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.

OCTOBER 08, 2017 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Anointing Weekend

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.

2 COR 1:3-4b
Dear Friends:

The relationship between religion and politics has always been an awkward one in our country, both within churches and out there in the public square. If you have ever traveled to Western Europe then you are aware that for centuries the government was officially dominated by Catholic or Lutheran church forces, and in Latin America it was much the same (though the Lutherans never made it much into Spanish speaking places). It varied as to exactly which institution, church or state, was more important than the other, and there were wars fought over that, but there was a clear understanding that public institutions and church authority were wedded together. The past few hundred years has seen the collapse of all that, and the rise of this phenomenon known as "secularization." It has been well established in Europe for a long time now, but is increasingly taking hold in our own country.

We hear frequently that ours is a nation that observes a "wall of separation" between religion and government, and many believe that this is enshrined in our country's Constitution. It is not. The metaphor of the "wall" is borrowed from a speech once given by President Thomas Jefferson, who considered himself a religious man but not beholden to any particular church. He was a "Deist," a believer in God, but without a lot of greater specificity. Why this matters is that many Americans believe that this alleged wall means that churches must never meddle in political questions and that governments must never cooperate with religious endeavors. This too is not what our Constitution states. Jefferson was one of the most brilliant public servants that the United States has ever produced, but he had--in my opinion--one of the most enormous blind spots about the role of faith in public life. The very idea that there could be a "wall" to distinguish religion from politics is one that is increasingly and obviously false. If Jesus Christ had not had a political aspect to his gospel he likely would have lived to a ripe old age and probably died in bed. Kings and Chief Priests and Elders of the People do not get very concerned about rogue preachers who stay inside their synagogues and tell the people to be good in their own private lives. The fact that our Lord was crucified as a public criminal tells us that somebody important regarded him as a menace to the State/Empire. That's political.

This insight is becoming more and more important in our own time and place, when our government and public policy seem to have become unhinged from any sort of religious mooring. Until relatively recently, even if the practice of religion in our country was relegated to a quasi-private realm of church on Sunday morning, our broader public life was characterized by a vague but real (and mostly Protestant) Christian ethic. It's a problem that Jefferson really never had to face, because he lived at a time when Christianity lived on both sides of his "wall." That situation has broken down today, and we believers are being required to stand for values and behaviors that are sometimes in conflict with what political parties and leaders are advocating for. To say it another way, we cannot pretend, as we once tried to, that there is this sterile separation ("wall") between religion and politics in our nation, or that faith is "private" as distinct from government that is "public." I hear every week about public policies of our nation that are profoundly anti-Catholic. Not that they are directly attacking our church (though that may be true sometimes too), but they are offensive to all that we profess to be true and good about our public life. It is we who have to stand up to that, and yes that is "political." To hate immigrants? To threaten pre-emptive nuclear war? To hedge about white racism? That's not us.

We truly live in a new time...one that President Jefferson could not have imagined, so we can't blame him. It's just that his presumed solution to the religion "problem" in public life isn't working any more.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**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.

**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.

**Johnny Bread For Sale**

7th and 8th graders from St. Pascal's School will be selling "Johnny Bread" after Masses next weekend to raise money for their spring trip to Washington DC. "Johnny Bread" is whole wheat bread baked at the monastery in Collegeville. Cost is $6.00 for a two pound loaf. This bread is delicious and goes great with booya!

**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!

**World Mission Sunday**

October 21/22, 2017: Celebrating our Missionary Spirit

On World Mission Sunday, Catholics around the world unite to recommit to their missionary identity. This is an appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which supports our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. This year's theme, Mission of the Little Flock, calls to mind the places where the mission Church is small, marginalized and persecuted—the little flocks of Jesus. An example is the mission Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, where the Church is a minority supporting the poor and disenfranchised. Please offer prayers and gifts of support on World Mission Sunday.
DID YOU KNOW that St. Pascal’s Early Learning Center is nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)?

NAEYC is the world’s largest organization working on behalf of young children. We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards!

What does that mean for YOUR child? It means they are going to have a strong foundation to begin their educational journey! Are you interested in finding out more? Please contact Jackie Nordman, Admissions Director, at 776-0092 or jackie.nordman@stpascals.org.

2nd Annual Trick or Treat Open House—FREE & FUN EVENT!

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School
October 28th from 9:00-11:00 AM

Families will enjoy a morning of: Trick or treating in classrooms, games, hands-on project in the stem lab, and more...each child will receive a reusable trick or treat bag! Costumes encouraged! All ages welcomed!

Metro Dining Club Cards are here!

It’s that time of year to pick up your Metro Dining Club cards! The cards are $25.00 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.

New Parish Website and Facebook Page

We’d love to connect with you! Phase I of the parish website has been released. Check it out at www.stpascals.org. Like, follow and share us on Facebook: St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church.

Are you planning to volunteer with children/youth in the parish or school this year?

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION: Sunday, November 5 from 2:00-5:00 PM in Brioschi Hall
Childcare will be provided

The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) requires that all adults working with children and youth fulfill the Essential 3 requirements (for new volunteers) or the Enhanced Essential 3 (for those who completed Essential 3 prior to July 1, 2014).

All NEW volunteers working with children are required to complete the following:
1. VIRTUS Safe Environment Training—Live Session AND Mandated Reporting Training (online). If you need to attend a live VIRTUS training session, one will be held at St. Pascal’s on Sunday, November 5. You can register to attend this session by going to www.virtusonline.org. You can choose a location/date of your convenience for live session, but be sure to indicate that St. Pascal’s is the primary location where you volunteer.
2. Background Check (complete online)
3. View Code of Conduct Training and sign 2016 Code of Conduct (complete online)

For more information or assistance contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

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.

Mark Your Calendar
Spaghetti Dinner Coming!
If you were disappointed over not having a spaghetti dinner at SummerFest, we have good news for you. The 7th and 8th graders form St. Pascal’s School will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner from 12:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 19 in Brioschi Hall as a fund raiser for their spring trip to Washington DC. More information will be coming as the date approached.

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
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.
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Heart Questions

Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Matthew 21:43

Adult: How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

Child: What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

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.

Veteran's Day Mass and Dinner—Saturday, November 11

Mass at 4:30 followed immediately by dinner in Briosci Hall

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.

Public Rosary Gathering: 100th Anniversary of Fatima

Saturday, October 14 beginning at noon at Mounds Park (near Earl)

Join approximately 20,000 public rosary gatherings throughout the U.S. on October 14! We will meet at Mounds Park adjacent to Marian Center in St. Paul. Limited seating—bring your own. 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.

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 8—Anointing Weekend

After Masses
New Member Registration: BH
Cub Scout Popcorn Sales: CM, Outside Church
Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: CM

12:00pm Confirmation II: OC
2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

8:15am Fall Bible Study: PC
6:00pm Women's Club Board Meeting: FR
7:00pm Fall Bible Study: PC

Wednesday, October 11

9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
6:00pm PTP: FR, Nursery
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, October 12

9:30am Nia: OC
9:30am Fall Bible Study: PC
1:00pm St. Therese Seniors event: BH
7:00pm Men's Club Members Meeting: CF

Friday, October 13

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 14

8:00am Booja prep: CF
5:00pm Ministry Fair: BH

Sunday, October 15

After Masses
Men's Club Booja: CF, WB Entrance
Johnny Bread Sales: CM, WB Entrance
New Members Reception: FR
Ministry Fair: BH
Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: CM
12:00pm Confirmation II (w/sponsors): OC
6:30pm Mission Trip 2018 Info meeting: OC

Meeting Location Key:

BH: Briosci Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

St. Therese of Woodbury Senior Event

Thursday, October 12 at 1:00 PM

Come learn about the many programs and services St. Therese of Woodbury offers to the community. This would include our many support groups—grief support, dementia/Alzheimer’s Caregivers, Bible study and scripture reflection). Also, services available to the community through our therapy/wellness area include fitness classes, use of the pool for classes, personal trainers, and onsite massage/healing touch. Should any medical therapy be in order, St. Therese offers PT, OT and Speech.

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. Pasca's friends for an enjoyable and informative afternoon. Free and no RSVP is required. Light refreshment provided.
What Can We Do For You?

Come and learn about the many services Saint Therese of Woodbury can provide for you and your loved ones.

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Jean Martens, Director, Pastoral Care

Jean will give a brief introduction into the Saint Therese of Woodbury campus, explaining services open to the community, including:
- Exercise facility with personal trainers
- Salt water therapeutic pool and whirlpool
- Onsite massage
- Physical/Occupational/Speech therapies
- Transitional Care

Jean will also describe the onsite discussion and support groups, including:
- Grief Group
- Alzheimer’s/Dementia Caregivers Support Group
- Bible Study
- Scripture Study
- Mass/Rosary Schedule

Finally, we’ll take a look at the many volunteer opportunities at Saint Therese, working with seniors at all levels of care.

For more information, please contact Jean Martens at 651-209-9128.
Public Square Rosary Rally
100 year anniversary of Fatima

What: Prayers for the world we live in – Rosary Rally Day

When: 12:00 Noon – Saturday, October 14, 2017

Where: Battle Creek Park (south side of Upper Afton Road – just east of McKnight)

Invite your family and friends to join us. Please bring a chair. Grilled hot dogs, refreshments and great company provided!

For questions or more information, contact Larry May at 612-940-2694 or Joe Peisert at 651-587-5821.