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.

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Jesus
The Bread of Life
JOHN 6

Mass Times
Saturday  4:30 PM  I  Sunday  8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL)  I  Tuesday - Friday  7:30 AM
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website: www.stpascals.org  I  email: church@stpascals.org
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Advancement Director hired. I am pleased to announce that we have hired Leah Eviston as our School Advancement Director for St. Pascal Baylon School. Her first day of work here was August 1. Leah's job responsibilities will include the planning and management of our school marketing plan, the recruitment and retention of students, the planning and conducting of open houses, campus visits and tours, and the registration of students. Leah will also plan, manage and implement our development initiatives in the areas of annual giving, major gifts and development events. Leah has over twenty years of experience as a customer-service professional with superb skills in promotions and relationship-building. She recently worked at New Life Academy in Woodbury. Please join me in welcoming Leah to our team here at St. Pascal Church and School!

Please join us for Mass at 7:30am or 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 15 for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary which is a Holyday of Obligation for Catholics to attend and celebrate Mass. “On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: ‘We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.’ The pope proclaimed this dogma after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church. We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, and by the 13th century, there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today the Assumption of Mary is celebrated as a solemnity. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.” (Source: www.franciscanmedia.org)

Thank you to the men of the parish who helped last Saturday morning, August 4, to remove and recycle the unneeded school desks and other metal items that were in the office storeroom. We had a roll-off dumpster here to collect the recycled items and haul them away. The storeroom is cleaner and more organized now.

Staff Member Half Day Retreat on Thursday, August 16. Members of our parish and school staff will be spending a half day together for a team-building retreat at the Carondelet Center on the campus of St. Catherine University in Saint Paul on August 16. The purpose of our retreat is to get to know each other, discuss Staff teamwork, pray, reflect individually and together about our job roles at St. Pascal’s, and enthusiastically enter a new school year together. Many of us are new on the staff here (including me), so we wanted to spend a half-day together to build our rapport, teamwork and enthusiasm for our mission.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Fall Schedule

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Please check your calendars for September, October, and November, and let Joann know of any dates when you will not be available. She needs those dates by August 15. If you have questions or want more information you may call Joann at 735-2762, or e-mail at joann.bertini@gmail.com.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the guys—young and old—who helped with the desk/metal recycling project last Saturday morning. We filled a 40 cubic yard roll-off. Great job guys!

Fall Festival Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 PM, Staff Lounge All are welcome to join us for this meeting. If you are interested in helping out in any area or if you have an idea for the Fall Festival, please contact Mike Kelleher, at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org.

St. Pascal’s Fun Bowling Mixer

League is looking for regular season and sub bowlers for the 2018-2019 season. This is a non-sanctioned league of mixed couples (female/male), bowling at 6:30 PM every other Sunday at Sun Ray Lanes, starting August 26. For more information or to sign-up, contact Richard Hoffman at 774.0892, (h), 612.554.6579 (c), or rjhoffman43@msn.com. It's a good time, join us!

St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club

Monday, August 13 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 Founder’s Room on the 2nd Mondays of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. On August 13, we’ll share thoughts about Mitchell Zuckoff’s Lost in Shangri La and next month, on September 10, we’ll discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Mary Magdalene on YouTube!

You can watch Celebration of the Feast of Mary Magdalene—and more—on the Saint Pascal Baylon Catholic Church YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe!

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers…
Rick Burns 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.
Bunching Donations for Tax Savings

When the new tax law went into effect, the federal standard deduction nearly doubled. For the vast majority of taxpayers, this eliminates the need to itemize deductions. Now, donors and charities alike are wondering whether these tax changes will hinder charitable giving.

Though tax incentives are rarely the only reason for making gifts, bunching has emerged as a strategy to continue giving generously and capture tax savings too.

How Bunching Works

Unless charitable contributions, mortgage interest, medical deductions, and state and local taxes (SALT) combined equate to more than $12,000 for individuals or $24,000 for married couples, taxpayers will likely take the new standard deduction.* With a little foresight, donor advised fundholders can make multiple years’ worth of charitable gifts in a single tax year. This allows taxpayers to itemize deductions every other year or every few years, yielding greater tax savings over time – a strategy known as “bunching.”

“This strategy appeals to people who make annual, ongoing gifts to a number of charities,” says Mary Haeg, senior development officer at the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. “And many do.”

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Faith Formation Registration 2018-19

Registration materials for faith formation are available now! Families who were enrolled in the 2017-18 year will receive an email and mailing with information about registering. If you are new to the parish and/or faith formation process, contact Kim Roering at kim.roering@stpascals.org 774.1585, ext. 128 or for more information.

Wednesday Evenings:

Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:45 pm, for children/youth attending public schools

Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

For children in grades 2 and up, whether in public school or attending St. Pascal’s. Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Pascal’s.

Registration forms will be available in the kiosks and on the parish website at www.stpascals.org/Faith Formation.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leaders Needed for 2018-2019

Leaders are needed for Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 8:45 and 10:30 AM Masses beginning in October. Leaders reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings with children in grades K-4, and are normally scheduled one Sunday per month. Training and support are provided. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

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The Fall Festival is Back! Sunday, September 23 from noon-5:00 PM

Spaghetti dinner, craft fair, pie shop, children’s games, food and drink items and more!

THEME BASKETS

It’s time to start creating theme baskets for the 2018 Fall Festival! Individuals, families, and groups are invited to contribute to this festival favorite.

Feeling Creative? Here are some ideas to get you started: games, movies, sports, crafts, wine, chocolate, spa, cat/dog lover, cooking/baking, Legos, books, and more!

Creatively Challenged But Want To Help? Consider contributing to a “big ticket” item such as a Fit Bit or iPad by making a donation via cash, check, or gift cards to Best Buy or Target. We’ll do the shopping for you!

Theme baskets can be dropped off at the parish office beginning August 7. Tickets for a chance at winning a basket will be available for purchase following Masses beginning the weekend of September 8 & 9.

Help Needed! Can you help sell tickets before or after Mass the weekends leading up to Fall Festival? Or help set out baskets on a Saturday before the 4:30 Mass and/or take them down after the 10:30 am Mass the weekends of September 8/9 and September 15/16? Contact Kim Roering at 651.774.1585, ext. 128 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

CRAFTERS NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL

We are looking for crafters to donate new, homemade products—anything you might find at a craft sale or boutique—for people to buy at the Fall Festival. Proceeds from all goods donated and sold at the craft sale go to the St. Pascal’s Fall Festival income. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Sue Kubiak at 771.9085 or suekubiak@gmail.com.

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CONTACT US

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After-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing of the sick): Please call the parish office.

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

Early Learning Center
Phone 651.505.2900
Fax 651.774.9152
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ELC Office Summer Hours
August 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

St. Pascal’s School Office
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School Office Summer Hours
August 8:00 AM - 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
Email notices by 3:00 PM Monday to thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements
Direct to Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.
Bunching Donations for Tax Savings (Continued)

Donor advised funds make this bunching strategy possible. Contributions to a donor advised fund are 100 percent deductible, and grants can be recommended from the fund on the donor’s timeline. With a donor advised fund, donors can “bunch” their charitable gifts, maximize tax savings, and still provide consistent support to their favorite charities.

See an example of how bunching works at https://www.ccf-mn.org/bunch-tax-savings/. Call CCF Senior Development Officer Mary Haeg at 651.389.0875 or haegm@ccf-mn.org to determine if this might be right for you.

*For retired taxpayers, the standard deduction is slightly higher. Consult your tax advisor to determine the size of your standard deduction.

Blessed Sacrament FunFest All Weekend August 18 & 19
2119 Stillwater Avenue

All are invited to our annual FunFest!

For more information and a schedule of activities, please visit www.blessedsacramentsp.org or call 738.0677.

St. Pascal’s Legacy Society
Where there is will there is a way—to be an angel for our parish. Please remember St. Pascal’s in your estate planning. Your lawyer can add a simple, inexpensive amendment (codicil) to your will.

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

Financials
July 2017–June 2018

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** Parish Net Income covers school deficit and July/Aug payroll for 2017-18 teacher contracts.

Financial News: Our audit begins in mid-August. We should have adjusted, audited financials for the parish by mid-October. Please watch the bulletin for more information. Questions? Call Theresa in the parish office.
St. Pascal Baylon Early Learning Center
A Place to Learn, Grow, and Prepare for Kindergarten

The St. Pascal Baylon Early Learning Center provides a safe and nurturing environment for a child’s first school experience. Age-appropriate activities provide a variety of meaningful hands-on learning experiences in the areas of reading and math readiness, science and social studies, art and sensory, music, and dramatic play. This positive preschool experience allows children to make a successful transition to kindergarten.

The Early Learning Center practices are aligned with the MN Department of Education kindergarten expectations.

Our Early Learning Center has a Parent Aware 4-Star rating… the highest attainable!

Parent Aware's Star Ratings help parents find programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life. To Earn a 4-Star rating, schools must prove they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten by:

- Obtaining extra in-depth training
- Building strong, caring relationships with each child
- Adopting the latest approaches in keeping children's learning on track
- Committing to daily activities and routines that help children learn and grow
- Focusing on children's health and safety
- Learn more at www.parentaware.org

St. Pascal Baylon Early Learning Center offers school-year long classes. The program includes:

- Licensed teachers and trained assistants in every classroom
- Low child/teacher ratio
- Ongoing assessment to measure students growth in all areas of early childhood development and parent/teacher conferences in the fall and the spring
- Creative Curriculum used in all classes
- On-site specialists to teach music, Spanish and physical education
- Outdoor play areas and gyms designed and equipped especially for young children

In addition, the Schulze Family Foundation has created the Schulze Early Learning Scholarship Program to assist middle-income families in gaining access to excellent pre-Kindergarten programs for their children. Scholarships will be awarded ranging from $500 to $3000 and will be sent directly to the preschool to pay for tuition. Your child must attend a Catholic Pre K program and in their last year of preschool and attending kindergarten the following year.

Families are welcome to tour the Early Learning Center at their convenience. Please call 651-505-2900 extension 210 or email mslaurie.jennrich@stpascals.org.