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 or looking for a parish home, 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 in Brioschi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."

MK 4:30-32b

Dear Friends:

A few weeks ago, a long-serving priest of our archdiocese, Fr. Martin Fleming, died after a prolonged period of deterioration in health. He was, I believe, 93 years old. He was one of three Father Flemings, brothers, who served this local church, and he was the last to survive. I have often reflected upon what a blessing it is to be noticed and affirmed in one’s life and work by an elder whom you respect. I always respected Fr. Martin and was always flattered that he chose to notice and affirm me in priestly ministry—this although we were never particularly close friends. He and his personal assistant Patricia would appear occasionally for mass at St. Cecilia’s parish when I was pastor there, and when I came to St. Pascal’s, they would sometimes come to mass here as well. I think they were last with us together for worship about six months ago. And I should add that Fr. Martin showed his esteem for the good work that we do at St. Pascal’s by offering very significant financial contributions for the past few years. He has been among our very most generous benefactors during my time as pastor here, even though you’d never know it (and he wouldn’t want it to be known).

Fr. Martin had a very distinguished career both in pastorizing and in chaplaincy in the U.S. military. But in the past twenty years or so his defining ministry has been as founder and "house master" (my term) for an enterprise known as Bethany Village, which is a group of four homes in St. Paul that opens its doors to men who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and are trying to re-enter real life after clinical rehabilitative treatment. I recall that when I was first ordained the biggest surprise to me in pastoral ministry was/is the prevalence of chemical addiction among good, faithful Catholic people. I didn't experience it in my own family while growing up, so it came as a real eye-opening thing to understand the widespread effects of this terrible disease, and the profound importance of those who attempt to confront it. Fr. Martin was one of those people, and he leaves a great legacy for his work.

What I remember Martin for mostly was his infectious laugh, and his love of singing. He was a real Irishman. I wasn’t able to get to his funeral in Minneapolis, but Patricia was kind enough to provide me with the texts of those who spoke singing. He was a real Irishman. I wasn’t able to get to his funeral in Minneapolis, but Patricia was kind enough to provide me with the texts of those who spoke.

I was going to pirate and share them here because I find them so compelling as rules of living, as he did so well and so faithfully. Here they are, under the rubric of "Ten Important Life Lessons He Taught Us In Story And By Example":

- Love Mary, Joseph, and Jesus with your whole heart, your whole mind, and your whole soul
- Be faithful to family, friends, and fun
- You are your brother and sister’s keeper. Be there for those in need.
- Community building happens one memorable meal at a time
- Entertain elegantly and treat those at the table like royalty
- Always bring something to share
- If you’re going to do something, do it with your whole heart
- Sing and dance with gusto!
- Laugh often, laugh heartily
- Say it with flowers

Rest well, Fr. Martin, and thank you for your life.

Fr. Mike Byron
**Open Position: President of the St. Pascal’s Women’s Club**

Dear Parishioners:  
The Women’s Club of St. Pascal’s is looking for someone to serve as president for the 2018-2019 year.  
The President’s Main Duties Are:  
- Attend monthly board meetings (second Tuesday of each month from September-May)  
- Lead the meetings to insure we stay on topic  
- Type monthly agenda for the meetings  
- Send out occasional email to members of the Women’s Club  
- Volunteer as you can to help with bake sales, etc.  
- Share your ideas and suggestions  
- Have fun with other awesome women!  
You will be very supported by the rest of the members of our board who are extremely kind, caring and helpful. I will work with you to train you in and insure the transition goes smoothly.  
If you have questions about being President or if you would like to be the next President of our awesome Women’s Club starting in September, 2018, please contact me.  
Thank you!  
**Theresa Gunderson, Women’s Club President**  
264.0404 or director@oneilllanguage.com

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**A Celebration of the Feast of Mary Magdalene with Luke Hansen, SJ and Connie Walsh**  
Sunday, July 22, 7:00-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall  
Join us for an evening of story-telling, prayer and discussion about Mary Magdalene and other prominent women in early Christian churches.  
Fr. Luke Hansen, SJ is a Jesuit priest currently studying at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He worked on the Women Deacons Project of FutureChurch, spoke at an event in Rome for International Women’s Day, and has visited the places where Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Priscilla and other early Christian women lived and worked.  
Connie Walsh is a parishioner of St. Pascal’s and serves on the school board for St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School. Connie served for eight years on the Commission of Women for the archdiocese and has received formation as an Ignatian Associate.

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**Twins Tickets for Sale:** $5 each!  
**Game Day August 26, 2018 at 1:10 PM**  
**Minnesota Twins vs. Oakland Athletics**  
These tickets are part of our Friends and Family Event. Buy a ticket, support St. Pascal’s and help grow our community! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office during office hours or contact Theresa Ruttger or Thea Munoz at 774.1585.

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**Peace Within**  
May today there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you  
May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.  
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.  
It is there for each and every one of us.  
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Theresa of Avila  
**Prayer courtesy of jesuitresources.org**

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**Farewell Celebration for Fr. Mike Byron**  
**Sunday, July 1 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM in Brioschi Hall**  
Please join us for fellowship and refreshment at an open house-style farewell celebration as we thank Fr. Mike for his six years of service as pastor of St. Pascal’s and wish him well in his new assignment at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie.
**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Tuesday, June 19**
- 7:30 AM  
  Bantari Family in Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, June 20**
- 7:30 AM  
  + Rosita O'Connell

**Thursday, June 21**
- 7:30 AM  
  + Don & Gerry Kroll

**Friday, June 22**
- 7:30 AM  
  + Don Hensel

**Saturday, June 23**
- 4:30 PM  
  + Bill Olsen

**Sunday, June 24**
- 8:45 AM  
  + Kathleen Minder
- 10:30 AM  
  People of the Parish

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**Readings**

**June 17, 2018**

**Sunday:**
- Ez 17:22-24
- Ps 92:2-3, 13-16
- 2 Cor 5:6-10
- Mk 4:26-34

**Monday:**
- 1 Kgs 21:1-16
- Ps 5:2-3, 5-7
- Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:**
- 1 Kgs 21:17-29
- Ps 51:3-6, 11-16
- Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:**
- 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
- Ps 31:20-21, 24
- Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:**
- Sir 48:1-14
- Ps 97:1-7
- Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:**
- 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
- Ps 132:11-14, 17-18
- Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:**
- 2 Chr 24:17-25
- Ps 89:4-5, 29-34
- Mt 6:24-34

**Next Sunday**
- Is 49:1-6
- Ps 139:1-3, 13-15
- Acts 13:22-26
- Lk 1:57-66, 80

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**Heart Questions**

**Living in God’s Kingdom**

Yet when [the mustard seed] is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.

Mark 4:32

**Adults:** What is the “good soil” that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?

**Kids:** How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?

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**Mortgage Update**

The Financial leaders of our parish have approved releasing additional funds from our Mortgage Reserve account to pay against principal for the next few months.

Parish support of the Mortgage Reduction fund has been strong, and we are collecting more than paid out each month. Collections are deposited directly into the Mortgage Reduction account and mortgage payments are taken from those funds.

After two months of $20,000 additional principal payments, our mortgage balance is $3,761,722.85. The Mortgage Reserve fund sits at $307,308.31. We will continue with another $20,000 principal payment in July. The group will decide future pre-payments when they gather later this summer.

**St. Pascal’s Legacy Society**

*Just as we plan to ensure financial security of our families, we must plan for the security of our faith families.* Your planned gift to St. Pascal’s endowment will provide financial support forever. You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on! For more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please contact Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 774.1585 ext 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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**The Week Ahead**

Visit us at wwwstpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

**Sunday, June 17—Father’s Day**
- No scheduled events

**Monday, June 18**
- 9:30am  
  Dancing with Daniela: OC

**Tuesday, June 19**
- 6:30 pm  
  VBS meeting: SL
- 7:00 pm  
  Spirituality Book Club: LB

**Wednesday, June 20**
- 7:30 am  
  School Board: FR
- 7:30 pm  
  Men’s Club Softball: CF

**Thursday, June 21**
- 11:00 am  
  East Metro Young Adult Network: FR

**Friday, June 22**
- No scheduled events

**Saturday, June 23**
- 7:00 pm  
  Missionary Weekend
- No scheduled events

**Sunday, June 24**
- 11:30 am  
  Missionary Weekend
- After Masses New Member Registration: BH

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**Volunteer This Summer!**

**Rosary-Making Group**

A wonderful volunteer opportunity for men and women—consider joining a rosary-making group! The completed rosaries (made from provided beads and cord) are used in Minnesota and many are sent to Catholics all over the world. To learn more about this opportunity, please call Lois Preisler at 429.9696.

**Volunteer for Meals on Wheels**

Help keep seniors independent in their own homes! Deliver meals once a week or once a month, on your own timeline, on your own or with a friend! Delivery usually takes less than an hour. We provide a flexible, convenient schedule but you must provide your own car. This is a GREAT activity for families during the summer! Contact Erin Carroll, Senior Services Program manager, Merrick Community Services, at ecarroll@merrickcs.org or 287.2092 if interested or for more information.