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.

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 | 32ND 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

“Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

Dear Friends:

We've all been disturbed (to say the least) I'm sure by the tragic shootings at a Texas church last weekend. As one of the members of that congregation asked out loud, "Why here? Why this town? Why this little community?" There is not any adequate answer to those questions. In the days since then there has been some public reflection about the fact that churches are "soft targets" for people who want to cause harm, because by their nature faith communities strive to be welcoming of everyone. That is certainly the case at St. Pascal's, and there won't be any change in that as long as I'm around. And often enough the perpetrators of violence are themselves the victims of mental illness or other distress. All the more reason that they should be able to find a home in a Christian congregation. That doesn't mean that we should be thoughtless about what we tolerate in church, but it does mean that we should be more generous and less suspicious than many other places where people gather in groups. I am grateful for the excellent ministry that is carried out here by our greeters and ushers every week. They have a great knack for recognizing when somebody is new to the parish, or unfamiliar with where to go, or in need of particular assistance. They also recognize when something or somebody seems not to be here for the right reasons. There is a polite way to "investigate" such things and to determine what exactly is going on. I learned this week that there is law in Texas that allows more freedom for guns to be brought in to houses of worship there in order to prevent trouble. That is exactly the wrong response in my opinion—a caving in to fear and mistrust. There's risk in saying no to that, but it's a Jesus kind of risk. To gather in communion is to expose one's self to a certain kind of vulnerability, including physical.

Our buildings at St. Pascal's are beautiful and welcoming, which means that they are both attractive places for people to gather and a lure for people who might want to cause trouble. Thankfully we have never seen gun violence on our premises, but we have had thefts of property and improper loitering. And because there's no way to separate the parish space from the school space we have to be extra careful for the safety of our children. Certain fire codes prevent us from locking up some hallways as we would wish, and the expense of additional locked interior doors is prohibitive. In addition to our security camera system, you will soon notice that we will be installing electronic "fobs" doorway entrance devices, and we have already, in the past two months, re-keyed all of our exterior doors and eliminated the ability to open some of them from outside. The "fobs" will allow us to program exactly who is allowed to enter the buildings at what specific times, which will cut down on the number of keys that have to be given to parish organizations and groups and individuals for certain after-hours events. (Keys have a way of multiplying and disappearing!) And unlike in the past, we now have an accounting system so that we know exactly who has what keys. The last thing I'd want is for our church and school to become some kind of fortress, so these measures are meant to be more on the order of common sense. The cost of the "fobs" system, by the way, is being taken care of by an anonymous donation from some very generous parishioners. Thank You!

Let us pray for those whose lives were lost in Texas last week, for the grief that will never leave their loved ones, and for the healing of what must be shattered trust among the parishioners of that Baptist church. For us at St. Pascal's this may be a great impetus to try as best we can to truly know our fellow parishioners and to pay special attention to those who may be new or unfamiliar to us. Not out of suspicion, but out of a genuine sense of hospitality. Ultimately it will benefit us all.

Finally, on a completely different note, thanks to Mueller Mortuary for providing us with a new U.S. flag, just in time for Veterans' Day. The old one on the pole had become frayed from wind and weather. The new one is conspicuously bigger and brighter in color.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**Eucharistic Ministers: Winter Schedule**

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Please check your calendars for December, January, and February, and let Joann know of any dates when you will not be available. She needs those dates by November 15. If you have questions or want more information you may call Joann at 735-2762, or e-mail at joann.bertini@gmail.com.

**Thanksgiving Daily Mass Times**

Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 AM
NO MASS on Friday, November 24
Have a beautiful Thanksgiving Holiday!

**The Search is On**

For generous people willing to visit parishioners who are unable to come to Mass. Just one person per week during the day. Day and time flexible. Take Communion and the bulletin. Stay for a short visit. The need is great. If you can help with one person call Ann Karner 330.0024.

**CCHD Collection**

November 18 & 19
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "...to bring good news to the poor... release to captives... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection—please respond generously.

**Men's Club Volunteers Needed**

St. Pascal's Men's Club is looking for help on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 AM to help unload trees in the Conway parking lot. No experience or tools needed just time.

**Christmas Tree Sales**

November 24 - December 23 or until sold out
Monday - Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
The St. Pascal's Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot soon will be open for business! Their usual excellent selection of Fraser fir, Balsam fir, Scotch pine, and White pine will be available as well as wreaths and swags.

**Women's Book Club**

Monday, November 13 at 7:00 PM
Come to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club 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 we'll share thoughts about Manitou Canyon by William Kent Kruger, and next month, on December 11 we'll discuss A Christmas Guest by Anne Perry.
**OUR SCHOOL**

**Annual School Academic Report**

In the spring of 2017, the GHR Foundation partnered with St. Pascals and several other area Catholic schools in the twin cities by integrating data analysis from our NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments into ongoing school improvement plans.

This project has two overarching goals:

1. Identify and work to close the student achievement gap in Catholic schools in the twin cities.
2. Promote best practices in data collection, assessment and use within schools.

During the 2016-2017 school year, St. Pascal Baylon tested 140 students in kindergarten through grade 8 at three different points throughout the school year (fall, winter, spring) to measure growth. Here are some of the Fast Facts:

- 48% of K-8 students were proficient (at or above grade norm) in mathematics at the end of the academic year. The level of proficiency in math at neighboring public and charter schools is 28%.
- 54% of K-8 students were proficient (at or above grade norm) in reading at the end of the academic year. The level of proficiency in reading at neighboring public and charter schools is 23.5%.

In addition, 56% of K-8 students met fall-to-spring growth targets at the end of the academic year.

It is also important to report that two-fifths of St. Pascal students were identified as economically disadvantaged and 57% of our students’ race/ethnicity is Hispanic/Latino, Black or African American, or students with two or more ethnicities.

Which grade levels/subjects are strongest?

Overall grade-level averages on math and reading scores were within one standard deviation of the appropriate norm. First, second, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade averages in both math and reading were on the high end of the norm, with eighth grade reading exceeding the range.

Where should instructional efforts be focused? Our teachers will continue to create Individual Learning Plans (ILP) for each student. By identifying each student's areas of needed growth within the ILP, along with targeted grade-level supports, we can meet achievement goals from fall-to-spring in math and reading.

We could not accomplish this level of academic achievement without the help and support of our school parents/guardians. Thank you for partnering with us in the education of your child!

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**Mission Trip 2018**

**There Is Still Room for You!**

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join a group from Blessed Sacrament and St. Pascal's as we head out this coming summer to serve in Nashville, Tennessee! In addition to home repairs and painting, we'll also be working with a day care and food bank. On the way to Nashville, we'll do some sightseeing, as well as enjoying a free day in Nashville at the end of the week. Our home base will be Holy Family Catholic Church where we will eat, sleep, and have evening programs in the gym.

Cost is approximately $500, but don't let that keep you away. We will do our best to help anyone who wants to go and needs financial assistance.

For more information or to get a reservation form, contact Kim Roering in the parish office. Reservations are due November 15, and are taken on a first come, first served basis.

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**Culver's Night**

The next Culver's Night will be Monday, November 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Sun Ray Culver's on Old Hudson Road.

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**Cookies in a Jar**

Back again this year! The popular Cookies in a Jar will be on sale in December after Masses. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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**Box Tops 4 Education**

A big THANK YOU to everyone for clipping and turning in Box Tops! We submitted $184.00 worth last week. Please continue to save during the holiday season and throughout the year. Thank you for continuing to support this school fundraiser.

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**Spaghetti Dinner**

Sunday, November 19 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM

Sponsored by our 7th and 8th graders as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington DC.

Cost is $9.00 for a large dinner (more noodles and two meatballs) and $6.00 for a small dinner (fewer noodles and one meatball). Hope to see you there!

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**Pancake Breakfast**

St. Pascal's Cub Scout Pack 294

Sunday, December 3 after both Masses

S8/Adults and S5/kids (12 and under)

Includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice. Thanks for supporting our scouts!

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**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

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**Parish Office Hours**

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

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**School**

**Contact Information**

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**School Office Hours**

September-June
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
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair
Meetings - 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM

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**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.

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**Parish Prayer Line**

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

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**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.

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**Mass Announcements**

Direct to Sharon Balcom by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
Thanksgiving Deadlines for Bulletin
Thanksgiving is right around the corner and our bulletin goes to press on an accelerated deadline in preparation for the holiday. Please email notices for the November 24/25 bulletin by 3:00 PM (2:00 PM for hard copy notices) on Wednesday, November 15. Thank you!

Winter Weather—It’s Bound to Happen
Weather and Office Closure Policy
For meetings and events scheduled during the upcoming winter months, keep in mind that on those days when the St. Paul Public School District closes city schools due to weather, it is the practice of St. Pascal Baylon to close its school as well. When this happens, all school and parish activities and meetings will be cancelled.

While it is the expectation that all meetings and activities will be cancelled, if a group insists on meeting, it will be the sole responsibility of the representative staff member to arrange for the opening and closing of the building to accommodate them.

Daily Mass will be offered on weather-related days assuming that the Pastor/President can get to the church and there is someone there to unlock the building.
Christmas Party
Buffet Brunch

Inviting all of the
Women of St Pascal’s
and your friends
To join us for a Christmas party!

*Hosted by St Pascal’s Women’s Club*

Saturday, December 9th
11:00 a.m. Social
11:30 a.m. Meal
At Tunucci’s in Newport
396 21st St, Newport, MN 55055

Reservations are due by Monday, December 4th. The cost is $23 per person. Please fill out the reservation form on the other side of this flier and turn in with your payment. Make your checks payable to St Pascal’s Women’s Club and mail to Darlene Hoffmann at 2365 Kings Drive, Woodbury MN 55125-1626. Or drop off your registration form at our table after mass the weekends of November 18-19 and Dec 2-3.

**There is more information on the back of this flier.**

Tunicci’s brunch menu- Egg Bake, Eggs Benedict, Baked Chicken, Penne Alfredo, Carved Ham, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Desserts and Beverages. *Cash bar will be available.*
Join us for a fun filled Christmas party with games, prizes and Christmas carols!!

Questions? Contact Ellen Aeling at 651 307 8241 or email ellenoaeling@gmail.com

In the spirit of Christmas giving we will be collecting donations for the Giving Tree and Mater Dei Africa

What is the giving tree? We will decorate a Christmas tree with gift cards of any denomination from anywhere. These gift cards are given to the Friends and Family Dinner committee. This major fund raiser for St. Pascal’s uses these gift cards for prizes. Please donate a gift card from your favorite establishment.

The mission of the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club, includes supporting international charities. The international charity we are supporting for a second year is Mater Dei Africa. The mission of Mater Dei Africa (MDA) is to transform the lives of the poor of Tanzania, including elderly people and vulnerable children, by providing integrated family care and community based services to enable them to become self reliant and productive members of society, both economically and socially. If you would like to learn more about Mater Dei Africa talk to Carmen Alvarez who has spent some time getting to know Fr. Mansuetus Setonga and his mission or check out the web site http://www.materdeiafrica.org

We hope you will give your financial support to these causes!!

St Pascal’s Women’s Club Christmas Party Reservation Form
Name(s)

Phone ____________________________
Number attending ___________________
Total Enclosed ____________________

Directions to Tinucci’s from St Pascal’s
Head east on Conway St toward White Bear Ave
Turn right onto White Bear Ave then Merge onto I-94 W
Take exit 244 toward I-10 E/I-61 S. Turn left onto the 61/10 ramp
Continue on US-10 E/US-61 S to Bailey Rd/Maxwell Ave exit. Turn right onto Maxwell Ave
Continue onto 21st St

Tinucci’s - 396 21st Street, Newport, MN 55055
Santa Shop

Tuesday, December 5th through Thursday, December 7th

Students will be able to purchase gifts for Mom, Dad, Siblings, Grandparents, Friends, & Pets. Holiday and general items are priced from $.50 to $5.00.

Profits from the Santa Shop provide supplemental support for many school programs such as “Caught Doing Good” recognition, miscellaneous classroom supplies, school spirit, birthday certificates to the school store and end of the year buses for field trips.

** We are looking for volunteers to help with Santa Shop. We will need helpers to assist younger children with shopping and with wrapping the presents. **

Please send the bottom portion into school if you are interested in volunteering or you can contact Sarah Mathis at sarah.mathis@stpascals.org or 651-776-0092
Barb Odhiambo at barb.odhiambo@stpascals.org

Or sign up online at- http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aafa822a5f49-santa2/

We are also in need of any wrapping paper (partial rolls are okay), tissue paper, Christmas gift bags, ribbon, gift tags, scotch tape, large brown grocery bags. You can send supplies into the school office. Thank you!

Name ________________________________________________________
Phone Number or email __________________________________________
I can help on Tuesday, December 5th 12:30-2:30 1:30-3:30 All Day
I can help on Wednesday, December 6th 9:30-11:30 11:30-1:30 1:30-3:30 All Day
I can help on Thursday, December 7th 9:30-11:30 11:30-1:30 1:30-3:30 All Day
Thursday, December 7th Clean Up 3:30-4:30 (until done)
Give to the MAX Day is coming!
Thursday, November 16th

What if you could turn a $20 donation into an additional $1,000 or even $10,000 donation for St. Pascal School? Join us on November 16 for Give to the Max Day and you could help make that happen!

Ways to give:
- Make a donation Nov. 1-15 through givemn.org and St. Pascal School will have a chance to win an additional $500.
- Make a donation on Nov. 16 through givemn.org and St. Pascal School will have a chance to win an additional $1,000 each hour OR the $10,000 Super-Sized ticket!

St. Pascal's School is teaming up with Green Mill again this year. Anyone who gives a gift of $20 or more to St. Pascal's School on November 16 will be entered into a drawing to win a $100 Green Mill Gift card! Two winners will be selected.

Be sure to mark your calendar and make your St. Pascal School gift on November 16th by visiting GiveMN.org and search for St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School. You may also choose to give directly to our school by visiting our website:
http://stpascalschool.org/support-spbc/.

Questions: Please contact Mary Worley, Director of Development 651-774-1585 ext. 134 or mary.worley@stpascals.org