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.

JANUARY 28, 2018 | 4TH 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
Dear Friends:

One of Pope Francis' more interesting images for thinking about the church and its mission is the biblical image of "Jesus," who says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock..." I put Jesus in quotation marks here because the passage is actually taken from the Book of Revelation (3:20), in which the author, John, is caught up in a series of visions and is confronted by "one like a Son of Man," who has white hair and doesn't physically resemble any Jesus of Nazareth that we otherwise have encountered in the gospels. So it's curious how regularly this image has been depicted in art and in our imaginations in a typically American individualistic way, with the man from Galilee tapping at the door of our hearts and hoping to gain entry. Kind of like Santa, only arriving with spiritual presents to share with us if only we would open. It is always we who end up as the beneficiaries in this kind of imagination. Pope Francis has a different take on it.

Instead of Jesus trying to get in to visit us, he says, why don't we use this scriptural metaphor to think of a Jesus who is trapped inside the structures of the institutional church, and inside the "walls" of our own hearts, and who is begging to get out, to become available to where most people actually live every day. Suddenly it is no longer we who await his treasures, but instead it is we who have the responsibility to share the treasures that we already have with others who do not yet know the saving power of God in Christ. That's quite a different picture. And it demands something from us, which is why we probably don't often prefer it. But it is far more consistent with what our faith actually holds—that we who are baptized and who have been given all that we need to continue the mission of Jesus in the world are supposed to be the givers, not the getters. What is it about the presence of Jesus that we fully-initiated Christians don't think we already have? We—all of us together—are to be the missionaries, not the subjects of missionary activity of Jesus or of anybody else.

To think about our fundamental identity in this way is to change some of the most basic questions about being church. Historically speaking it is a relatively recent and very North American instinct to think of church as a kind of therapeutic refuge where people can go to receive spiritual goods and services that they want, a marketplace for my peace of mind. Pope Francis, of course, is not a North American and he is steeped in a profound Ignatian (i.e. Jesuit) spiritual tradition that is hundreds of years old. It is no surprise that he sometimes seems "out of step" with what we assume to be the religious sensibilities of the U.S. and Western Europe, including the Catholic ones. Does it ever occur to us that we are the ones who need to listen and learn—and perhaps change?

Once we start to get it that we are here to help and encourage people other than ourselves, the whole mission of the church begins to be reframed. Jesus is no longer the guy knocking at the door trying to reach us (he's already done that in baptism). Instead Jesus is in us and working through us, together, trying to reach the most destitute and poor and excluded and marginalized. It's what the gospels tell us about him. This hits very close to home for us at St. Pascal's, situated as we are in a neighborhood that increasingly is home to many of those "others" about whom Our Lord is so passionate. Let's keep the door open and let Jesus out, as we already do in many important ways each week. One of the most visible ways we do that is in and through our school, and we will celebrate that with great gratitude during this coming week.

Fr. Mike Byron

CRS Rice Bowl

During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor as our companion on the Lenten journey through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. We will come to understand how we are part of the global human family.

More information about CRS Rice Bowl will be published in the coming weeks, and rice bowls will be available for parishioners to take home beginning the weekend of February 10/11.

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Women's Book Club

Monday, February 12 at 7:00 PM

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? Do it this month! We meet in the Founders Room on the 2nd Mondays of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, February 12, we will discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles and next month, March 12, we will share thoughts about Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue.

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert

Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street

Wednesday, February 7

Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM followed by dessert and social hour at 1:30 across from the Snack Shop.

Join St. Pascal friends for dessert every 1st Wednesday of the month and share the kindness of a personal connection. It's good to spend some time with our parish elders and they enjoy time with you. Invite anyone who would enjoy visiting folk from St. Pascal's. We hope to see you there!

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Don McCormick

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul's eternal peace.
OUR SCHOOL

Registration and Enrollment
The 2018-2019 Enrollment Season is going great!! We are 70% re-enrolled and 5 new families have enrolled and very excited to get an outstanding educational and spiritual foundation!

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

Upcoming January Events:
28  10:00 AM  Preschool-8th Grade Open House
28  Catholic Schools Week begins!
29  5:00-7:00 PM  SunRay Culver’s Night

Heggie’s Pizza Sale
7th and 8th graders at St. Pascals are selling Heggie’s Pizzas to raise funds for their Washington DC trip. There are many different varieties of pizzas available and they can be ordered from any of the 7th or 8th grade students. Checks can be made out to “St. Pascal’s School”. Pizzas will be delivered on Tuesday, February 13.

Culver’s Night
Monday, January 29 from 5:00 to 7:00
Join us at the Culver’s on Old Hudson Road. Enjoy a great dinner and help our students at the same time. Proceeds go to the 7th/8th grade Washington DC trip.

— ADULT FAITH FORMATION —

How to Read the Bible as a Catholic
with Deacon Richard Moore
Monday, March 5 in Brioschi Hall
10:00 am-12 Noon AND 7:00-9:00 pm
Choose the time that works for you!
Catholics of the world were encouraged by the bishops at Vatican II to read the Bible. “The sacred synod also earnestly and especially urges all the Christian faithful…to learn by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures the ‘excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ’ (Phil. 3:8). For ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” (Dei Verbum)

So how do we go about reading the Bible? What Bible should I get? Is the Bible myth or history? What books are in the Bible? Old Testament, New Testament? Why are there more books in a Catholic Bible? We will explore these questions and more along with methods the Catholic Church uses to understand and interpret the Holy Word of God.

Save The Date
Celebration of a Jewish Seder
With Rabbi Barry Cytron
Monday, March 26 from 7:00-9:00 PM
Brioschi Hall
Plan to join us for this special evening! More details will be coming, and reservations will be required.

Emergency Food Help
Progressive Baptist Church
1505 Burns Avenue, Saint Paul
If you or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for a variety of nourishing items.

No residency or parish membership requirements.

Lent 2018 Bible Study
Galatians: Free in Christ
Through this Galatians Bible study, participants discover why conversion in Christ offers a new life of truly radical freedom. Groups/times available are:

- Fridays, 8:15-9:45 am—starts February 10
- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm—starts February 13
- Thursdays, 9:30-11 am—starts February 15

If you would like to join one of the groups, please register by February 5. Forms are available in the kiosks, or you can register online at www.stpascals.org. Suggested fee is $15/person. To sign up, get more information, or arrange to pick up a book, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

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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.
Mass Times & Intentions

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Heart Questions

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.  
Mark 1:21-28

Adults: Can you name any modern examples of people in whom you have seen the power and authority of God at work?

Kids: What did the people who saw and heard Jesus find so amazing?

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. 

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, January 28
Catholic Schools Week begins
9:30am New Member Registration: BH
10:00am CSW Open House: School Campus
11:45am Confirmation Interviews: Parish Office
1:00pm Private Event: BH

Monday, January 29
9:30am Nia: OC
5:00pm Culvers Night: Sun Ray
6:30pm Prebaptism Session: PC
7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: 108, CF
7:00pm Conway Rec Center: Gym

Tuesday, January 30
7:00pm Conway Rec Center: Gym

Wednesday, January 31
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm Choir: CR
7:00pm Conway Rec Center: Gym

Thursday, February 1
2:00pm Private Event: FR
7:00pm Men’s Club Board Meeting: CF
7:00pm SJCC: FR
7:00pm H-M Volleyball: Gym

Friday, February 2
No scheduled events

Saturday, February 3
9:00am 7th & 8th Grade Grocery Bagging: Sun Ray Cub Foods

Sunday, February 4—Scout Sunday
12:00pm Confirmation I: OC

Meeting Location Key:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room

Peaceful Presence Silent Meditation and Prayer
Every second Wednesday
10:30-11:30 AM in the St. John’s Chapel

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience His tenderness."

POPE FRANCIS

Do you feel like you are being surrounded by negative messages in every form of media?

Do you have a desire to take some quality time away from the phones, computers, TVs, faxes and iPads to listen to the still, small stirrings of the Holy Spirit?

We have a wonderful option for you—join us in the St. John’s Chapel for silent prayer and meditation. We are asking our neighbors from all the East Side congregations to join us in this time of peaceful prayer. Imagine the strong message this action will be for our neighborhood and our children.

Please ask your neighbors to join us!