



ST. PASCAL

BAYLON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

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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

22nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

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Dear Friends:

Today I'd like to offer a letter that was written by a Lutheran pastor last week, which was shared among my priest-friends recently on email. I asked Rev. David Milz, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Kimball, MN if he'd be willing to have me publish these reflections in our parish bulletin, and he replied, via email, that he would be humbled and honored by that. So what follow are his remarks, which I endorse whole-heartedly. I will let his words speak for themselves. The title of his article is "An Awful Way to Eliminate Down Syndrome." Here is Pastor Milz's article:

A recent CBS news report revealed that Down Syndrome has been virtually eliminated in Iceland. Some 85 percent of women in Iceland undergo prenatal testing, and when test results reveal a diagnosis of Down Syndrome, nearly 100 percent of the mothers opt for abortion. At present only one or two children per year are born with Down Syndrome in the entire country.

Iceland was characterized in the report as leading the world in eliminating Down Syndrome, which would be great news if it had developed a new treatment to correct this chromosomal abnormality--like the Salk vaccine which virtually wiped out polio. But in this case, it isn't a medical condition that is being eliminated. It's people. Unborn children with this condition are destroyed before they have a chance to live.

Their deaths are certainly not for their benefit, even though one medical professional described the procedure as preventing suffering. To be sure, the human condition is rife with suffering, and efforts to alleviate it are laudable. But we all know Down Syndrome children and adults who live happy, productive lives. In fact, it's safe to say that our lives are enriched when we experience the zest and resilience with which those with Down Syndrome face life, despite their limitations.

So it's difficult to see how ending their lives in the womb alleviates "suffering"--unless, of course, you're talking about the "suffering" of those who might be inconvenienced by the extra effort required to care for them.

Even some pro-choice folks are surprised and upset by this news. They shouldn't be. Haven't they argued for decades that abortion is a private, individual, health care choice and shouldn't be restricted in any way? Haven't they fought tooth and nail to preserve the right to abortion on demand for pretty much any reason? Why should they be dismayed when men and women choose to avoid the challenge of caring for a Down Syndrome child by means of therapeutic abortion?

And it isn't just in Iceland. Somewhere between 67 and 90 percent of parents in the U.S. choose abortion when their unborn child is diagnosed with Down Syndrome.

The great evil here is that children with Down Syndrome are deemed inferior, undeserving of life. There's a term for this: eugenics, which is defined by Oxford dictionaries as "the science of improving a human population by controlled breeding to increase the occurrence of desirable heritable characteristics. Developed largely... as a method of improving the human race, it fell into disfavor only after the perversion of its doctrines by the Nazis.

Eugenics attempted to "improve" the human race by eliminating those considered genetically inferior. Though it is claimed that the Nazis perverted the science of eugenics by attempting to eliminate the "inferior" Jewish race, the Holocaust was merely the logical outcome of the doctrine of pursuing genetic superiority. After all, once you start down that road, who gets to decide who is inferior and not worthy of life?

At one time, in this country, blacks were considered less-than-fully human, and were bought and sold like appliances. We are currently witnessing a widespread movement to pull down the statues of those who supported that evil institution. It seems odd and a bit ironic that so much energy is being expended to punish long-dead proponents of slavery. Only lunatics still believe that folks with a different skin color are somehow inferior, and slavery as an institution was abolished a century and half ago.

But right now—today—entire nations and cultures, including our own, are actively condemning an entire class of people to death because of their supposed inferiority. Will the same outrage and energy be unleashed to fight for respect, equality—life itself—for those with Down Syndrome, those delightful, beautiful, brothers and sisters of ours in the human family? Sadly, I doubt it.

Thanks, Pastor Milz

Fr. Mike Byron

Wednesday Daily Mass Time Change

9:30 AM beginning September 7

Our school children will be back in the building next week. Mass will be at 9:30 AM each week through June 6, 2018. All are welcome!

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. 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—First rehearsal is 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.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Henry Jonathan Berg
child of Dain & Nicole

Sophie Josephine Lepinski
child of Keith & Ashley

Gabrielle Ann and Clara Kay Wittgenstein
children of Vic & Sara

who were recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless these households of faith.

OUR SCHOOL

New School Website is Launched!!

Go to www.stpascalschool.org! We are so proud of the new site! There is great information for everyone; including parishioners, alumni, current families, new families and families interested in learning more about this amazing school! Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this happen! Check it out today!

Preschool - 8th Grade Openings

Enroll Today!

We are still very busy taking Admissions and Enrollment for this upcoming school year! Have you been thinking of taking the leap into an amazing school environment for your child(ren)?

Did you know...

We have great all-day options for your Preschool or PreK child including an option for Before and After school child care?

We offer families who transfer their Grade 1-8 child to our school a \$1,000 Transfer Discount the first year AND a \$500 Transfer Discount their second year at SPBCS?

Contact Jackie Nordman, Admissions Director, at jackie.nordman@stpascals.org or call 776.0092 ext. 112 to find out more information!

Women's Book Club

Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM

If you have ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club, do it this month! We meet in the Founder's Room on the 2nd Monday of each month! This month we'll discuss *A Man called Ove* by Fredrik Backman and next month, October 9, we'll discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert at Marian Center—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 friends. The Marian Center is located at 200 Earl Street. We hope to see you there!

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

Faith Formation Registration

Online registration for faith formation for 2017-2018 is taking place now!

Wednesday Evenings: Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:45 pm, for children/youth attending public schools.

Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: for children in grades 2 and up, whether in public school or attending St. Pascal's. *Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Pascal's.*

Registration forms are available in the kiosks and on the parish website at [www.stpascals.org/Faith Formation](http://www.stpascals.org/Faith%20Formation). For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office. ***Please register for faith formation and/or sacrament preparation by September 13 so materials can be ordered.*** Thank you!

Leaders Needed For 2017-2018

Children's Liturgy of The Word

Leaders are needed for children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 8:45 and 10:30 Masses beginning in October. Leaders reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings with children in grades K-4, and are normally scheduled one Sunday per month. Training and support are provided. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Adult Faith Formation Input

I have heard that seniors in the parish might appreciate more offerings during the day time. If you have thoughts about what you would like to see offered, let's have a conversation and I will explore what might be done to accommodate that desire. Thank you!

Kim Roering 774-1585, ext. 128 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

Parish

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

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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

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, September 05

7:30 AM + Al Olson

Wednesday, September 06

9:30 AM + Larry Hall

Thursday, September 07

7:30 AM + Richard Peick

Friday, September 08

7:30 AM + Mary Ann Schaefer

Saturday, September 09

4:30 PM + Joseph Tokach

Sunday, September 10

8:45 AM The People of the Parish

10:30 AM + Larry Hall

Heart Question

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Adult: In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Child: When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

Readings

September 03, 2017

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9

Ps 63:2-6, 8-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18

Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8

Ps 52:10-11

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14

Ps 98:2-6

Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 13:6abc

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23

Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8

Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 3

No scheduled events

Monday, September 4—Labor Day

Parish and school offices closed

Tuesday, September 5

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

8:00am Regular parish office hours begin (8:00 - 4:00)

6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

Wednesday, September 6

9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!

1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr St. Paul

7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, September 7

9:30am Nia: OC

2:00pm Private Event: FR

7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: FR

7:00pm SJCC: FR

Friday, September 8

No scheduled events

Saturday, September 9

No scheduled events

Sunday, September 10

9:30am New Member Registration: BH

2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

Meeting Location Key:

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

Immigration: A Catholic Response with Dr. Bernie Evans

Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Today millions of people are on the move as immigrants and refugees throughout the world. In search of a safer, better life many hope to enter the United States. Too often that hope runs into a growing anti-immigrant sentiment. What responsibilities does our nation have toward immigrants and refugees? What should a Catholic response to immigration look like? Please contact the parish office by *Monday, September 18* if you plan to attend so we can prepare appropriately for hospitality. You can also sign up online via the parish website at www.stpascals.org.

Fall Bible Study—Jonah and Ruth: Love Crosses Boundaries

6-week study begins week of October 1—FEE: \$15/person

Two of the most beloved Old Testament stories are the stories of Jonah and Ruth. In *Jonah/Ruth: Love Crosses Boundaries*, you'll discover how God breaks down barriers between people as you see these Old Testament Stories through new eyes.

Group Days/Times Available

All sessions held in Parish Conference Room

Tuesday, 8:15-9:45 am-starts October 3

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 pm-starts October 3

Thursday, 9:30-11:00 am-starts October 5

Registration Forms are available in the kiosks. You can also register online at www.stpascals.org. Books are available in the parish office.

Car Wash School Fundraiser

Saturday, September 16 from 9:30 to 3:30 in the Conway parking lot
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. Cost is \$5.00 per car. Additional donations will be gladly accepted!

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of August 27, 2017

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

For the Week: Actual Received

Sunday Stewardship \$ 7578.77

Mortgage Campaign \$ 1984.50

Year to Date: Actual Budget Variance

(July 1 – June 30)

Sunday \$ 115,490.05 \$ 155,979.00 \$ (30,736.72)

Mortgage \$ 40,428.00 \$ 49,500.00 \$ (7,087.50)

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!