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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 18, 2018 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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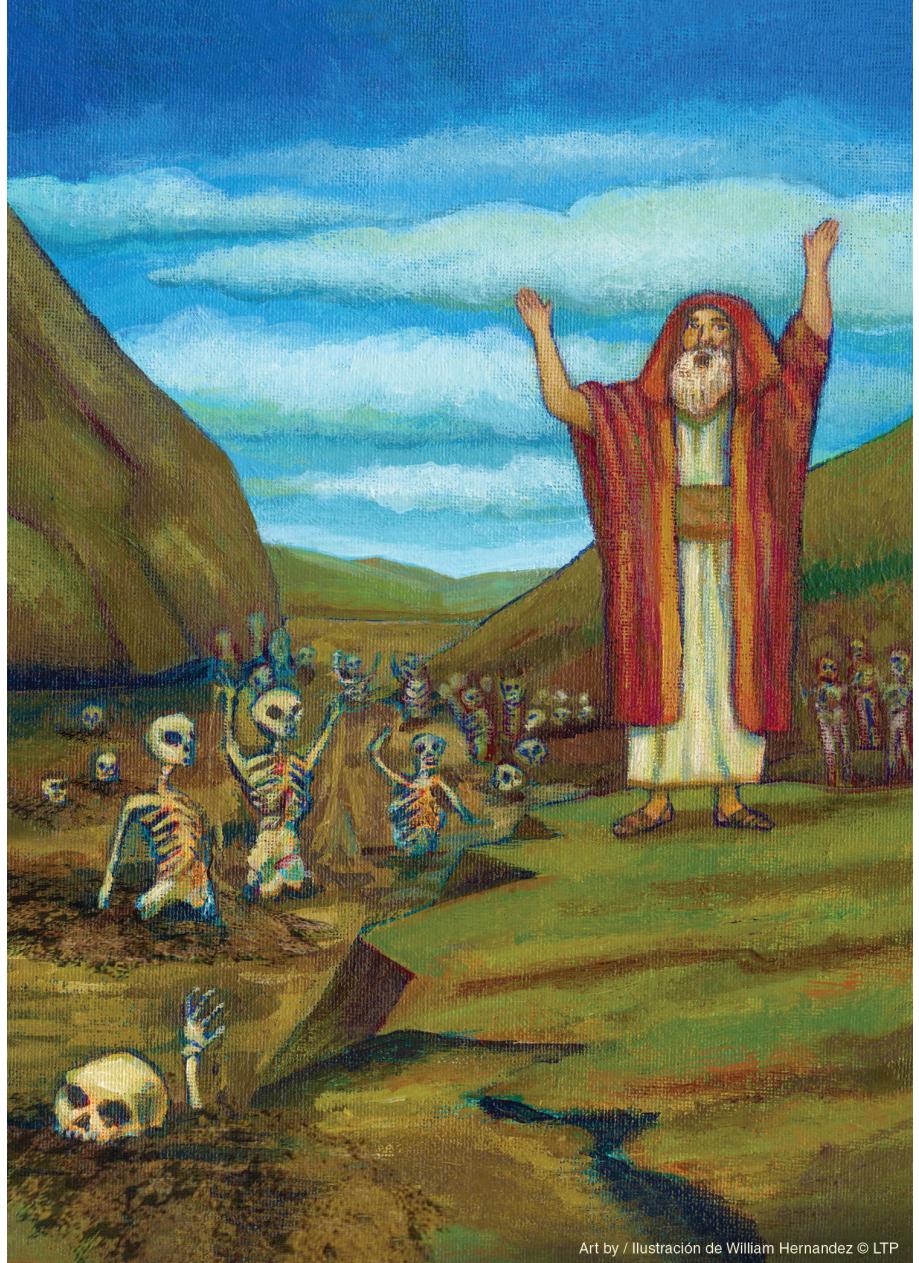
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MASS TIMES

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:

As I am writing this I am sitting alone in an oncology hospital room in Helena, MT. Outside the windows are snow-covered Rocky Mountains bathed brightly in the cool sunshine of late winter. I have visited this mall city many, many times before over the course of the past four decades, because it is the home of my dear and life-long friend who moved here to go to college and basically never returned to Minnesota. We vacationed together in Hawaii just two weeks ago, the latest of many travels together. It is a special bond we have shared through all these years, and I believe we both consider the other to be a part of our own family. At the moment he is sleeping next to where I sit in the darkened room. Today he has taken his first soft food and drink in more than a week since his stunning diagnosis of advanced cancer just days after we returned from our trip. Nobody saw this coming, and the prognosis is not very good. He's been here in the hospital on morphine pain medication for the past ten days. He is my age and has been in excellent health all his life. It is all enough to make one do a lot of reflecting about life, vulnerability, relationships, and of course, God and faith.

To risk entering into any important loving relationship is exactly that—a risk. Any married person can speak to that more convincingly than I can. Here in town this week also are his wife, children, grandson, siblings, mother, and recently retired pastor. I've known all of them for years and all are understandably broken-hearted. It is easier to want to find God in such a moment, but is often also harder to trust in God's compassionate presence and mercy. Jesus himself was not exempt from that very human predicament: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" To cry out from the midst of suffering and confusion is not to be lacking in faith. In fact it is the opposite; it is the expectation that God must act here and now, and the conviction that the precious gifts of life and health are not simply arbitrary things to be withheld without reason.

The greater suffering can come from our lack of understanding or ready explanation about what it all means. In that we are little different from Jesus' first disciples who couldn't get their heads around such a mystery either. But Jesus never offered them a reasoned defense of necessary suffering. He just kept saying, over and over, that it must be this way for now, both for him and for any who would take the risk of following him. It was an invitation to trust rather than a lesson in logical cause-and-effect.

I know that the drama of sadness and loss that is quietly unfolding in the bed next to where I now sit will one day end in glory and ecstatic joy. But not for today. Neither I nor anybody has to pretend that this vigil doesn't hurt. It does, and Jesus always turned his particular attention and love toward those who hurt. He still does. This is our faith. And moving through the grief of one loss, when done with true gospel solidarity, can join us more strongly to all others who suffer. We are never alone.

After all this comes to an end and I leave this town, I don't know when or if I will ever return. That will be the least of the losses. But graces are always ready to erupt from the very heart of dying to self. We Easter people call that resurrection, and often our task is simply to await its dawning with sturdy expectation.

Fr. Mike Byron

The Future of Healthcare, Catholic Contributions to the National Debate

A lecture with Sr. Carol Keehan, DC, president of the Catholic Health Association

Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 PM at the University of St. Thomas, James B. Woulfe Hall in the Anderson Student Center

The lecture includes a question and answer period and is followed by a reception. Free and open to the public.

Bowl Tenders for Holy Thursday

Liturgy: March 29 at 7:00 PM

Rehearsal: Sunday, March 25 at 11:45 AM

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 Alefa

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

What to do with your Rice Bowl at the end of Lent? On each day of the Triduum there will be a basket in the Gathering Space to receive the Rice Bowls.

On Holy Thursday, all Rice Bowls will be brought forward as part of our offering that evening.

On Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, please place bowls in the basket and they will be cared for.

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon

Thursday, March 22 at 11:00 AM

Attention Y. A. H. 55-plus! Fr. Mike will celebrate the Eucharist with us then, after a short meeting, we will have a roast beef dinner catered by Magnolia's for which we ask a \$10.00 donation payable on the day of the meeting. Afterward, we will be inspired by our own Deacon Rich who always shares in his own noteworthy way. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 20 to Betty Hensel at 714.8958 or bjhens@q.com or to Barb Kendle at 738.3799. We look forward to seeing you! Last but not least, thank you for your outstanding response (50 plus) to our request for annual membership dues! You are a special group in so many ways!

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Notices are due at 3:00 PM on these dates:

Palm Sunday (March 25)

Notices due: Monday, March 19

Easter Sunday (April 1)

Notices due: Wednesday, March 21

Sunday, April 8

Notices due: Monday, April 2

Thank you—and have a blessed Easter!

OUR SCHOOL

Thanks to all our volunteer bakers who have provided delicious baked goods for sale at the weekly Lenten Fish Fry (through March 23). Proceeds from the sale come right back to the school so keep on baking! Be sure to bring the family to the Fish Fry before they are over for the season—only one week left!

The Bloodmobile Will Be at St. Pascal's

Monday, April 16, from 1:00 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time. Walk-ins welcome.

Friends & Family Event—Saturday, April 21 following the 4:30 PM Mass

Gift Cards and bottles of fine wine NEEDED by April 8. These will be used as prizes for the games at the Funnest fundraiser St. Pascal's has! Gift cards can be to restaurants, stores, gas stations, garden centers, grocery stores etc.—a minimum value \$10 but we need higher values as well. Or donate cash or check and let us buy the gift cards!

For ideas, please come by our poster in the gathering space and pick up a gift card idea tag. Drop off gift cards at our poster in the gathering space, the parish office or in the collection basket (in an envelope labeled Friends & Family). Questions? Call Mike Aeling at 307.8237.

Virtus Training Session for all NEW Volunteers Working with Children

Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 AM—Noon in Brioschi Hall (Childcare will be provided)

Are you planning to volunteer with children/youth in the parish or school? 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. Pascal's on Saturday, April 7. You can register to attend this session by going to www.virtusonline.org. NOTE: You can also choose a location/date of your convenience for live session, but be sure to indicate that St. Pascal's is your primary volunteer location.
- 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.

Celebration of a Jewish Seder—with Rabbi Barry Cytron

Monday, March 26 from 7:00-9:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

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 Cytron, Fr. Byron's colleague from the St. Paul Seminary, returns to St. Pascal's once again to lead us through this beautiful time of the calendar.

NOTE: This is a commemorative meal. While there will be food, a full meal will not be served. Plan to eat before you come.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY MARCH 21! Call the parish office at 774.1585 or sign up online at www.stpascals.org/parish-news. Child care available with reservation.

Assistance will be needed with set up and preparations during the day on March 26. Please contact Kim in the parish office if you are able to help!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

East Metro Catholic Young Adults

Serve-Connect-Socialize on Friday, April 13

6:00-7:30 PM: Join other young adults from the East Metro in a packing shift at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Road).

7:30 PM: Gather to socialize at Applebee's (1335 Town Centre 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.

Parish

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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

Readings

March 18, 2018

Tuesday, March 20

7:30 AM + Kathleen Minder

Wednesday, March 21

9:30 AM + Kurt Schmeck

Thursday, March 22

7:30 AM The People of the Parish

11:00 AM Women's Club

Friday, March 23

7:30 AM The People of the Parish

Saturday, March 24

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 25

8:45 AM The People of the Parish

10:30 AM The People of the Parish

Heart Questions

The Reward of Faith

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:25

Adults: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

Kids: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

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.

Readings

March 18, 2018

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

Monday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Ps) Dn 3: 52-56
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9
Ps 105:4-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:
Ez 37:21-28
(Ps) Jer 31:10-13
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

Mk 11:1-10
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a,
19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1-15:47

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, March 18—LENT 5

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

Monday, March 19

9:30am Conscious Dance: OC
6:00pm Friends & Family Kickoff meeting: SL
7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: 108, CF
7:00pm Conway Rec Center: Gym

Tuesday, March 20

8:15am Bible Study: PC
7:00pm Spirituality Book Club: LB
7:00pm Conway Rec Center: Gym
7:00pm Bible Study: PC

Wednesday, March 21

8:15am Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast: BH
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass: All are welcome!
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm Conway Rec Center: Gym
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, March 22

9:30am Bible Study: PC
9:30am Conscious Dance: OC
11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: CH, BH
6:30pm Finance Council: FR
7:00pm H-M Volleyball: Gym

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

8:30am Fish Fry Shed takedown
9:30am Good Friday Rehearsal: CH
10:30am Vigil Rehearsal: CH
After Mass Women's Club Bake Sale: BH

Sunday, March 25—PALM SUNDAY

After Masses New Member Registration
Women's Club Bake Sale: BH
11:45am Holy Thursday Rehearsal: CH

Meeting Location Key:

BH: Brioschi 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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Pure Hearts

Good and loving God,
you have written your law within
our hearts.
In these final Lenten days,
examine our hearts and purge them of
all that keeps us from you.
Grant us, who were baptized into
Christ Jesus,
the strength of the Holy Spirit to release
our selfish desires
and through this dying to self, rise to
new life.
Grow within our hearts a deep desire to
live in union with you
and aid our journey as we follow
your will.
Give us pure hearts that remain
obedient to your promises
so that, filled with the grace of
your covenant,
we may imitate your Son
and proclaim your goodness throughout
the earth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 18, 2018

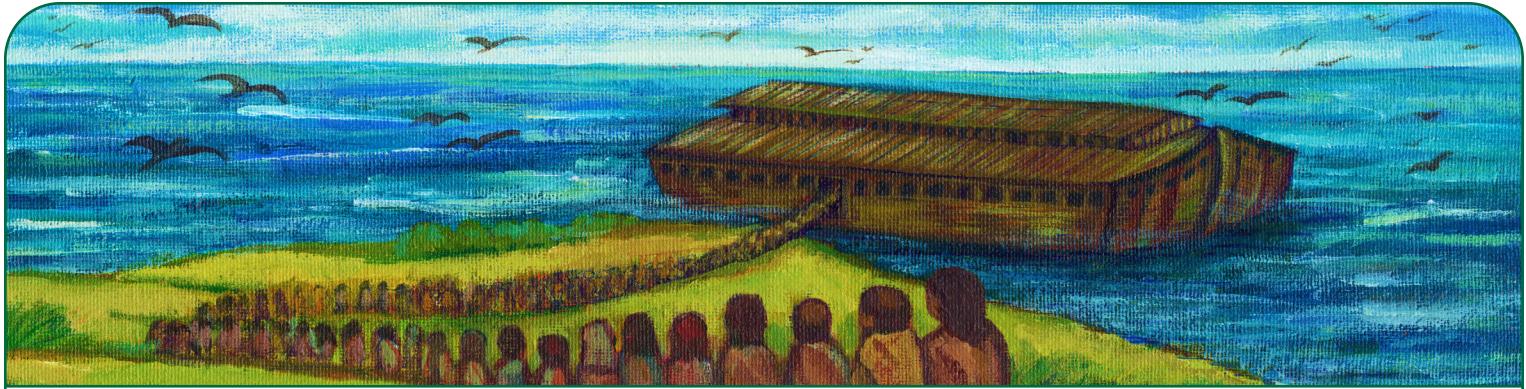
Covenant



Today's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33. During the past few weeks, the theme of the Scriptures focused on God's covenant. In the reading from Jeremiah, God's covenant takes center stage once again. Jeremiah tells the people that God will make a new covenant with them and it will not be the covenant of their fathers. We learn that this covenant will be written on hearts and that all will know the Lord. It is clear that God deeply loves his people. No matter how many times before they have disobeyed the Law and turned away from God's love, God continues to reach out to them in love.

This new covenant is revealed in Christ, and in Baptism, the new law, the law of love, was written in our

hearts. Yet, we still submit to sin and often turn away from God. Psalm 51 is a helpful prayer when our hearts have gone astray. The deep emotion of the petitioner can be sensed as this text is sung. When have you needed to seek God's mercy? We know that God will not abandon us; God wishes to share abundantly his mercy. The law that God has placed within us demands that we die to self and learn to follow the Lord. As the Second Reading states, Jesus learned obedience from his suffering on the Cross. His death brought about a new creation. The suffering we undergo as part of dying to self will strengthen us and lead us to produce much fruit. For prayer this week, meditate upon your favorite hymn about God's love or mercy.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Only a few passages in Scripture provide a glimpse into the person of St. Joseph. His care for Jesus and the Blessed Virgin speaks volumes about his character and devotion to God. As you reflect on the Gospel today, pay attention to the words or images that stir within you. What do they invite you to understand about Joseph? Consider taking part in a St. Joseph table in your community. *Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.*

Tuesday, March 20

Son of Man

The desert of the Lenten season might find us complaining as did the children of Israel. Our parched hearts yearn for drink. In the desolation of the desert our hearts and minds can be free to seek God. The First Reading foreshadows the life-giving event of Christ's death and Resurrection. Just as the serpent was raised and healed the Israelites, so too was the Son of Man raised so that whoever believes in him will be saved. What have you learned in the desert this season? Plant some seedlings, nurture them in the coming days, and watch your desert bloom. *Today's Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

Wednesday, March 21

Fiery Furnace

The three men in the First Reading refuse to worship the idol. They had faith that God would protect them from death in the furnace. Even the king is transformed when he learns of the angel of the Lord walking among them and protecting them. The Psalm response, "Glory and praise for ever," is a portion of the song of praise the men sing. Pray the Psalm at mealtime and name something for which you would like to praise God. *Today's Readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

Thursday, March 22

I AM

Today's Gospel presents another encounter between Jesus and the Jews. The passage helps to affirm the divinity of Jesus once again, even though his audience struggles to understand. For the third time in John's Gospel Jesus says, "I AM." By saying this, Jesus equates himself with God. This was radical and not well-received. Jesus truly reveals God to us. Place yourself in the story. What do you hear? What do you see? *Today's Readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

Friday, March 23

Son of God

Jesus' adversaries question whether he is truly the Messiah. Jesus skillfully explains that he is the Son of God. He wonders why the works he performed are not proof enough that he reveals the one true God. The Jews in John's Gospel account think this is blasphemous and try to arrest him once again. The end of the Gospel reminds us that Jesus' ministry reveals God's power and so many come to know God. At the Stations of the Cross this evening, meditate on how Jesus did the work of the Father as he carried the cross. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, March 24

One Nation

Ezekiel paints a great picture of what life will be when all heed God's voice. In Christ, God will gather all peoples unto himself. God will heal them and restore them to life. They will flourish and God will dwell among them. This is a hopeful image. No matter how far away we are, God promises to bring us home and make us holy. As the week ends, think about how you will observe Holy Week. *Today's Readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*



ST. PASCAL'S FISH FRY

4:30-7:00 PM THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 23, IN BRIOSCHI HALL

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT DINNER MENU

fish

fried & baked cod



sides

coleslaw * steamed mixed vegetables
au gratin & seasoned fries
mac-n-cheese * rolls & butter

beverages & dessert

coffee & water
vanilla or chocolate pudding

extras

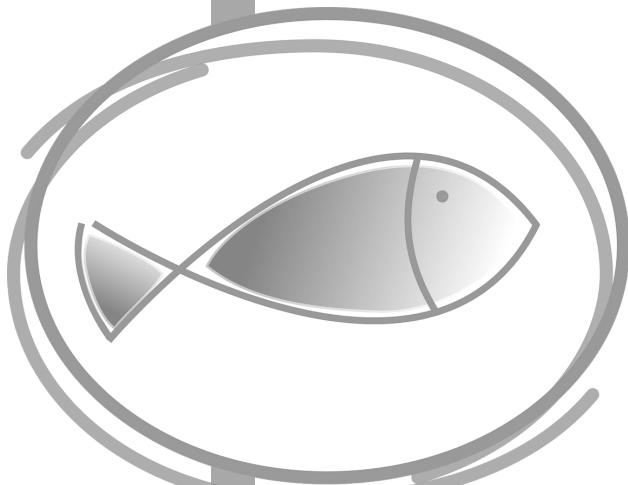
milk, bottled water & assorted pop
home baked goods * raffle

price

adults (12 & up)....\$12
kids (6-11).....\$5
kids 5 and under...FREE

just one fosh fry left...don't miss it!

sponsored by the st pascal's men's club





Women's Club Palm Sunday Bake Sale

**March 24-25
After all Masses**

We need bakers and buyers

Don't forget your money on Palm Sunday

We'll have the GOODIES!

