that these nine days corresponded to the nine-day harvest festivals once held by the Filipino community.

During the nine days, Mass is traditionally celebrated outside in the early morning before sunrise, hence the name Rooster’s Mass. This practice was intended to accommodate the farmers who could attend Mass early and then get into the fields for harvest. When the first sounds of dawn rang out, the family made their way to the church for the festivities. In the United States today, some parishes celebrate these Masses earlier in the evening to accommodate modern work schedules.

The making of decorations called parol is a Filipino tradition that continues today. The parol is a paper lantern that commemorates the Star of Bethlehem. Since these Masses were celebrated before dawn, the lanterns helped guide farmers and their families to Mass. You might consider asking the art and environment team at your parish if you and others could make parols and decorate the space for these liturgies.

Even though it is Advent, at these Masses, because of special permissions, the priest wears white vestments and the assembly sings the “Glory to God.” Other traditional songs include, “Pasko na Naman” (It’s Christmas Again), and “Himig Pasko.” Once the liturgy is concluded, the community continues the celebration with food and conversation. Traditional treats include puto, kutsinta, and bibingka. If you missed this celebration this year, mark your calendars for the coming year and take part in the festivities.
Welcome to St. Pascal Baylon for Christmas!

If there is anything that this Holy Day means it is "Welcome!" God has chosen to come to be one of us, so that we need no longer have to wonder if we are "good enough" to be with God. Strictly speaking we are not "good enough," but somebody really needs to write a Christmas carol titled, "God Doesn't Care About That." God's love and attention were/are never things that we had to earn or beg for. God wants to be with us. Perhaps that seems sometimes to be incredible, but it is true. And today's celebration proves it. Nothing that human beings ever did caused God to love us. It's just the opposite: God first loved us in the hope that we would figure that out and love God in return.

If you are a long-timer at St. Pascal's then you know how seriously we take the responsibility of hospitality. If you are new(er) to our community it shouldn't take long for you to discover that commitment here. Please feel at home here, and also let yourself be willing to take responsibility for welcoming others. Our East Side neighborhood is changing significantly right now, giving us opportunities to open our church and school to many who may not have been part of us before. Together we can shape the future of this part of God's Kingdom, one day at a time.

Thank you for choosing to spend Christmas at worship with us, and please know that you will always be welcomed back. We need each other, and we rely on the help of one another, as we move forward toward the Reign of God.

Fr. Mike Byron, Pastor
WELCOME TO ST. PASCAL’S PARISH

Our parish family is enriched by your presence during this blessed season and throughout the year. We hope you will continue to worship with us and also join us for the many activities that help us grow as a faith community here at St. Pascal Baylon. Our faith formation opportunities help us grow in faith. Our social events such as Friends & Family and our Parish Fall Festival help us to know each other better. Our senior Masses and luncheons help friends stay in touch. Our Women’s Club, Men's Club and Social Justice and Caring Committee offer many opportunities for service and friendship building. Opportunities are endless. Check our website and watch the bulletin. Our parish is a friendly place made richer by your presence and involvement.

Ann Karner, Pastoral Council Chair

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Lent 2018 Bible Study & Small Group Discussion
Galatians: Free In Christ
Tuesdays, 8:15-9:45 AM—starts February 13
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM—starts February 13
Thursdays, 9:30-11 AM—starts February 15

How to Read the Bible as a Catholic
with Deacon Richard Moore
Monday, March 5
TWO OPTIONS! 10:00 AM-12 Noon and again from 7:00-9:00 PM

Celebration of a Seder Meal
with Rabbi Barry Cytron
Monday, March 26 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin and on the website or contact Kim Roering in the parish office at 651 774.1585.

COMMUNITY & SERVICE

The Social Justice & Caring Committee
The SJCC meets each month to help decide on ways to cultivate a spirit of Christian discipleship among parishioners and to help them live the Gospel message by involving themselves in the social issues of the larger world community. The committee works to make the institutions of society better serve the common good and to help parishioners joyfully and generously respond to the needs of the local, national and international community—especially those who are poor, marginalized and unable to care or speak for themselves. The committee strives to offer parishioners the opportunity to learn about and work on social justice-related issues, to become involved in the direct service of others and to share monetary treasures with the larger world community.

Spiritual Care for the Homebound
When parishioners are unable to come to Mass due to advanced age or serious illness, it is important that the parish continue to offer spiritual support. One way that support is offered is by providing regular Eucharist during a friendly visit by a minister to the homebound. To arrange a visit for yourself or a member of your family at home or at a care facility, contact Ann Karner at 651 330.0024. To arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact the parish office.

First Wednesday
Marian Center Mass & Dessert
Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM. Join us for dessert at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop
Join us for dessert every first Wednesday of the month and enjoy time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting with folk from St. Pascal’s. We hope to see you there!

OUR MEN’S & WOMEN’S CLUBS

St. Pascal’s Men’s Club
Established in 1947, the mission of the St. Pascal’s Men’s Club is to promote the spiritual, social and economic welfare of the parish and develop good fellowship among its members. In addition, the Men’s Club helps to provide financial, moral and physical leadership for St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School’s K-8 athletic program. The Men’s Club sponsors a fall Booya, Christmas Tree Lot, their celebrated Fish Fry on all Fridays of Lent and more.

St. Pascal’s Women’s Club
The mission of the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club is to empower, educate and support women into lives of service, spirituality and leadership to their families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world. The Women’s Club sponsors several ministries and events including funeral lunches, the care of the altar, bake sales, parish social events and more. Join us and become more connected to the St. Pascal community and give back to your parish by using your gifts and unique talents to make a positive difference in the lives of many.
**FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY**

**Young at Heart**
St. Pascal’s Seniors’ Group—now in our fourth year—sends a warm invitation to all men and women of the parish who are 55+. We are a group of young-and-light-hearted seniors who meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (no meeting in August). We celebrate the Eucharist at 11:00 AM with our pastor, Fr. Mike Byron, followed by a short meeting. Each month we have an inspirational or entertaining activity and enjoy a very tasty meal catered by Magnolia’s. A $10 donation is requested (payable the day of the event). Take this opportunity to spend time in good fellowship with other seniors in our community! Please contact Betty Hensel at 651 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com, or Barb Kendle at 651 738.3799 for more information. We hope to see you at our next gathering!

**Women’s Book Club**
We meet at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Founder’s Room. You can come as often as your schedule allows—you are always welcome whenever you can come. Make 2018 the year to join us for good reads and lively conversation. Contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651 731.7763 for more information or for a list of the 12 selections for 2018.

**Spiriutality Book Club**
We meet at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of every month in the school library. We read a variety of documents/books regarding the spiritual life—fiction, non-fiction, Catholic Church documents, texts from other religions and more. We meet and discuss our questions about the material. Members decide on a meeting-by-meeting basis what to read next. Everybody is welcome to attend. Call the parish office for more information.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Annual Friends & Family Dinner**
Now in its 14th year, the annual spring parish fundraiser is an enjoyable evening out and a great opportunity to socialize with parish friends—and to meet new ones. Each year is a different themed event featuring entertainment, games of chance and a fantastic dinner. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**Annual Parish Festival—The Fall Festival is back!**
Join us this year for the 2018 Fall Festival and Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 23 following the 10:30 Mass. Food, children’s games and prizes, mercantile and much, much more—including our traditional Spaghetti Dinner—fill this family-friendly afternoon. (Hint: Volunteer at this year’s festival to have a ton of fun, meet new people and give back to the parish community.)

**THE SPIRIT OF GIVING**

**The St. Pascal’s Legacy Society**
*St. Pascal Baylon is a parish with a great future.*
A successful endowment fund is a long-term commitment to that future. Endowment gifts provide a source of perpetual support for the mission of our parish. Each new gift to the endowment adds greater financial support and security for our long-term mission. We are asking our parishioners to remember St. Pascal’s in your wills or other planned giving and consider a bequest to the St. Pascal’s Endowment Fund. These bequests help ensure the legacy we have created here at St. Pascal’s during our lifetime and will continue even after our death.

For more information on the Legacy Society or to make a gift, please contact Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 651 774.1585 or talk to any member of the Legacy Committee: Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan and Brigid O’Malley.

**Time & Talent Ministries**
St. Pascal’s has a rich tradition of stewardship. Our parishioners are committed to quality service in our parish and school communities with focus on Catholic education, pastoral care, faith formation and fellowship. Along with this, we work regularly within the larger East Side community to foster our tradition of Catholic values. We have a fantastic opportunity to work towards accomplishing our missions together. To find out more about volunteer opportunities at St. Pascal’s, please contact Shane Lefler at shane.lefler@stpascals.org.

**WHY NOT JOIN US?**
Parish membership teams are available after both Sunday Masses on the second and fourth Sunday of each month to answer your questions and help you to register as a member of our parish. If you prefer, register online or download a member registration form at www.stpascals.org/Join and return it at your convenience.

For more information, call Marla in the parish office at 651 774.1585 ext. 132.
COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, GROUPS & CLUBS: We would love to get to know you better!

Parish Pastoral Council  •  Finance Council  •  School Board  •  Facilities Committee  •  Hospitality & Fellowship Committee  •  Environment & Art Committee  •  Parish Festival Committee  •  Friends & Family Dinner Committee  •  Legacy Committee  •  Social Justice & Caring Committee  •  Catechist K-8  •  Vacation Bible School Team  •  Summer Stretch Team  •  R.C.I.A.  •  Adult Faith Formation Committee  •  Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leader  •  Sunday Morning Nursery  •  Bible Study/Small Group Facilitators  •  Weekly Rosary  •  Various Outreach Ministries  •  Prayer Line  •  Spirituality Book Club  •  Women’s Book Club  •  Collection Counter  •  Funeral Luncheons  •  St. Pascal’s School Volunteer  •  Young at Heart  •  Men’s Club  •  Women’s Club  •  Cub Scouts  •  Boy Scouts  •  Girl Scouts  •  Cantor  •  Choir  •  Eucharistic Minister  •  Eucharistic Minister (Homebound)  •  Proclaimer of the Word  •  Usher  •  Sacristan  •  Liturgy Coordinator  •  Altar Server (Grade 4 - Adult)  •  Altar Server Funerals (Adult)  •  Church Care Cleaning

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JANUARY

1 Mary, Mother of God (Not a holy day of obligation in 2018)
7 The Epiphany of the Lord
8 The Baptism of the Lord (No Mass)
11 5:30 PM Preschool-K Open House
14 After Masses Men’s Club Donut Sales
15 MLK Jr Day—Parish and School Offices closed (no school)
16 6:00 PM Women’s Club Wine Tasting
27 5:00 PM Mission Trip Mexican Dinner
28 Catholic-Schools Week begins (through February 2)
10:00 AM All School Open House

FEBRUARY

4 Scout Sunday
11 10:30 AM Rite of Sending (Confirmation)
13 Galatians: Free In Christ—Bible Study & Small Group Discussion
8:15 AM Tuesdays through March 20
7:00 PM Tuesdays through March 20
14 Ash Wednesday
9:30 AM School Mass with ashes
6:30 PM Mass w/ashes
15 Galatians: Free In Christ—Bible Study & Small Group Discussion
9:30am Thursdays through March 22
16 4:30 PM Fish Fry & Bake Sale—All Fridays of Lent
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—All Fridays of Lent
17 10:00 AM Confirmation (Cathedral of Saint Paul)

MARCH

1 1st Sunday of Lent

19 Presidents Day—Parish and school offices closed (no school)

25 2nd Sunday of Lent
27 7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation

MARCH (continued)

25 Palm Sunday
After Masses Women’s Club Bake Sale
26 7:00 PM “Celebration of a Seder Meal” with Rabbi Barry Cytron
29 Holy Thursday
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper
9:00 PM Evening Prayer
30 Good Friday—Parish & school offices closed (no school)
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM The Lord’s Passion

31 Holy Saturday
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM The Great Easter Vigil

FEBRUARY (continued)

APRIL

1 Easter Sunday
8:45 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

2 Easter Monday—Parish & school offices closed
2 No school—Spring break (through April 6)
7 9:00 AM VIRTUS SESSION
16 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
21 9:00 AM Preschool-K Open House
5:00 PM Friend & Family Dinner
28-29 1st Eucharist Weekend

MAY

11 5:30 PM Men’s Club Volunteer Social
12 10:00 AM Women’s Club Mother’s Day Brunch
13 The Ascension
17 Feast of St. Pascal Baylon
19 1:00 PM Men’s Club Senior Bingo
20 Pentecost
28 Memorial Day—Parish and school offices closed (no school)

JUNE

5 5:30 PM 8th Grade Graduation Mass
7 Last Day of School (K-7)
25 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—through Jun 29

JULY - DECEMBER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS 2018

July: Bloodmobile, Youth Mission Trip
August: Enjoy the rest of your summer!
September: School begins, Fall Festival
October: Men’s Club Booya, Fall Bible Study
November: All Saint’s Day, Veteran’s Day Dinner, Turkey Bingo, Stewardship Weekend, Men’s Club Christmas Tree Lot
December: Advent, Immaculate Conception—Holy day of obligation, Communal Reconciliation Services, Christmas
St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School

2018-2019 Enrollment Season begins January 3rd!
Tuition for 2018-19 = $4,200/child

FUN INCENTIVES FOR CURRENT FAMILIES:
NEW THIS YEAR....20 Prizes in 20 Days!
Complete the TADS online enrollment for 2018-19 and YOUR student's name will be entered into the "20/20" drawing. We will be drawing daily winners and announcing them, at 9:30 a.m., for 20 school days!
The winners will be put BACK into the drawings for multiple chances to WIN!

NEW THIS YEAR....Family Enrollment Deposit* incentive!
January 3rd - February 4th = ONLY $50.00 Family Enrollment Deposit*!
On February 5th, the Family Enrollment Deposit* INCREASES!

Are you interested in this AMAZING School?
We have great opportunities for you and your child to come see ALL of the great things we have to offer to help build a strong educational foundation!
New Family Enrollment Deposit for 2018-19 = $120.00*
Call TODAY to find out how to be a SPBCS Knight Family!

*Family Enrollment Deposit is non-refundable.

Kindergarten Shadow Opportunity!
Calling ALL Soon-To-Be Kindergarten Families!

Kindergarten Shadow Opportunity is available on Sign-Up Genius. Parents and students come for a 1 hour Kindergarten observation, including a tour and Q&A visit!

Email Mrs. Jackie Nordman, Admissions Director, at jackie.nordman@stpascals.org for the link to this great Opportunity!

Upcoming Open House!
Early Learning Center
Preschool/Pre-K Open House
Kindergarten Round-Up Too!

Thursday, January 11th
5:30-6:30 p.m.

2018-19: We added Half-Day AM 3 year old Preschool class!

Check out our facebook page for more information about this event!

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