



**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.

**DECEMBER 31, 2017 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

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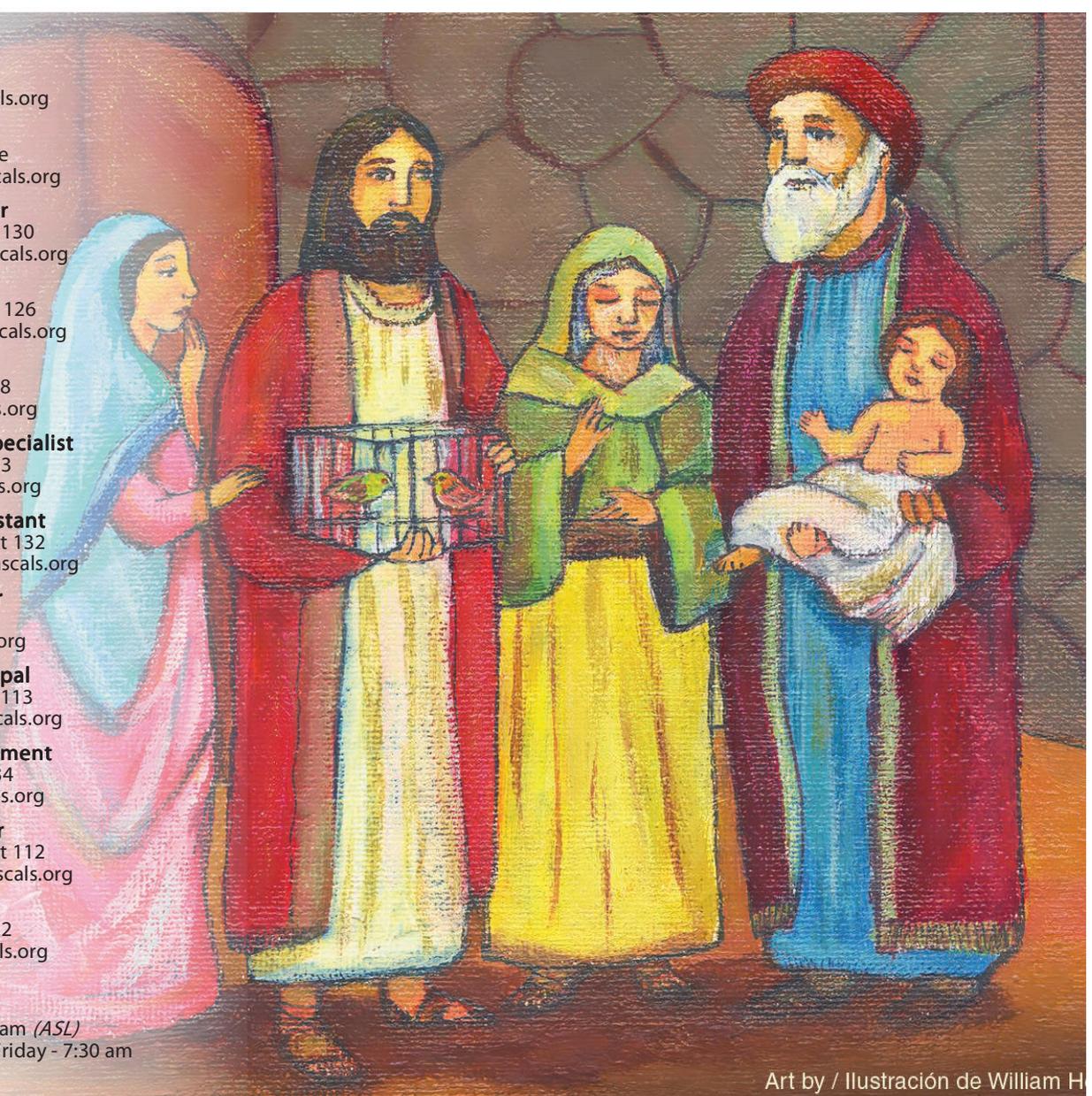
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**MASS TIMES**

Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 8:45 & 10:30 am (ASL)  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 7:30 am  
Wednesday - 9:30 am



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Dear Friends:

In this season of Christmas, we rightly speak a lot about the joy of welcoming the Lord into our world and into our lives. Surely it is true that there has never been a greater miracle than God actually becoming human (well, OK, I guess the resurrection from the dead is right up there too). But it can become fairly easy for us to pass over the challenging part of this season, namely, that the Incarnation of Jesus was/is not just some charming story from long ago that is meant to elicit sweet sentiment in us. Far from it. An early Christian teacher, St. Irenaeus, said correctly that "God became human so that humans might become God." That is not something that just "happens" to us, as if by magic; it's something we must work at with diligence, always with the grace that comes to us from Christ. Christmas is not just a happy memory; it is a summons to work.

And if we look at the life witness of Jesus we may be somewhat humbled, maybe even a little disturbed, in realizing what it means to "become God" in human terms. For one thing, most basically, it means that "becoming God" is something of which we are capable, in the light of Christmas. In many respects it would be a lot easier if we humans could content ourselves with the notion that we are of little worth and powerless and incapable of changing the circumstances of the world. And in fact in many of the prayers of the "new" mass translation of seven years ago, that's exactly the impression that is given, which is why that translation is so wrong and needs to be fixed. If it's all up to God to solve what is wrong in our world and in our lives, then we get a pass and an excuse for doing nothing. That was not Jesus' way, and must not be our way either.

To "become God" is to model our lives after the life of Christ, which for him meant stepping into danger, opposing injustice, scandalizing people with the extent of his mercy, willingly becoming poor for the sake of ministering among the poor, and opposing the arrogant and self-righteous "important" people of his day. It's what led him to the cross. These are not the sweet sentiments of Christmas, which is why it can be more than a little misleading to turn this holiday into a sugar-plum sort of nursery story. As we gaze upon the manger scene in our church (or anywhere), let's remember what we are really looking at—a homeless family consigned to a barn in the cold night, trying to stay warm among farm animals. There is nothing romantic or lovely about that, even though we are often tempted to treat it as such in our imaginations.

Sorry to be the Grinch here, but I hope I'm doing nothing other than calling us back to the most important truth about the meaning of this season. "Becoming God" is hard work, and the work is ours. This weekend we turn the page on a new year, which is a natural excuse to do an honest self-evaluation on how we are doing in our mission. May this time of year be more than simple indulgence in nostalgia or, worse, frenzy in the shopping mall. That's not part of the program of "becoming God."

By the way, this week marks the tenth anniversary of the death of our former pastor, Fr. Tom Brioschi. Several of his priest friends, including me, gathered for mass and lunch in order to remember a large man and spirit, in every sense of the word. I am reminded of Tom almost daily, because most of the liturgical vestments we have here at St. Pascal's were tailored to suit him, not me. He was one of the great ones who showed us how to become God. We can all do that for one another.

Fr. Mike Byron

### **Women's Book Club**

*Monday, January 8 at 7:00 PM*

Time to make a new Year's Resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women's Book Club. 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, January 8, we will discuss The War that Saved Me by Kimberly Bradley. Next month, February 12 we will share thoughts about A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Contact Toni Baker [toni@bakers.us](mailto:toni@bakers.us) or 731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2018 selections or for more information.

### **Wine & Craft Beer Tasting**

*Tuesday, January 16*

*6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall*

This evening of wine, beer & treats is sponsored by the St. Pascal's Women's Club & Sarrack's International Wine & Spirits. All parish members 21 & older are welcome to attend. Join us & bring a friend. A \$5.00 donation is welcome.

### **Year-End Financial Gifts**

As this calendar year quickly comes to a close, you may consider a special year-end financial gift to the parish in support of our many ministries and/or to support our mortgage reduction efforts. Last year, we received over 35 special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged! Remember, all gifts must be received by December 31 to be considered for the 2017 tax year. NEW for 2017: Go to [stpascals.weshareonline.org](http://stpascals.weshareonline.org) to make a one-time donation. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Thank You Ministers & Volunteers**

To all our liturgists, cantors, proclaimers, musicians, ushers and greeters, environment and art volunteers and the many others who worked tirelessly to bring us such a beautiful and meaningful Christmas celebration: God bless all your good work.

### **Thank You St. Pascal's**

...for welcoming and supporting our Canadian friends in Face-to-Face ministries. Each year we participate in this face-to-face encounter with one missionary organization so that we might personally share in the story of the Good News being proclaimed in one part of the world. May our Missionary God continue to strengthen you in living out your own call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Center for Mission

OUR SCHOOL

**Register for the 2018-19 School Year**

Registration is fast approaching! Are you interested in checking out St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School? We are currently offering tours and meeting with families interested in our program. Schedule a visit today!

**Kindergarten Shadow Opportunity**

Pre-K families interested in SPBCS Kindergarten experience a one-hour snapshot of a "day in the life of a SPBCS Kindergartener"! This opportunity includes a tour of the school, observation, and finishes with a Q&A with Admissions Director, Jackie Nordman. Call the school today or email Jackie Nordman at jackie.nordman@stpascals.org.

**Upcoming Enrollment Event: SPBCS Early Learning Center Preschool/Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up**

*Thursday, January 11 from 5:30-6:30 PM*

Current and Interested Families can check out the classrooms and meet the teachers! What a great event to continue our Enrollment Kick-Off—dress in your favorite sports team apparel! Fun activities in the gym, craft projects and treats and prize drawings too!

**NEW for 2018-19: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....**Preschool (3yr old) Half-Day morning class!

It will be a great night to see the amazing program for your child's educational foundation....TOUCHDOWN!

**First Wednesday Mass & Dessert—Wednesday, January 3**

*Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street*

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 every 1st Wednesday of the month and enjoy time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting folks from St. Pascal's. We hope to see you there!

**Emergency Food Help—Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave**

*Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM*

If you or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf at Progressive Baptist Church for a variety of nutritious items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

**MLK Jr. Community Breakfasts—Monday, January 15 from 7:00 - 9:30 AM**

*Multiple neighborhood locations (St. Casimir's parish is this year's Eastside site)*

Plan now to celebrate the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday at one of our uplifting community breakfasts. Enjoy a tasty, hot breakfast and watch a live broadcast of the General Mills breakfast event in downtown Minneapolis. The keynote speaker will be David Oyelowo, lead actor in the 2014 film Selma. Everyone is invited to attend. Space for the breakfast is limited, so reservations are required.

Tickets Adult \$5 | Ages 12 & under FREE

Register at [interfaithaction.org/mlk](http://interfaithaction.org/mlk)

FAITH FORMATION

**Mission Trip Spots Still Available**

There are still a few spots available for the youth mission trip to Nashville from July 14-22, 2018. Open to youth entering grades 8-12 in September 2018. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for details.

**Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction**

*Saturday, January 27, 2018*

*5:00-7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall*

The Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction is a fundraiser for the youth mission trip to Nashville. Watch the bulletin for details. If you would like to contribute gift cards, merchandise, or services to the silent auction, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**St. Pascal's Legacy Society**

Estate planning is the way to continue your life's work. Invest time to insure that your life's efforts will continue the causes and people who will most treasure your gifts and were most treasured by you. Your attorney, with your accountant, can prepare a proper will and make other arrangements for the easy transfer of your estate. Please remember St. Pascal's in your estate planning. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

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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**

*Cindy Reisdorf, Chair*  
 Meetings - 4TH Thursday at 6:30 PM

**Sacramental Information**

**Reconciliation**

4:00 PM Saturday and by appt.  
*Communal Reconciliation twice yearly. Check the bulletin for dates.*

**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](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org). 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

## Readings December 31, 2017

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### Tuesday, January 2

7:30 AM + William Weyandt

### Wednesday, January 3

9:30 AM People of the Parish

### Thursday, January 4

7:30 AM People of the Parish

### Friday, January 5

7:30 AM Men's Club

### Saturday, January 6

4:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 7

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:45 AM Jim & Ellen Lecher

10:30 AM + Dorothy Kelleher

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### Heart Questions

*Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.*

Luke 2:51a

**Adults:** What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

**Kids:** Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?

### Sunday:

*The Holy Family*

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Ps 105:1-6, 8-9

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Lk 2:22-40

### Monday:

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 1:19-28

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29--3:6

Ps 98:1, 3, 6

Jn 1:29-34

### Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10

Ps 98:1, 7-9

Jn 1:35-42

### Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21

Ps 100:1-5

Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Mk1:7-11

### Next Sunday:

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

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## Immigration Sunday MN

Since 2009, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota have designated a Sunday in January, typically the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, as Immigration Sunday Minnesota. Immigration Sunday gives us an opportunity to learn more about the Church's teaching on immigration and raise awareness about migration and immigration issues in Minnesota and beyond. The theme of this year's Immigration Sunday MN is "Share the Journey," which has, at its heart, the vision of a united global human family. The focus is on our joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit, and host communities. Our public awareness campaign promotes opportunities and spaces for migrants and communities to come together and share stories and experiences, with the aim of strengthening the bonds between migrants and communities.

### ***What Can You Do?***

Learn more about Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration, tell Congress to support Immigration Reform, help Unaccompanied Migrants and support the Family Reunification Program. For more information and resources, visit the parish website or [mncatholic.org/advocacyarea/immigration-sunday-mn](http://mncatholic.org/advocacyarea/immigration-sunday-mn).

## The Week Ahead

Visit us at [www.stpascals.org](http://www.stpascals.org) for more information on upcoming events.

### Sunday, December 31—Feast of the Holy Family

No scheduled events

### Monday, January 1, 2018—Mary, Mother of God

No Mass (*Not a holy day of obligation in 2018*)

Parish and school offices closed

No scheduled events

### Tuesday, January 2

6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

### Wednesday, January 3

School Resumes

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:30am School Mass

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

6:30pm Catechist Meeting: SL

7:00pm Choir: CR

### Thursday, January 4

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

7:00pm SJCC Meeting: FR

### Friday, January 5

No scheduled events

### Saturday, January 6

No scheduled events

### Sunday, January 7—Epiphany of the Lord

12:00pm Confirmation II (w/sponsors): CH, OC

### Monday, January 8—Baptism of the Lord

7:00pm Women's Book Club: FR

7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym & 108

### Tuesday, January 9

6:00pm Women's Club Board Meeting: FR

6:30pm AFF Meeting: SL

### Wednesday, January 10

7:30am School Board: FR

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:30am School Mass

10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: CH

6:00pm PTP: FR, Nursery

6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105

7:00pm Choir: CR

### Thursday, January 11

5:30 Preschool-K Open House

7:00pm Men's Club Members Meeting: CF

### Friday, January 12

No scheduled events

### Saturday, January 13

6:00am Men's Club Donut Making setup: BH Kit

9:00am Men's Club Donut Making: BH Kit

9:00am 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grocery Bagging: Cub Foods Sun Ray

After Mass Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM

### Sunday, January 14, 2018

After Masses New Member Registration: BH

Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM

Men's Club Donut Sales: BH

#### Meeting Location Key:

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

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*May God bless you with a year of happiness and peace!*