



**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.

**AUGUST 27, 2017 | 21ST 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



Dear Friends:

It's the season when many of our younger St. Pascal's people are returning to college. I recently read an article, the result of an unofficial poll among Catholics who had been college students, that seems to debunk some popular assumptions about how going off to school impacted their lives of faith. There is sometimes a widespread preconception that college is where Catholic youth go to abandon their religious beliefs and practices. I'm sure that's true for some. After all, such newfound freedom in living away from home is the occasion to question everything that parents or guardians have insisted be done up to now, including being attached to the church. But the data I read indicate that this might not be as prevalent an instinct as we may think. Speaking personally, although I was already strongly attached to the parish in high school, I think that my college experiences of prayer and liturgy did more to cement my Catholic faith than to undermine it. And it seems that I'm not alone in that opinion.

The survey results (published in the Jesuit magazine America and taken from among its readers) showed that 69 percent of respondents overall said that their faith was, in fact, strengthened while in college. It was even more impressive among those who attended Catholic colleges (78%) but it was still robust (62%) among those who attended secular schools. Why are these numbers so strong? According to the respondents, 42 percent credit the activities of campus ministry efforts, which is more than double any other reason offered. For many (20%) it was the result of independent initiatives to explore their faith more profoundly. Other resources include the influence of friends, or a local parish church, or participation in community organizing. It is true that 15 percent of respondents reported that they quit practicing their faith while in college, and six percent of those said that they "lost their faith completely." While that is regrettable, it is still a number that is far lower than my assumptions would have thought.

I am not a qualified interpreter of statistics, but it all seems to me to reiterate the critical importance of instilling religious formation and practice in family homes while children are young. There's no avoiding the fact that college (or whatever life experience follows high school) will force upon young people a need to consider critically what they believe about God and church, and why. Surely some of the child-like answers to faith questions that once seemed adequate will need to be reconsidered as a person becomes an adult. But that can be a marvelous opportunity to grow, and not merely a threat or an invitation to cynicism. But a young person needs to have some sort of baseline sense of what he/she has been taught to be true before they are sent out into the wider world. How does one respond to challenges to faith if one doesn't really know what it is to begin with?

We've been doing (as I'm sure you've noticed) a ton of baptisms lately at our parish, the majority of whose families I never see again after the ritual. That's unfair to both the parish and the child, but mostly to the child. To nurture the gift of faith, which only God can give, is the most precious treasure that a parent or guardian can pass along to a young person, and so it's the most tragic when it doesn't happen through regular formation at home. It seems to me to be a real cruelty to throw a young adult out in to our world, such as it is, without a sturdy sense of his/her religious identity. Thankfully, if this survey is to be believed, it seems that the vast majority of parents understand that. They should be applauded and supported for that incredibly important ministry.

Fr. Mike Byron

## Attention: Girls, Boys, Women & Men

### We Are in Need of More Altar Servers For Weekend Masses

- We need youth grade 4 and up
- We need families: parent and child; grade 4 and up shared-family ministry
- We need teens: siblings/friends
- We need adults: couples/ friends

Training for new altar servers will be *Sunday, September 17 at 11:45 OR Tuesday, September 19 at 3:45* in the church. Please come to one session only. Each session is approximately and 1½ hours. If you are considering this ministry please call Sharon Balcom in the parish office at 774.1585 to indicate your interest and which session you could attend.

### Join the Music Ministry of St. Pascal's Choir—The St. Pascal Choir's will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 PM in the Music Room (enter at Conway door).

If you enjoy singing with a group or have ever thought about joining a choir, now is the time. We are looking for new members. Choral ministry is a two-way blessing. One, you join a delightful company of music lovers who augment the sung prayer of the community and two, you have the opportunity to give life to meditative and festive choral pieces that enhance the beauty of the liturgy. I welcome all phone calls, emails, and questions! Call Sharon any weekday at St. Pascal's, 774.1585.

### Woodbury Area Residents

There are elderly parishioners living in Woodbury who are no longer able to come to church. They would appreciate a friendly visit from a parishioner who would bring a bulletin and stay for a visit. Just one person to visit once every week or so. If you are available and interested call Ann Karner at 330.0024.

### Parking Lot Update

Our largest summer project is drawing to a close. Thanks to Schifsky and Sons for their good work on repaving a portion of the parking lot. They will return to stripe the entire surface soon (including the lower one). The project was on budget and funded by your generous contributions.

### First Wednesday Mass & Dessert

Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street  
*Wednesday, September 6*

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 and enjoy some time with some of your parish

**OUR SCHOOL**

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School is a special place. You see it in the faces of our students. You feel it in the enthusiasm of our faculty and staff. You hear it in the voices of our parents. And you experience it in the warm and welcoming embrace of our parish and school community.

We are a school with a rich tradition of academic excellence and community service. As you explore everything St. Pascal's has to offer, we invite you to visit us; meet with our faculty; attend our events, join us for Mass; and see firsthand how we are preparing another generation of children for a life of learning and service. You will discover: ***This is what you want for your child!***

**School & Parish Thank You**

Thank you for the great Lenten Service Project completed, "Caring Hearts for the Homeless." Your generous donation of men's and women's hygiene items are greatly needed! They are already on the way to those in need. Thank you for your kindness and caring.

—Gretchen Olmscheil

In kind Warehouse Manager  
Catholic Charities of St. Paul & Minneapolis

**St. Pascal's Fun Bowling Mixer**

League is looking for regular season bowlers and subs for the 2017-2018 season. This is a non-sanctioned league of couples, bowling at 6:30 PM every other Sunday at Sun Ray Lanes, starting August 27. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Richard Hoffman at 651.774.0892 (h), 612.554.6579 (c), or rjhoffman43@msn.com. It's a good time, join us!!

**2017 Septemberfest—Thursday, September 7, from 5:00-8:00 PM**

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (1890 Randolph Ave., St. Paul)

Please join us for food, music, games, craft beer, door prizes and tons of fun. You'll also get to reconnect with your favorite Sisters of St. Joseph. Admission is FREE! Food and beer (21 and older) available for purchase. Event is RAIN or SHINE!

**Praying the Rosary Together**

Weekly opportunity to pray together beginning Wednesday, September 6 at 9:00 AM! Do you ever feel overwhelmed with so many needs for prayer? Because in unity there is strength, we have a new opportunity to enrich your prayer life. Beginning Wednesday, September 6 at 9:00 AM (and all Wednesdays thereafter) we will pray the rosary together. The original intention was for our children and grandchildren who live in a very challenging world, but all your personal intentions can be sent to Our Blessed Mother. And please stay for the All School Mass which follows at 9:30. You will love the beautiful liturgy as only children can provide. Please join us when you are able. Any questions contact Betty Hensel 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com.

**FAITH FORMATION****Living Faith Books**

Living Faith devotional booklets for October-December are now available for \$1.25 each. They can be picked up in the parish office or on the usher's stand outside of the worship space.

**RCIA**

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, or are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is for you! RCIA is for adults that are seeking to finish their sacramental journey into the Catholic Church, or for non Catholics interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. We will discuss the RCIA process and our images of God. Who is God, what is God, our perceptions of God, and how these have changed based on our life experiences. All are welcome, Catholics and those curious about the Catholic Church. Wednesday, October 19, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room.

**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.

**Parish****Contact Information**

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|---|----------------------|
| Parish Office   | 651.774.1585         |
| Fax   | 651.774.9152         |
| Email   | church@stpascals.org |
| <i>After hours emergency number (for death, dying or anointing of the sick)</i> |                      |
| 651.280.9239  |                      |

**Parish Office Summer Hours**

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| Mon-Fri                      | 8:00 - 3:00 PM |
| <i>Holidays as announced</i> |                |

**School****Contact Information**

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| School Office | 651.776.0092                  |
| Fax           | 651.774.9152                  |
| Email:        | laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org |

**School Office Summer Hours**

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| August | Mon - Fri | 8:00 - 4:00 PM |
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**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**

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| 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.

## Mass Times & Intentions

## Readings

August 27, 2017

### Tuesday, August 29

7:30 AM + Richard Peick

### Wednesday, August 30

9:30 AM + Geni Rossow

### Thursday, August 31

7:30 AM + Fr. David McCauley

### Friday, September 01

7:30 AM Men's Club

### Saturday, September 02

4:30 PM + Mary Ann Schaefer

### Sunday, September 03

08:45 AM The People of the Parish  
10:30 AM + Susan Calubayan

## Heart Questions

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

Matthew 16:15-16

**Adult:** If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

**Child:** Who do you tell people Jesus is?

### Sunday:

Is 22:19-23  
Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8

Rom 11:33-36  
Mt 16:13-20

### Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Ps 149:1-6, 9  
Mt 23:13-22

### Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8  
Ps 139:1-6  
Mk 6:17-29

### Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13  
Ps 139:7-12b  
Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13  
Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17  
Mt 24:42-51

### Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12  
Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11  
Ps 98:1, 7-9  
Mt 25:14-30

### Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

## Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of August 21, 2017  
For fiscal year July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018

For the Week: Actual Received

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| Sunday Stewardship | \$ 7,041.50  |
| ACH Sunday         | \$ 10,421.25 |
| Mortgage Campaign  | \$ 1,845.50  |
| ACH Mortgage       | \$ 5,536.25  |
| Assumption         | \$ 689.00    |

| Year to Date:<br>(July 1 – June 30) | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Sunday                              | \$ 107,911.28 | \$ 138,648.00 | \$ (30,736.72)  |
| Mortgage                            | \$ 40,428.00  | \$ 44,000.00  | \$ ( 3,572.00)  |

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](http://www.stpascals.org) for more information on upcoming events.

### Sunday, August 27

9:30am New Member Registration: BH  
12:00pm Private Event: BH

### Monday, August 28

9:00am Teacher Meeting: FR  
9:30am Nia: OC

### Tuesday, August 29

No scheduled events

### Wednesday, August 30

#### No 7:30am Mass

9:30am Back to School Mass—All are welcome!  
11:30am Staff Lunch: BH

### Thursday, August 31

5:00pm Back to School Night: BH, School Campus  
6:00pm Preschool Parent Info Session: OC

### Friday, September 1

5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal: CH

### Saturday, September 2

2:30pm Baumann/Sharkey Wedding

### Sunday, September 3

No scheduled events

### Monday, September 4—Labor Day

Parish and school offices closed

### Tuesday, September 5

9:15am FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

## Meeting Location Key:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CH: Church, FR: Founders Room, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

## Attention Women's Club Members

Dear Women's Club Members,

On August 15, the Women's Club Board had our first meeting for the upcoming year. We are excited about the many wonderful events we have planned for you. We will be sharing more with you soon!

Regarding the Women's Club Membership Dues, last year the Women's Club voted to raise the dues to \$10. If the pink (or pink and white) envelope you recently received by mail says \$5, that was printed by mistake. If you would be so kind to pay \$10 for your Membership Dues this year, we would very much appreciate it. You can put your Membership Dues in the pink (or pink and white) envelope you received by mail and place it in the collection basket at any mass. If you did not receive a pink (or pink and white) envelope in the mail, you can use your own envelope and write: "Women's Club Membership Dues" and your name on the outside. Thank you for understanding—and get ready for a fantastic year!

Theresa Gunderson, Incoming President  
St. Pascal Baylon Women's Club

## Are you a member of the St. Pascal's Legacy Society?

You just might be! Your WILL can be a testimony of your faith. Consider leaving a bequest to St Pascal's. If you have already named St. Pascal's in your estate plan, please let us know so we can welcome you into the St. Pascal's Legacy Society. Names of the Legacy society members are published, with your permission, but gift amounts are not disclosed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 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.