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.

Matthew 21:31

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."
Dear Friends:

There was a headline in last Monday's newspaper that read, "Conservative theologians accuse Francis of heresy." It should have read, "Ignorant so-called theologians accuse Francis of heresy." The reason is that the accusation of "heresy" is a very specific one in our tradition, and the things that these "theologians" are upset about do not fall in to the category of heresy. Specifically, they are upset that our current Pope has written some things about the status of Catholics who are divorced and remarried, but whose first unions are not formally annulled, and who wish to approach the altar for communion. Their charge is that the Pope's statements are somewhat vague and subject to misinterpretation, and are therefore heretical. People don't get to be accused of "heresy," however, because their statements are vague. In fact, in order to be a heretic one must knowingly deny one of the core tenets of the Catholic faith with full freedom and intent. As a U.S. bishop commented several years ago, "It's really difficult to be a heretic," and the instances of such a thing are very, very rare. I mention this because the secular media regularly does such a poor job of understanding these distinctions, which allows loud, small, marginal groups in our church (including some in the hierarchy) to put out such untruth in the hope that nobody will much understand it anyway. I do understand it, which is why I'm calling it out. In fact this article noted that the most senior bishop who signed the letter in question is himself a member of the Society of St. Pius X, which has been in formal schism from the Roman Catholic Church since Pope John Paul II decided that more than twenty years ago. That actually is a heretic, because the Society proclaims that Vatican II was an invalid council and that every pope since then has been presiding over the church illegitimately. We have a St. Pius X congregation here in the East Metro that represents itself as 'Catholic' but is no such thing, which is why you ought to know about it and to understand the distinction. So the heretic is alleging heresy in Pope Francis. If that makes no sense to you, then you understand perfectly.

This is but another example of why it is so important to know our faith well. Not just the scriptures (essential though that is) but also the theological tradition of ours that is so rich. It is sometimes noted among scholars and teachers that there are no new heresies in the church--just the same old ones that keep coming back under new disguises. I'm inclined to agree with that. If you are a so-called Catholic who is not in communion with the Pope of Rome or your local bishop, then you are not a Catholic. That question was settled within the first few centuries of the church's history. The question of who may receive communion under what life circumstances is not a matter of faith. It is a matter of church discipline and canon law. Those are important matters too, but by definition they are not subject to being discussed as "heresies." The editors of the local newspaper don't understand that, which is what I imagine is exactly what Pope Francis' challengers hope for. Church discipline and canon law can and have changed over the course of centuries, and to suggest that they might or could change again is not "heresy."

The words we use to speak of one another in matters of faith are powerful and important, and when they are used incorrectly or mean-spiritedly they can be causes for sin. Why intelligent churchmen would choose to publish such an accusation of Pope Francis is a question that I can only puzzle over. Being in disagreement with a prudential judgment that he or any other pastor may make is understandable. Ramping it up to a public questioning of one's Christian faith is inexcusable in my opinion. We all have the same opportunity in our own discussions with people with whom we share faith (or don't). We can be charitable or not. We can be honest and intelligent or not. I would opt for charitable, honest, and intelligent, and want to encourage all of us to do what we can to ensure that that is what happens in our own community.

Fr. Mike Byron

Anointing Weekend October 7 & 8
We will be celebrating the life-giving Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all our weekend Masses next week. You are encouraged to receive this sacrament if you are dealing with a serious illness, facing an upcoming operation or living with health concerns. This is a Sacrament of Healing. It is intended not only for someone who is dying, but also to give God's grace, strength and courage to face medical challenges. Also, please know that you can request the Anointing of the Sick any time of year by simply calling the parish office, or speaking with Fr. Mike.

It's Game Night!
Saturday, October 7 from 5:30-8:00 PM
The St. Pascal's Women's Club is hosting our popular Game Night in Broschi Hall for all women in the parish. Please join us for games, appetizers, beverages, prizes, fun and fellowship. We are looking forward to a fun night once again and we'd love to see you there! Questions? Please contact Chris Lamont at christina.lamont@gmail.com.

Human Trafficking 101 Presentation
An Oppression of Our Society
Thursday, October 19
7:00 to 9:00 PM in Broschi Hall
What should we know about what is happening in our culture and community? What should we be looking for and how can we help?
Join us for this important presentation and conversation. Light refreshment and free child care will be provided. RSVPs are not required, but do help us plan for hospitality. Sign up online at www.stpascals.org or contact the parish office. Sponsored by the Social Justice and Caring Committee.

Baptized in Christ
We welcome into our community of faith
Reaghan Robert Driesen
child of Joshua & Amanda
who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

Celebrating Initiation
We welcome into our community of faith
Sarah Kathryn Rye
and
Marion Elaine Rye
who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Initiation in our church. May God bless their journeys of light and faith.
OUR SCHOOL

Metro Dining Club Cards are here!
It’s that time of year to pick up your Metro Dining Club cards! The cards are $24.00 and available at the Welcome Desk, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Complete the form in this week’s bulletin and we will call you when they are ready for pick-up!

How does the Metro Dining Club work?
The cards offer you and your family an opportunity to enjoy an entire year of 2-for-1 dining at 166 East Metro restaurants. Each restaurant offers a card for the establishment. This is a great fundraiser for the school! For every box sold, the school receives $10.00. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Mathis at 776.0092 or sarah.mathis@stpascals.org.

Our Annual Rake-a-thon
Thursday, October 26 from 1:00-2:30 PM.
Any parishioners and neighbors who live in a 3-block radius of the school and need help raking their leaves can reserve a team of adults and children to come and rake their yard on that day. Call the school office at 776.0092 by Monday, October 23 to get on the raking schedule. In case of rain, the make-up raking day is Friday, October 27. Thank you for helping our school children learn about community and service!

Cub Scout Popcorn Sales
The Cub Scouts will be selling popcorn for the next two weekends—Sunday, October 1 and Sunday, October 8—after both Masses. Proceeds will go towards sending our Cub Scouts (Pack 294) to camp this year.
Thanks for supporting our Cub Scouts!

FAITH FORMATION

Mission Trip 2018 Information Meeting
Sunday, October 15, 2017
6:30-8:00 PM in the Old Church
Youth in grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to an information meeting regarding the 2018 mission trip to Nashville, TN through Catholic Heart Workcamp the week of July 14-22, 2018. Come hear participants from previous CHWC trips tell of their experience and find out more about what is involved in a mission trip in terms of service and fun. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert
Marian Center St. Paul at 200 Earl Street
Wednesday, October 4
Mass at 1:00 PM followed by dessert and social hour at 1:30 PM
Join St. Pascal friends for dessert (across from the Snack Shop) on the 1st Wednesday of every month and enjoy some time visiting with some of your parish friends. Bring along anyone who would enjoy visiting folk from St. Pascal’s. We hope to see you there!

Women’s Book Club
Monday, October 9 at 7:00 PM
Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? We would love to see you this month! We meet in the Founder’s Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, October 9, we will discuss The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead, and next month, November 13, we’ll share thoughts about Manitou Canyon by William Kent Kruger.

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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

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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
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair
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.

Your 2017-2018 Pastoral Council
Thank you to all you who nominated your fellow parishioners to a parish council in May and for keeping them in prayer as they moved through the discernment process. Please welcome your Pastoral Council for this year:
Watch for pictures of the Pastoral Council members going up soon in the gathering space and check out the Pastoral Council page on our new website.

Veteran’s Day Mass and Dinner—Saturday, November 11
Join us for Mass at 4:30 followed immediately by dinner in Briochi Hall
Our Veteran’s Day Mass and Dinner is fast approaching. All Veterans & current Enlisted Military should have received a letter in the mail with their free dinner voucher enclosed. All vouchers MUST be redeemed for a dinner ticket. If you are a Veteran or current Enlisted Military member and did not receive your letter and voucher yet, please call either Jackie Friesen at 295.8717 or Vicky Westenhofer at 249.8010.
Veteran’s Day dinner tickets will be for sale in the Commons area after all Masses beginning this weekend, September 30 and October 1.
**Mass Times & Intentions**

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**Heart Questions**

* A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, “The first.”

Matthew 21:28-31

**Adult:** When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

**Child:** Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

**Readings October 01, 2017**

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**The Week Ahead**

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

- **Sunday, October 1**
  - 9:30am Cub Scout Popcorn Sales: CM, Outside Church Doors

- **Monday, October 2**
  - 9:30am Nia: OC
  - 7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym & 108

- **Tuesday, October 3**
  - 8:15am Fall Bible Study: PC
  - 6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL
  - 7:00pm Fall Bible Study: PC

- **Wednesday, October 4**
  - 9:00am Rosary: CH
  - 9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
  - 1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul
  - 6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
  - 7:00pm Choir: Choir Room

- **Thursday, October 5**
  - 9:30am Nia: OC
  - 9:30am Fall Bible Study: PC
  - 7:00pm Parables in the Gospel of Luke: BH
  - 7:00pm SJCC: FR
  - 7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: CF

- **Friday, October 6**
  - No scheduled events

- **Saturday, October 7—Anointing Weekend**
  - 3:00pm Game Night setup: BH
  - 5:30pm Women's Club Game Night: BH

- **Sunday, October 8—Anointing Weekend**
  - After Masses Cub Scout Popcorn Sales: CM, Outside Church Doors
  - New Member Registration: BH
  - 12:00pm Confirmation II: OC
  - 2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

**Meeting Location Key:**

BH: Brioschi Hall, CM: Commons, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

**Financial Update**

Our diligent bookkeeper, Lavena Wilhelm, is busy getting our new system up and running. We anticipate reconciled financials for July and August shortly. We are also developing a new reporting format that is more precise and includes stock gifts and other financial donations outside of our Sunday collection. Watch for more information in the near future.

**Booya Is Back!**

Sunday, October 15 from 10:00 AM until the pots are empty.

The St. Pascal's Men's Club soon will be serving up their annual Booya. Containers available or bring your own. Individual servings available in the school cafeteria. Come early. It goes fast. Proceeds will purchase the equipment/supplies for the St. Pascal's K-8 school PhyEd program, uniforms for extra-curricular sports activities, and related parish/school needs.

**St. Therese of Woodbury Senior Event**

Thursday, October 12 at 1:00 PM

Come learn about the services St. Therese of Woodbury offers to the community. Whether you are interested in these services for yourself or a loved one, or you are interested in the many opportunities to volunteer, gather with your St. Pascal's friends for an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

**Rosary Gathering**

Saturday, October 14 at Mounds Park (near Earl)

On the very first day we prayed our communal rosary at St. Pascal's, we received a long-distance call from Kansas City (maybe from heaven?). It was from “America Needs Fatima” with a request: Organize a group to publicly pray the rosary at noon on Saturday, October 14 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's appearance to the children at Fatima. On that day there will be approximately 20,000 rosary gatherings throughout the United States. We will meet at Mounds Park adjacent to Marian Center in St. Paul. There is some seating there but if you can bring your own seating, that would be great. You can consider this a special invitation from Our Blessed Mother! Hope to see you there.

Any questions call Betty Hensel 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com.

**Annual Walk for Life (1.5 miles round trip)**

Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Youth groups, walkers, givers, and prayer warriors—join us and help us reach our goal of raising $15,000 to help expectant mothers and their families choose life. We look forward to walking with you! The walk begins and ends at Blessed Sacrament Church at 9:00 AM. Stay for the free social and BBQ lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus at 11:00 AM. To get involved and for more information, call 776.2328 or visit www.ofwepartners.com.