WELCOME! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH US.

Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your current life circumstances—single, married, single again, with children or without—and wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome at St. Pascal's. Please join us in Browoschi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

APRIL 22, 2018 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 the parish where I was pastor before coming to St. Pascal's we had roughly a half dozen funerals per year. It was a much smaller place and, on average, quite a bit younger. Here the average (at least in my time) has been something closer to forty funerals per year. I got to thinking recently that since I've been at St. Pascal's I must have presided over far more than two hundred funerals. And that's not to single out me and my work ethic for praise, because Judy Sherman has played keyboard, Sharon Balcom has sung, and the funeral lunch ladies have hosted a meal at virtually every single one of those, not to mention the faithful altar ministers, greeters, food providers, and the whole host of people it takes to make those events turn out well on short notice. It is an amazing ministry on the part of our parish that is perhaps so regular that we don't always recognize it. I mention it here for a couple of reasons...

First is that an amazing number of those funerals have been for people who have called this parish their home for forty, fifty, sixty years and more. That is quite unique at this moment in our local Catholic church, and it is a phenomenon that won't last forever. A while ago I was in conversation with a former pastor of St. Bernard's parish on Rice Street and I asked whether he was doing all these funerals for all these long-timers. Surprisingly he answered no because, as he told me, "I was doing that ten years ago, and today there's hardly anybody left." It's that "greatest generation" demographic that came of age during World War II and has been intensely loyal to their Catholic faith all these years. We won't see anything like it again any time soon.

The second reason is that all these funerals have forced me to reconsider what is my role at those celebrations. Until I came to St. Pascal's almost all of the funerals I presided over were for people with whom I had at least some minimal personal history and some knowledge about before they died. It seemed more natural to be able to speak about their lives from my own experience with them. You can get away with that when you only have five or six funerals per year, but not here. I learned quickly that the vast majority of funerals at St. Pascal's now involve people and families whom I've never met and about whom I know little or nothing. In many cases the deceased persons were active in the parish for decades but had to move away when their health failed or when they could no longer keep up their homes by themselves. Very frequently fellow parishioners in the pews know far more about the life story of the deceased than I do, and I'd be foolish to pretend to have had a greater acquaintance with them than is true.

So what exactly am I there to say and to do at funerals like these? I've learned that the answer to that question isn't really as hard as I first thought. For one thing, my role is not to recap the life story of the deceased or to try to build a public case for his/her virtues and prospects for heavenly reward. Not only is that an impossible task, but it's not the task of the presiding minister in the first place. Let the family and friends be the ones to tell the legacy of this person's existence; they know what I can't ever know about that. Instead, my role is to remind all present about what kind of God we worship and what kind of hope we hold for our eternal destiny. Those are things that I actually know something about, and they remain true no matter whose name is attached to the casket or urn that is before me at the moment. I have come to think of my role at a funeral primarily as that of a physical reminder, an articulator of what every person of faith already knows about our Good God and His mercy, but maybe needs to hear expressed one more time at a moment of particular stress, sadness and loss. That's not so hard to do. And my other role is to embody the whole parish community of St. Pascal's as it gathers around the remains of the deceased and attempts to console those who are left behind. I have the privilege of speaking and acting for all of us in what I do there.

Fr. Mike Byron

A Message from Fr. Mike

Dear Friends:

Many of you have come to know and appreciate Mary Worley in her role as Director of Development for St. Pascal's School during the past three years. She has done wonderful work for us and has been a valued colleague and supporter of this important educational ministry. Mary's position was made possible because of an extraordinary three-year grant from the GHR Foundation, a grant which has now expired and will not be renewed. Mary leaves us this month to pursue other opportunities in the field of non-profit development, and I want to speak on behalf of all of us in expressing our thanks and wishes for her continued success.

— Fr. Mike

First Eucharist

Next weekend, April 28 & 29, there will be 16 children joining us at the table of the Lord for the first time. Please pray for them during the coming week.

Marian Center Dessert & Social Hour

Wednesday, May 2 at 1:30 PM (Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM)
Join St. Pascal Friends for dessert every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM on the first floor across from the Snack Shop. Come and enjoy some time with some of your parish friends. Please invite anyone who might be interested in seeing folks from St. Pascals. Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM each day. The Marian Center is located at 200 Earl St. between Burns Avenue and Thorn Street.

Spring Serenade Brunch

Sponsored by St. Pascal's Women's Club
Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 AM in Brioscchi Hall
Join with St. Pascal parishioners of all ages as we welcome spring with a “Spring Serenade” celebration! Enjoy a delicious buffet brunch catered by Magnolia’s and entertainment by solo artist Kent Appeldoorn. $10.00 per person—seating is limited! Tickets will be on sale after masses. Please contact Betty Hensel at 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com for more information.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

John T. Rueb
Caroline Anderson

who were recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends, and pray for their souls' eternal peace.
**How to Read the Bible as a Catholic with Dcn. Richard Moore**

Thursday, May 10 in Brioschi Hall  
10:00 AM-12 Noon AND 7:00-9:00 PM  
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) How do we Catholics go about reading the Bible? What Bible should I get? Is the Bible myth or history? 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. Please RSVP to help us plan for hospitality. Call the parish office by May 8 or sign up online at www.stpascals.org/parish-news.

**Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul 2018 Annual Assembly**  
*With inspirational speaker Clifton Taulbert*  
Thursday, May 10 at 5:30 PM  
Klas Center at Hamline University  
Social time begins at 5:30 PM with dinner following at 6:00 PM. The event will feature a keynote address by Clifton Taulbert, Pulitzer nominee and entrepreneur businessman speaking on the *Eight Habits of the Heart, Connecting and Inspiring Community.*  
The event includes a report to the community about the organization’s accomplishments and impact of its current programs. Individual tickets are $40. You can register online at interfaithaction.org/annualassembly. RSVP by May 3.

**St. Pascal’s Legacy Society**  
*What do bequests, making St. Pascal’s a beneficiary of your life insurance or IRA, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and memorial gifts all have in common?* They are ways you can pass on your Catholic heritage, faith and love for St. Pascal’s through planned giving. Please consider naming St. Pascal’s and other charitable organizations you care about when you complete your estate plan.  
Making a planned gift is a life affirming process—a time to reflect about people, organizations, and beliefs important to you—and how you can support them. A planned gift presents you, regardless of income or assets, the opportunity to provide support for St. Pascal’s mission to serve and support our community of faith.

If you want more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 774.1585 extension 130 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen Aeling, Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan or Brigid O’Malley.

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**Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus Vacation Bible School**  
June 25-29 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon  
At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and taste out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Registration materials are available in kiosks, parish office, and online at www.stpascals.org.

**Help is needed in all areas!** Contact Kim in the parish office.

**Baptism for Older Children**  
According to the guidelines of the Church, once a child has reached the age of reason (generally considered age 7), s/he then follows the preparation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process involves you and your child walking with other children and adults over a period of time to grow into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you have a child over the age of 7 who is not yet baptized, or has been baptized in another faith tradition and would like to become Catholic, please contact Kim Roering at 774.1585 ext. 128 in the parish office to begin a conversation.

**In Unity There is Strength**  
Please join us as we pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the church.

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**Parish Office Summer Hours**  
Mon-Fri 8:00 - 3:00 PM  
Holidays as announced

**School Contact Information**  
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**School Office Summer 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  
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

Tuesday, April 24
7:30 AM    Michelle Raley

Wednesday, April 25
9:30 AM    + Fr. James Kaston

Thursday, April 26
7:30 AM    Rosita O'Connell

Friday, April 27
7:30 AM    The People of the Parish

Saturday, April 28
4:30 PM    + Larry Hall

Sunday, April 29
8:45 AM    Jim & Evelyn Lecher
10:30 AM    The People of the Parish

Heart Questions

Called to Be Shepherds
Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

Adults: Who are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

Kids: Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

The May Day Family Rosary Procession

Sunday May 6 from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of St. Paul
Assemble for the procession at 1:30 PM at the State Capitol.
Please arrive early—the procession begins promptly at 2:00 PM.

Sponsored by the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in collaboration with the Family Rosary Processions Association

Readings

April 22, 2018

Sunday:
Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1, 89, 21-23, 26, 28-29
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Monday:
Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:
Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mk 16:15-20

Thursday:
Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:
Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-11ab
Jn 1:4-16

Saturday:
Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:
Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-28, 30-32
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 22—EASTER 4
After Masses New Member Registration: BH

Monday, April 23
7:00 pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym & 108

Tuesday, April 24
6:30 pm  Finance Council: FR
6:30 pm  1st Eucharist Dinner & Rehearsal: BH, CH

Wednesday, April 25
9:00 am  Rosary: CH
9:30 am  School Mass—All are welcome!
6:00 pm  Family Movie Night: The Plaza Theater
6:30 pm  Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00 pm  Choir: CR

Thursday, April 26
7:00 pm  Catch the Dream Red Lake Gala: BH, Kit

Friday, April 27
No scheduled events

Saturday, April 28
1st Eucharist Weekend
10:30 am  Spring Serenade: BH Kit

Sunday, April 29—EASTER 5
1st Eucharist Weekend
12:00 pm  Confirmation I: OC

Monday, April 30
9:30 am  Daniela Dances (formerly Nia): OC
7:00 pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym & 108

Tuesday, May 1
6:30 pm  DC Parent Meeting: BH

Wednesday, May 2
9:00 am  Rosary: CH
9:30 am  School Mass—All are welcome!
1:00 pm  Marian Center Mass & Dessert—Marian Ctr St. Paul
6:30 pm  Catechist Meeting: SL
7:00 pm  Choir: CR
7:30 pm  Men’s Club Softball: CF

Thursday, May 3
9:30 am  Daniela Dances (formerly Nia): OC
11:00 am  ACRE Luncheon
7:00 pm  Men’s Club Board Meeting: CF
7:00 pm  SJCC: FR

Friday, May 4
6:00 pm  Wedding Rehearsal: CH, BH

Saturday, May 5
2:30 pm  Twohy/Davisson Wedding
After Mass  KC Tootsie Roll Drive

Sunday, May 6—EASTER 6
After Masses  KC Tootsie Roll Drive
12:00 pm  Confirmation I: OC

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – July-February 2018
For fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Parish (July - February)
YTD Parish Income  $1,063,608.79
YTD Parish Expenses  $859,108.82
Surplus  $204,499.97

School (July-February)
YTD School Income  $960,902.66
YTD School Expenses  $833,177.45
Surplus  $107,725.21

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

For more programming and event information, visit us at www.stpascals.org and like and follow our Facebook page: St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church.

Together, the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on the saving power of God. Many thought that the Messiah would usher in war, and once he conquered, would reign as a powerful king. Jesus’ reign is one of peace and love. The images our readings provide are that of a rejected stone and a shepherd. When Peter is confronted about the healing of the cripple, he tells the Jewish leaders that they are like builders who put aside a stone unfit for building. The reality is, they didn’t examine it closely enough, and the stone that they reject is the Messiah. Think about the brutality Jesus suffered and the confrontations he experienced. The one who saves is the one who many humiliated and hunted down. Jesus is the foundation that keeps us from collapsing.

Similarly, in the Gospel, Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, lays aside everything for his sheep. Jesus isn’t the warrior some were expecting, but a loving Savior in whom we take refuge. In the name of this unexpected Savior, the cripple was healed and we are healed. Who in our communities, like Jesus, is rejected or ignored? Reach out to those and help them know they are loved and have gifts to share in building up the Kingdom. Engage in some active imagination with the image of Christ the cornerstone. How does this image comfort or challenge you?

The Cornerstone

Almighty and ever-living God, you reveal your great love for us in your Son, Jesus. By his dying and rising, we have been made your children and so, we lift our voices to give thanks for your goodness.

May Christ the cornerstone, provide us with the strength and courage to build up your Kingdom. Grant us a faith and love that moves us to lay aside our desires in order to work for justice. Implant your will deep within our hearts so that, we offer all that we are to you and for your glory.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
**Monday, April 23**

The Gate

The Gospel shows Jesus as the gate through which people must enter to be saved. Imagine a gate. It can keep things in or out. It has the potential to protect. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus has opened the Kingdom of Heaven. By uniting ourselves to him, we enter into his sheepfold. Meditate on Jesus as the gate, and see how he leads you to the Kingdom. *Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3, 5; John 10:1–10.*

**Tuesday, April 24**

All Nations

In the Scriptures, reference to the Gentiles usually is a reference for all non-Jewish people. Our First Reading helps depict how the Church is growing beyond Jerusalem and spreading to all nations, even the Greeks. As disciples, we are called to give witness to Christ the Shepherd to all peoples. In your prayer today, include a petition that all nations might know the peace and love of Christ. *Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

**Wednesday, April 25**

Feast of St. Mark

Today’s readings provide three ideas on which to reflect. First, in the Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles to preach to all nations. Second, Peter tells us to be sober and vigilant in order to remain steadfast in faith. Third, the Psalm invites us to praise for all God has done for us. Be attentive to Christ’s presence as you share time with another today. *Today’s Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

**Thursday, April 26**

Bold and Confident

Scripture’s portrayal of Paul is bold and confident. As Paul speaks to the people in the synagogue, he recounts Israel’s history, showing that Jesus is the Chosen One sent by God, the One foretold by the prophets. Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to share your faith boldly? We are heirs of God’s promise who go forth sharing the Good News. We are the messengers Christ has sent. Send a message of Good News to a friend to reconnect. *Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

**Friday, April 27**

Light and Path

God truly has kept his promise by raising Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the true light of life and the path of salvation and anyone who comes to him becomes a child of God. If you were sitting in the synagogue listening to Paul preach, how might you have responded? Paul invites unbelievers to follow the Light and believers to show forth the Light. Spend time praying with the Psalm refrain. *Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

**Saturday, April 28**

Jealousy

In the First Reading, the Jews are jealous of the crowds who gather to hear Paul and Barnabas. Jealousy is a problem. It can lead one to embrace malice. The disciples teach us a lesson by dusting their feet and moving on. When have you felt jealous and what incited those feelings? Dialogue with Jesus about a time you were jealous and hear his advice. *Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:44–52; Psalm 98, 1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*
Spring Serenade

Breakfast Buffet

All are welcome male and female

$10.00 per person
April 28, 2018
10:30am

Egg Dish
Hashbrown Casserole
Two Meats
Fruit
Danish
Desserts

Entertainment by Solo Artist
Kent Appeldoorn

Sponsored by the Women’s Club but open to all

Reserve your place by April 25th

Make Checks out to St. Pascal’s Women’s Club

Name: ________________________________

Number attending: _________

Questions to: Betty Hensel - bjhen@q.com - 651-714-8958

Drop in collection basket in envelope labeled “Spring Serenade” or Mail to:
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