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.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.*”

MATTHEW 18:15
Dear Friends:

One of the ways for me to trace my age is to trace the recent history of the ministry of acolyte/alter server in our church. When I was a kid in the 1960s, those who served at the altar were "altar boys," and they were always boys. The idea seems to have been that such a ministry was intended to entice young males in to considering a future in priesthood. It was imagined as a kind of apprenticeship. So we dressed them (me) up as "junior priests" at mass. I wore a mini version of the same cassock (floor-length black robe) and surplice (waist-length white over-garment) that the ordained clergy wore back then. For a while neither I nor others thought much about this. I began serving at the altar when I was in the fourth grade and continued through high school.

But eventually, thankfully, people did begin to think about it. Why, for example, should the ministry of acolyte/server be understood as the training ground for priesthood, rather than an important ministry of its own? And thus, why should it be restricted to boys? I—and maybe you—can recall this long awkward time during the 1970s and 1980s when the church (WE!) pretty much figured out that there was no defensible answer to that question, but the rules hadn't changed yet. I still remember my first years of priesthood in a parish where girls routinely served alongside the boys at mass—except when the bishop came. On those occasions, we had to pretend that only the boys were engaged in the ministry of acolyte, even though the bishop knew very well that that wasn't true and that it was fine.

Finally, Pope John Paul II (of all people!) officially relaxed the restriction in the 1990s, and it was thought by some to be cause for seismic upheaval. It wasn't. For a few decades now females have been happily, skillfully and officially serving alongside their male peers at the altar, and nobody seems to have become confused by the idea that acolytes aren’t mini-priests. This is why we no longer dress them in black and white. Rather, they wear the white robes that recall their commission in baptism and the fact that this ministry has an integrity all its own. And it's also why there's no longer any reason to have the ministry of acolyte confined to children. In my most recent previous parish it was ordinary for vested acolytes from ages 10 to 75 to serve at the altar. It was not considered a ministry for juveniles, and why should it be so? And at the parish where I belonged for years in the 1980s, the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, all of the white-robed servers at mass—of both genders—are adults.

In the past few weeks you have been reading in our bulletin about our desire to expand the ministry of acolyte to people of all ages and life circumstances—family groups, singles, teens, young adults—in addition to our faithful youngest ones. Please think about it if you are interested, and come to one of the training sessions in the next couple of weeks. It would be a great witness to have adults join our kids in serving mass on the weekends, as they already do routinely at funerals and at daily masses at St. Pascal’s.

But, you may ask, why do we see the return of cassocks and surplices and a male-only cadre of servers at some parishes and at archdiocesan liturgies? Ask those pastors and/or your archbishop, because I can’t understand it. Seems like thoughtless retro to me.

And thank you (!!) for a very significant anonymous gift from long-time parishioners that has allowed us to purchase beautiful new albs (white robes) for all our altar servers. You will be seeing them beginning in the next week or two.

Fr. Mike Byron
Thank you!
Thank you for donating the school supplies! It was wonderful seeing school families so grateful that they were able to get the much-needed supplies for their children. What a blessing!

Back to School Night was a huge success!
It was so wonderful to have all the families back in the school. The students were so excited for another great school year! Thank you to our wonderful parish community for helping provide this amazing opportunity to our future generation of leaders in the community and in our faith!

Enroll Today!
We are still accepting Admissions for Preschool, PreK and up! If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Nordman, Admissions Director, at 776-0092 ext 112 or jackie.nordman@stpascals.org!

New School Website!
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!

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**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. 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!

**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!

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**OUR SCHOOL**

Fall 2017 Adult Faith Formation Opportunities
Plan to join us for these upcoming adult faith formation opportunities.

**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?

**The Stories Jesus Left Behind: Parables in the Gospel of Luke** with Dr. Art Zannoni
*Thursdays, September 28 and October 5 from 7:00-9:00 PM in Brioschi Hall*
In the Gospels, Jesus is portrayed as the story teller of God. The stories he tells are known as parable. These are stories with meaning thrown alongside and deal with believers’ relationships to God and to one another. The largest number of parables are found in the Gospel of Luke. This program will look in detail at Luke’s parables on treating the poor and prayer as well as Luke’s two most famous parables, “The Prodigal Son” and “The Good Samaritan.” Participants are asked to bring a Bible to each session.

RSVPs are not required, but do help us plan for hospitality. Sign up online at www.stpascals.org or contact the parish office if you plan to attend either offering.

**Adult Faith Formation Input**
I have heard that seniors and others in the parish with varying work schedules 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

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**Parish**

**Contact Information**
Parish Office 651.774.1585
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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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**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 12
7:30 AM + Mary Ann Schaefer

Wednesday, September 13
9:30 AM Women's Club

Thursday, September 14
7:30 AM + Tom Gemza

Friday, September 15
7:30 AM + Russ & Kay Kohner

Saturday, September 16
4:30 PM + Jerry Misukanis

Sunday, September 17
8:45 AM The People of the Parish
10:30 AM + Chester Jablonski

Readings

September 10, 2017

Sunday:
Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Monday:
Col 1:24–2:3
Ps 62:6-7, 9
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:
Col 2:6-15
Ps 145:1-2, 8-11
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:
Col 3:1-11
Ps 145:2-3, 10-13
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:
Nm 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Friday:
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
Jn 19:25-27

Saturday:
1 Tm 1:15-17
Ps 113:1-7
Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday:
Sir 27:30–28:7
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

Heart Question

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.”
Matthew 18:15

Adult: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?
Child: How can you help another person do the right thing?

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 10
9:30am New Member Registration: BH
2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

Monday, September 11
9:30am Nia: OC
7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym & 108
7:00pm Women's Book Club: FR

Tuesday, September 12
6:00pm Women's Club Board Meeting: FR

Wednesday, September 13
7:30am School Board: FR
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass: CH—All are welcome!
10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
6:00pm PTP: FR
6:30pm Catechist meeting: SL
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, September 14
9:30am Nia: OC
7:00pm Men's Club Members Meeting: CF

Friday, September 15
No scheduled events

Saturday, September 16
No scheduled events

Sunday, September 17
11:45am Server Training: CH

Meeting Location Key:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CH: Church, CF: Cafeteria, 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

Attention Seniors: Programming at Marian Center

Marian Center, 200 Earl Street, St. Paul

Understanding Medicare – A,B, C & D – Lunch & Learn
Thursday, September 14 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AARP Smart Driving Course ($15.00 per person)
Tuesday, September 19 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ceremony
To register for either/both programs, call 793.2117.

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – Week of September 3, 2017
For fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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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!