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.

MARCH 11, 2018 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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:

Do you have a favorite song or hymn at church? Or do you have one that you can't stand? I plead guilty to both, yet often when I'm asked just why I have specific feelings about a piece of music I can't exactly explain it. And some songs prove to be more "durable" over time than others, which is to say that some pieces just wear out after a while and others remain engaging over the long haul. There is a real skill involved in selecting church music for congregational singing, and we are blessed here at St. Pascal's with Sharon Balcom's decades of expertise in that regard. One of the reasons that ours is such an exceptionally good singing community—and believe me, we are—is that great care is taken to fit the right pieces of music with the right liturgical event. Another reason is Judy Sherman's expert ability to accompany us skillfully on the keyboard. I remember once hearing an adage that "many church musicians are merely musicians who happen accidentally to be working in a church." I agree with that, and I have worked alongside some of those people over the years. It isn't enough to be excellent at playing your instrument(s). If you can't also accompany in a way that encourages a community to join in song then you don't belong in the business of church music. I should also add here my enormous gratitude for the skill, talent, and generosity of the many parishioners who volunteer to support us in music ministries, whether vocal or instrumental. We are unusually blessed that way.

But back to the question of personal likes and dislikes... Many years ago (at another parish) I remember singing a hymn during mass that I particularly liked. One of the lay leaders of the parish felt differently about it and later requested, angrily, that the music director never play that song in church again. It was a selfish demand, and I noticed that in fact that song was rarely scheduled after that. Like every other aspect of gathering together for worship, we sing as one community, one religious family. And that means that, like in any family, decisions get made for the benefit of the whole, and not at the whim of one member's tastes and preferences, even those of the leader. Any communal gathering involves sacrifice as well as pleasure; the sacrifice is my willingness not always to get my personal priorities satisfied. There are at least a couple of songs that we do in church together that I really hate, but I sing them whole-heartedly anyway because they help the community as a whole to pray well in a given moment. And on the other hand, there are some other songs in our own hymn books that we never sing but that I wish we would. But it's not all about me.

During my last several years on the faculty of the seminary every high holy day would include the singing of a song called, "Lady of Knock," which was imposed upon the community because one of the people in leadership of the place liked it. It never had anything to do with the liturgy. It's a Marian song that is set to an Irish drinking tune. It was the one piece that I simply refused to sing because I believed it did such violence to the liturgical prayer. It quickly became something of a joke among the seminarians because my loathing for that piece was so visually obvious in the chapel. They would tease me about that even though I didn't make a point of speaking about it. Liturgical leadership is never about making everybody in the community conform to what I personally prefer.

But if someday you get tired of me being around St. Pascal's, Sharon has the code to the nuclear arsenal of hated songs, and she will know how to get rid of me.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**Bowl Tenders for Holy Thursday**

Liturgy: March 29 at 7:00 PM
Rehearsal: Sunday, March 25 at 11:45 AM
(Please note time correction.)

One of the most prominent ritual actions for this night is the Washing of Feet. As in past years, everyone in the pews will be invited to take part. We need 10 individuals to assist those coming forward to take part in the ritual. When we commit ourselves to be involved in this action, we begin to understand more readily what it means to serve one another. Please contact Sharon Balcom in the parish office if you are willing and able to help!

**CRS Operation Rice Bowl**

**Encounter Lent: Encounter Andrise**

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. It's too late to pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space and join us—and nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S.—in a life-changing journey of encounter this Lent.

**Women's Book Club**

Monday, March 12 at 7:00 PM

We meet in the Founders Room on the second Monday of each month. Join us as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue and next month, April 9, we'll discuss Cecelia McDonald and Kathryn McDonald's Running the Cobblestones.

The authors will share the evening with us—it's an evening you won't want to miss!

**Holiday Bulletin Deadlines**

Notices for the Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins are due according to the following accelerated schedule:

- **Palm Sunday (March 25)**
  Notice due: Friday, March 16

- **Easter Sunday (April 1)**
  Notice due: Wednesday, March 21

**St. John's University Men's Chorus Concert & Reception—A Program of Sacred and Secular Music**

Sunday, March 18 at 3:30 PM in the church and Brioscchi Hall

Join us for an afternoon of music with SJU's select male voice touring ensemble of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University.
Thanks to all our volunteer bakers who have provided delicious baked goods for sale at the weekly Lenten Fish Fry. Proceeds from the sale come right back to the school so keep on baking! Be sure to bring the family to the Fish Fry—only two weeks left (through March 23)!

**Virtus Training Session**
*Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 AM—Noon in Briosci Hall (Childcare will be provided)*

Are you planning to volunteer with children/youth in the parish or school later this spring or summer? 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, 2015).

All NEW volunteers working with children are required to complete the following:

- **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. Pasca’s on Saturday, April 7. 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. Pasca’s is the primary location where you volunteer.
- Background Check (complete online)
- View Code of Conduct Training and sign Code of Conduct (complete online)

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

All CURRENT volunteers need to be recredentialed every three years. If you need to check on your status, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**East Metro Faith Formation**

**East Metro Catholic Young Adults**
*Serve-Connect-Socialize on Friday, April 13 6:00-7:30 PM* Join young adults from the East Metro in a packing shift at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Road), and then gather to socialize at the Applebee's at 1335 Town Center Drive in Eagan.

Sign up to join us at www.fmsc.org. Under volunteer reservations, click “join a group” and put in East Metro Young Adults as the group you wish to join. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Friends & Family Event—Saturday, April 21 at 5:00 PM in Briosci Hall**
*Kick-off Meeting—Monday, March 19 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge.*

Would you like to help out with Friends & Family Event? The Friends & Family Event is a fantastically fun fundraiser for St. Pascal's. Ellen and Mike Aeling are chairing the event and need lots of volunteers to carry out this magical evening. Come to the meeting to find out how you can help. Please email or call Mike Aeling if you have any questions at 307.8237 or mjaeling@gmail.com.

**Gift Cards NEEDED to be used as prizes.**

Gift cards can be to restaurants, stores, gas stations, garden centers, grocery stores etc. Minimum value $10 but we need higher values as well. If you would prefer to donate cash or check and let us buy the gift cards, that would be fantastic! If you need some ideas for gift cards please come by our poster in the gathering space and pick up a gift card idea tag. Drop off your gift cards at our poster in the gathering space, bring to the parish office or put in the collection basket (in an envelope labeled Friends & Family). Questions? Contact Mike Aeling at 307.8237 or mjaeling@gmail.com.

**Men’s Club Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent from February 16 – March 23**
*4:30 to 7:00 PM in Briosci Hall (Please use the Flandreau St. entrance)*

The “All-You-Can-Eat” menu offers fried or baked cod, coleslaw, steamed mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes or seasoned fries, rolls and butter, coffee, water, and chocolate or vanilla pudding. Milk, bottled water and assorted pop extra. Raffle and baked goods sale. Take-out will be available!

Adults (12 and up): $12.00  |  Children (6-11): $5.00  |  Children 5 and under: FREE

Proceeds go to purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for our school Physical Education program and extracurricular sports activities, plus other parish/school needs.

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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
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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**Readings**

March 11, 2018

**Sunday:**
- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
- Ps 137:1-6
- Eph 2:4-10
- Jn 3:14-21

**Monday:**
- Is 65:17-21
- Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
- Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:**
- Ez 47:1-9, 12
- Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
- Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:**
- Is 49:8-15
- Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
- Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:**
- Ex 32:7-14
- Ps 106:19-23
- Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:**
- Wis 2:1a, 12-22
- Ps 34:17-21, 23
- Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:**
- Jer 11:18-20
- Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12
- Jn 7:40-53

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**The Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, March 11—LENT 4**

Daylight Saving Time starts

After Masses: New Member Registration: BH
2:00pm: Girl Scouts: CF

**Monday, March 12**

9:30am: Conscious Dance: OC
6:30pm: AFF Committee: SL
7:00pm: Women's Book Club: FR
7:00pm: Boy Scouts 294: 108, CF
7:00pm: Conway Rec Center: Gym

**Tuesday, March 13**

8:15am: Bible Study: PC
6:00pm: Women's Club Board Meeting: FR
7:00pm: Bible Study: PC
7:00pm: Conway Rec Center: Gym

**Wednesday, March 14**

7:30am: School Board: FR
8:15am: MS Honor Roll Breakfast: BH
9:00am: Rosary: CH
9:30am: School Mass—All are welcome!
10:30am: Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
6:30pm: Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm: Choir: CR
7:00pm: Conway Rec Center: Gym

**Thursday, March 15**

9:30am: Bible Study: PC
9:30am: Conscious Dance: OC
6:30pm: Cub Scout Pack Meeting: CF
7:00pm: H-M Volleyball: Gym

**Friday, March 16**

4:30pm: Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit
4:30pm: SJCC Britanny's Place Collection: CM
7:00pm: Stations of the Cross: CH

**Saturday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day**

9:30am: Passion Proclaimer Rehearsal: CH
10:15am: Vigil Proclaimers Rehearsal: CH

**Sunday, March 18—LENT 5**

9:00am: Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast: Kit, BH
12:00pm: Confirmation I: OC
3:30pm: St. John's Men's Chorus Concert & Reception: CH, BH

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**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

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

Financial Gifts—July-January, 2017

For fiscal year July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018

**Parish (July-January)**

| Income | $160,072.97 |
| Expenses | $114,421.17 |
| Surplus | $44,651.80 |

**School (July-January)**

| Income | $130,382.54 |
| Expenses | $95,677.17 |
| Surplus | $34,705.47 |

Thank you so much for your continued support. Questions? Please let me know.

—Theresa Ruttger, Parish Administrator

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

You may purchase a plant or make a donation (any amount) in honor of a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Suggested donation is $10. Thank you for your gift!

I would like to purchase an Easter plant in (circle one)

| Honor of | Memory of |

Donated by:

Please make checks payable to St. Pascal's.

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**Heart Questions**

*Through the Eyes of Faith*

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:17

**Adults:** Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

**Kids:** When you feel badly about something you've done, how does Jesus make you feel safe and loved?
Today’s Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23; Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21. The readings today tell of the merciful love of God. Carey Landry emphasizes this aspect of God in the song “God is Rich in Mercy” in which he wrote, “God is rich in mercy, full of compassion.” Today’s Gospel points out that God’s love for us is so profound that he offered his only Son on the Cross so that we might have eternal life. When we consider our ancestors in the faith, we learn they wrestled to follow the Commandments and remain faithful to God just as we do today.

In the Book of Chronicles, the Israelites were taken into captivity as punishment for their infidelity, but even here, God’s mercy prevails when King Cyrus, inspired by the Lord, freed the people. Sin causes us to turn away from God, but instead of punishment, God gives us the gift of his Son who has redeemed us; he has brought us out of the darkness into his light. No matter the circumstances in which we find ourselves, God is present and mercy overflows.

In this season of mercy, it is important to name those sins that keep us from God and seek forgiveness. It is also important to show mercy to others, especially those whom we may have harmed in any way. As you ponder God’s mercy, consider celebrating the Sacrament of Penance this week.

Raise Us Up
O God,
you are rich in mercy and full of compassion.
From generation to generation,
you poured forth your abundant love upon your people.
Liberate us from the darkness of sin and raise us up with Christ,
so that, renewed by the Cross, we may be strengthened for ministry.

Watch over us when we go astray and keep us close to the heart of your Son.
Give us prophetic voices that joyfully announce your mercy and love to all those who are exiled by sin so that all may find a place at the heavenly banquet.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 11, 2018
Mercy

Raise Us Up
O God,
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Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
**THIS WEEK AT HOME**

**Monday, March 12**
**Healed**
When we reflect on Scripture, we consider not only physical healing but spiritual transformations. The first thing you might notice in the Gospel is that the official’s son is healed, but that is not the end of the story. When the son is healed, the man “came to believe.” The Psalm provides a prayer of thanksgiving for the times we have been rescued/healed by God. Make a list of those times God has been with you and healed you. *Today’s Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54.*

**Tuesday, March 13**
**Living Water**
As you reflect on today’s readings, keep Baptism in mind. Water is a mighty force of nature. It can nourish our bodies and the ground or destroy everything in its path. In Baptism, everything unclean in us is destroyed and we are nourished with the Living Water. Ezekiel’s vision tells of the abundance where the river flows. Christ is the Living Water that brings us life. *Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.*

**Wednesday, March 14**
**Jesus, the Son of God**
In the Gospel, Jesus tells the people that he is the Son of God and that the time will come when all will be raised to new life. As in the First Reading, where Isaiah prophesies about the day of the Lord, Jesus too promises that the dead who have done good will hear and have life. How well have you responded to God’s voice this Lenten season? God is truly gracious and merciful. Open your hearts to his Word. Write about or draw the images that come to mind after reading the Gospel. *Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

**Thursday, March 15**
**Golden Calf**
The First Reading once again highlights God’s profound mercy for his loved ones. The Israelites have crafted a golden calf to worship. They have lost faith in God and turned away from him. We too struggle to remain faithful, especially when we feel lost, alone, or afraid. Moses helped the people see God’s presence. Who helps you see God’s presence? Know that no matter the sin, God will not shower wrath upon you but will call you home and wait patiently for your loving gaze. Make a list of the “golden calves” in your life and offer them up in prayer. *Today’s Readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

**Friday, March 16**
**The Wisdom of God**
Though written long before the time of Christ, the First Reading describes how those who reject Jesus’ wisdom plotted to kill him. Wickedness blinds our hearts to see what is good and righteous. It sets us on a path of destruction. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus confronts sin and death so that we might have life. Do we have ears to hear and hearts to learn the wisdom of God? Invite a wisdom figure from your life to coffee or tea. *Today’s Readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21 and 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.*

**Saturday, March 17**
**Refuge**
During these final days of Lent, listen carefully to the refrain of the Psalm. In times of pain and weakness, God is truly our refuge. This Lenten season may have revealed the blind spots within our hearts, but all should know that sin cannot take hold when we seek refuge in God. Allow God’s mercy to wash over you and ask for God’s justice. Pray today for all those who seek refuge and safety. *Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20, Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*
Celebration of a Jewish Seder

Christians share with Jews a story and an experience: once we were bound in slavery but the Lord brought us to freedom. This story has diverse understandings that link us with our Jewish neighbors, especially in the springtime of hope and renewal. Please join us for a celebration of the Seder service, as we explore the traditional Jewish ritual meal for Passover. Rabbi Barry Cytron, a colleague of Fr. Mike Byron, returns to St. Pascal’s once again to lead us through this beautiful time of the calendar.

Monday, March 26, 2018
7:00-9:00 PM
Brioschi Hall
with Rabbi Barry Cytron

Reservations **REQUIRED** by March 21.
*Seating is limited.*
*Child care available with reservation.*

Rabbi Cytron recently retired from teaching in the Religious Studies department at Macalester and serving as the campus’ Jewish Chaplain. Previously he served for twenty five years as a congregational rabbi, first in Des Moines, Iowa and then in Minneapolis. From 1996-2009, he was the director of the Jay Phillips Center, a venture devoted to fostering sustained interfaith education, based at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota.