ST. PASCAL BAYLON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

DECEMBER 9, 2018 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Saturday 4:30 PM I Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) I Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM I Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Archbishop Hebda invites young adults (ages 18-39) to join him for listening sessions regarding the abuse crises in the Catholic Church. The Archbishop will respond to the open letter young adults of the Archdiocese sent him this fall, and he will listen to their ideas for creating and maintaining safe environments, healing the Church, and moving forward together.

Locations & Dates:

Monday, December 10, 7:00-9:00 PM
Saint Joseph Hall, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street, Saint Paul

Wednesday, December 19, 7:00-9:00 PM
Teresa of Calcutta Hall, Basilica of Saint Mary, 88 North 17th Street, Minneapolis.

Christmas Wish List Item: Programmable door system for our gym entrance. Total cost: $3500.00. We would like to install a programmable door system for our gym entrance on the south side of our building. The gym entrance is used by our athletic teams and visiting teams and spectators to enter our building for games, practice and tournaments. The Boy Scouts can also use the gym entrance for their meetings and activities. Having a programmable door will also make our building more secure and easier for our Staff members to use throughout the workday. The programmable system can be preset to open and lock at certain times on specific days. We will also be able to check out small plastic fobs to pre-approved people (staff and volunteers) so they can access the building through the gym entrance. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the programmable door system, please fill out the form below and return it with your gift to our parish office or place it in the collection basket at weekend Mass. Any size gift is welcome and appreciated. Thank you!

Donation for Programmable Door System—Christmas 2018

$ _____ Amt. Encl. Name: _____

☐ I wish to remain anonymous

Please return this form with your gift to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage of retirement funds. Your gift helps provide necessities such as medications and nursing care. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass this weekend. You may also mail or drop your donation off at the parish office or donate directly to the campaign at http://retiredreligious.org.

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon—*Thursday, December 13 at 11:00 AM*

Our gathering begins with Fr. John celebrating the Eucharist with us at 11:00. Following a short meeting, enjoy a Chicken Kiev dinner catered from Magnolia's and holiday music provided by The North Suburban Chorus. All Seniors 55 plus are most welcome whether you are a newcomer or one of our regulars. $10.00 donation payable on the day of the meeting. Please RSVP by Monday, December 10 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com or Barb Kendle at 651.738.3799. Hope to see you! *Reminder: We will not meet in January!*

Advent School Reconciliation

St. Pascal's School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, December 14, at 9:30 AM. All are invited to participate.

Christmas Season Holy Day Liturgy Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Monday, December 24: 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM
Tuesday, December 25: 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, December 31: 4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 1: 9:00 AM

Peaceful Presence Silent Meditation and Prayer

Wednesday, December 12 and every second Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 AM

Do you have a desire to listen to the still, small stirrings of the Holy Spirit? Join us in the St. John's Chapel for silent prayer and meditation. We are asking our neighbors from all the East Side congregations to join us in this time of peaceful prayer. Imagine the strong message this action will be for our neighborhood and our children. Please ask your neighbors to join us!

St. Pascal's Women's Book Salon Holiday Gathering

Monday, December 10 at 7:00 PM

The ladies will share some Christmas goodies and a discussion of *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini. All parish women are invited to join the group for its monthly discussions. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge. Contact Toni Baker at 651.731.7763 or toni@bakers.us for a list of the 2019 selections or for more information. Make a New Year's resolution to join the group on January 14 and get yourself reading—or start early by coming this month!

Counseling Services at St. Pascal's

Holidays can be wonderful, warm times of personal and family celebration. They can also bring moments of stress, excessive demands on the self and communication challenges. So perhaps the new year is a good time to consider sharing any struggles and difficulties with a compassionate and non-judgmental counselor. Jean Gregg, LICSW, is a professional counselor who worked with the Catholic Charities Counseling Program for 42 years and is now at St. Pascal's to see clients every Monday afternoon. Insurance and private fee payment are accepted. If you are interested to see if this would be a good resource for you, please call Jean at 651.321.3445.

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OUR SCHOOL

Volunteer Opportunity

School Office:

Seeking a volunteer with an accounting background to assist the school for the remaining school year. Time commitment under 5 hrs a week, with a flexible schedule. If this is a gift that you can bless the school with in the near future, please connect with Leah Eviston at leah.eviston@stpascals.org or 651.432.4971.

Culver's Night!

Monday, December 10 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Sun Ray Culver's

St. Pascal School receives 10% of all sales between 5:00-7:00 PM. Take a night off cooking and support our 7/8 Grade trip to Washington D.C.

DONUT UPDATE

Brioschi Hall is a lovely place to gather for treats after Sunday Masses. Over the past months we have been watching the effect that the baked goods we serve has on the carpeting. Icing and frosting was leaving grease stains on the carpeting and caused many hours of spot cleaning each week. In the quest for pastries that won't destroy the carpeting, we are ordering from a new bakery vendor and offering a new selection of treats. Feedback is welcome! Many thanks to all who serve for hospitality to our members and guests for their help.

Also, please remember that food should be enjoyed in Brioschi Hall and not in the gathering space. Thanks for helping us keep our spiritual home looking its best.

—Jerry and Theresa

Financial Updates

Year-End Financial Gifts: As this calendar year quickly comes to a close you may consider a special year-end financial gift to the parish in support of our many ministries and/or to support our mortgage reduction efforts. Last year, we received over 35 special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged! Remember, all gifts must be received by December 31 to be considered for the 2018 tax year. Stock transfers and sales do take some time so please take that into consideration as you consider a gift to St. Pascal's. Thank you for your generous consideration.

Mortgage: Each week parishioners generously give to our Mortgage Fund. Those monies are deposited directly into a dedicated bank account and the mortgage payments are drawn from those funds.

Our Finance Council carefully monitors the cash flow on this account and for many months your donations have been over and above the cost of the principal and interest.

We have noticed a lag in cash flow since September and hope that some of you may have forgotten to donate. Please prayerfully consider both your Sunday giving and Mortgage contributions for 2019.

Mortgage Summary

October 2018		**July - October Year to Date**	
Mortgage Contributions	$ 21,230.09	Mortgage Contributions	$ 89,547.81
Mortgage Interest Pd	$ 13,609.31	Mortgage Interest Pd	$ 54,236.88
Mortgage Principal Pd	$ 10,780.53	Mortgage Principal Pd	$ 43,322.48
Deficit	$ -3,159.75	Deficit	$ -8,011.55

Thank you for your support!

Stewardship of Giving: Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Parish	
Income	$180,232.06**
Expense	$128,964.77
Net Income	$ 51,267.29

*** This includes a $78,000.00 payment for the sale of St. John's*

School	
Income	$112,664.20
Expense	$ 85,015.07
Net Income	$ 27,649.13

Please remember to mail or drop your 2019 pledge cards in the collection basket. Our many ministries rely on your continued generosity. Thank you,

—Theresa

CONTACT US

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Early Learning Center

Phone 651.505.2900
Fax 651.774.9152
Email mslaurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

ELC Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

School Office

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Fax 651.774.9152
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School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Ann Karner, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 *and by appointment*
Communal celebrations as announced

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

Please direct to Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, December 11

7:30 AM + Deceased member of the parish

Wednesday, December 12

9:30 AM Women's Club

Thursday, December 13

7:30 AM + Bernard Vagnoni

11:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, December 14

7:30 AM + Rosita O'Connell

Saturday, December 15

4:30 PM Jim & Evelyn Lecher

Sunday, December 16

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Virgilio Francisco

Heart Questions

Prayer of Repentance

John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Kids: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do this Advent to show you are sorry?

Readings

December 9, 2018

Sunday:
Bar 5:1-9
Ps 126:1-6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

Monday:
Is 35:1-10
Ps 85:9ab-14
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:
Is 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-3,10a-c, 11-13
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:
Zec 2:14-17
(Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:
Is 41:13-20
Ps 145:1, 9-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:
Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:
Zep 3:14-18a
(Ps) Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

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.

I would like to purchase a Christmas plant (circle one)

In Honor of / In Memory of

From:

Thank you for your generosity and care!

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sunday, December 9—2nd Sunday of Advent
Retirement Fund for Religious
8:00am Scholastic Book Fair (8am – 12pm): FR
9:00am Men's Club Christmas Tree Sales: Conway Lot
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
11:45am Women's Club Board Meeting: SL

Monday, December 10-Friday, December 14
3:00pm Men's Club Christmas Tree Sales: Conway Lot

Monday, December 10
9:30am Nia: OC
10:00am Scholastic Book Fair: FR
5:00pm Culver's Night: Sun Ray Culver's
6:00pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108
7:00pm Women's Book Salon Holiday Gathering: SL

Tuesday, December 11
1:30pm Scholastic Book Fair: FR
2:00pm School Choir & Band Concert: CH
6:00pm School Choir & Band Concert: CH
7:00pm Pastoral Council: SL

Wednesday, December 12
7:30am School Board meeting: PC
8:00am Scholastic Book Fair: FR
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: CH
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm RCIA
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105

Thursday, December 13
11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: CH & BH
6:30pm Cub Scouts 294 Pack Meeting: CF
7:00pm Men's Club Membership Meeting: CF
7:00pm Teaching Parish Committee: FR

Friday, December 14
9:30am School Advent Reconciliation—All are welcome!
11:30am Women's Club Bake Sale Staging: Kit

Saturday-Sunday, December 15-16
9:00am Men's Club Christmas Tree Sales: Conway Lot

Saturday, December 15
10:00am Piano Recital: BH, CH
After Mass Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale: BH, Kit

Sunday, December 16—3rd Sunday of Advent
After Masses Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale: BH, Kit
6:30pm Piano Recital: CH

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

Winter Weather and Office Closure

On those days when the St. Paul Public School District closes city schools due to weather, it is the practice of St. Pascal Baylon to close its school as well. When this happens, all school and parish activities and meetings will be cancelled. The building may also be closed at the discretion of the pastor or business administrator. Daily Mass will be offered on weather-related days assuming that the Pastor/Presider can get to the church and there is someone there to unlock the building.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ready to Forgive

Father of mercy,
you give us prophets who call us back
to you
by proclaiming your mercy and
loving kindness.
You give us John the Baptist,
a prophet to bridge the old and
new covenants
with a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.
Give us strength in our weak moments,
lift us up when we fall,
and always reassure us
that you are ready to forgive
every time we leave behind what
separates us from you,
and turn back to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 9, 2018
The Salvation of our God

Today's Readings: Baruch 5:1–9; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11; Luke 3:1–6. While kings and priests go about their important work, something is happening in the desert. "The word of God" comes to John, whose birth was surrounded by such marvelous events that people had asked, "What, then, will this child be?" (Luke 1:66). John, the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, is "a voice . . . crying out in the desert." He has an urgent message for the people of his time: to prepare the way of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord comes to us, too, when we take a rest from our work and withdraw to a place of silence. Try to spend ten minutes a day this week in silence, opening your heart to Jesus, making straight his paths by removing resentment, bitterness, vengeful thoughts, anger, greed, envy, and anything else that might block his path. His great desire is to enter our hearts with the healing that he alone can bring.

With the path cleared, Jesus will amaze us with what he can do. He will lower mountains and hills in our life that had seemed insurmountable, straighten winding roads that seem to be leading nowhere, and smooth rough ways that are difficult to navigate.

As the love of Christ makes a home in our heart, it will begin to overflow to every person and situation in our life. We will be ready to celebrate Christmas with joy, knowing that it is but a foretaste of the joy we will know when Christ returns "and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 10
Bringing Others to Jesus

As in today's Gospel, people with disabilities sometimes need friends to bring them to Jesus. Does someone need a ride to Mass? Can all people access our church, sanctuary, religious education, and social spaces? Are children and adults with disabilities invited to participate in religious education and liturgical ministries? We must ask these questions if we are to say that "all are welcome." *Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11–12, 13–14; Luke 5:17–26.*

Tuesday, December 11
The Good Shepherd's Love

The metaphor of God as Shepherd and us as his sheep dates to the Old Testament. Isaiah compares God to a shepherd who feeds, carries, and leads his flock. In the New Testament, Jesus calls himself the "Good Shepherd." Today's Gospel has an example of how he is "good": when just one of us goes astray, he leaves the others behind to search for that one. God never forgets about us or gives up on us. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1–2, 3 and 10ac, 11–12, 13; Matthew 18:12–14.*

Wednesday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mary, lowly and poor herself, showed concern for the poor when she appeared, with brown skin and wearing indigenous robes, to Juan Diego near Mexico City in 1531. She asked him to build a church in her honor. His bishop disbelieved such a story from this poor indigenous man. Three days later, when she told him to ask again, dozens of red roses dropped from his cloak, and the bishop saw the image of Mary imprinted on it. He built the church! Mary gave hope to Mexico's oppressed people, and to this day she is invoked to intercede for the poor and suffering. *Today's Readings: Zechariah 2:14–17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:39–47.*

Thursday, December 13
St. Lucy

In the Gospel, Jesus sings the praises of John the Baptist, who will soon be martyred at the hands of Herod. Today the Church honors another martyr, St. Lucy, who died in AD 304 during a Roman persecution of Christians. She is said to have brought food to Christians hiding in the catacombs, wearing a wreath of candles to light her way. Lucy means "light," and we remember her during this season of waiting for the Light of the World. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 41:13–20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10–11, 12–13ab; Matthew 11:11–15.*

Friday, December 14
St. John of the Cross

The first psalm is a recipe for a happy and fruitful life: "The law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night." John of the Cross, in sixteenth-century Spain, was called to a life of prayer in a Carmelite monastery. When other friars turned on him and imprisoned him for nine months, he had encounters with God that he described in mystical poems. He spent those days and nights joyfully with nothing to distract him from the love of the Lord. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 48:17–19; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 11:16–19.*

Saturday, December 15
An End to Wrath

Today we hear about the great prophet Elijah. Taken to heaven in a whirlwind, he is to return as a forerunner of the Messiah: "to put an end to wrath before the day of the Lord." Jesus, who has just been transfigured and appeared with Moses and Elijah, explains that John the Baptist has fulfilled the mission of Elijah. Who will prepare the way for the Messiah's return? Who among us helps to turn hearts toward God and each other? *Today's Readings: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19; Matthew 17:9a, 10–13.*

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ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Please contact the parish office by December 14 if you plan to attend so we can prepare appropriately for hospitality.

If you are able to help provide bars, cookies, or other refreshments for the evening, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Sponsored by
St. Pascal's
Adult Faith Formation Team

Monday, December 17, 2018
6:30-8:30 pm
Brioschi Hall
with Archbishop Bernard Hebda

Archbishop Hebda holds a master's degree from Harvard University, a doctor of law degree from Columbia University, and a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome. He studied at North American College, Rome, and was ordained a priest on April 6, 1989. He was an official at the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, 1996-2003, and served as undersecretary of the council from 2003-2009, when he was named bishop of Gaylord, Michigan. On September 24, 2013, Pope Francis named Bishop Hebda Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, and then on June 15, 2015, named him Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. On March 24, 2016, Pope Francis named him Archbishop-Designate of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. His Installation Mass took place on Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

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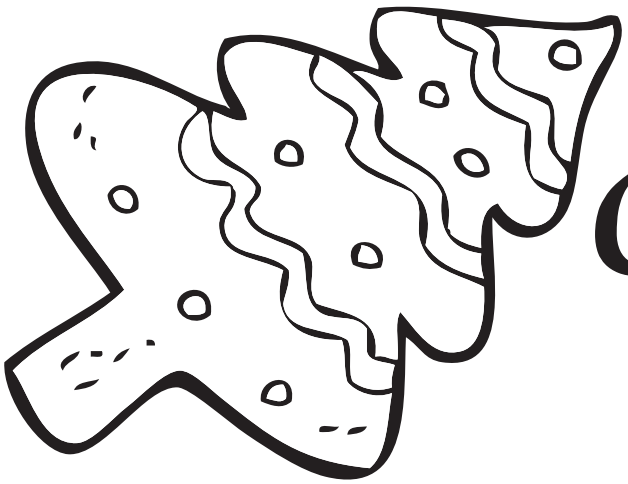
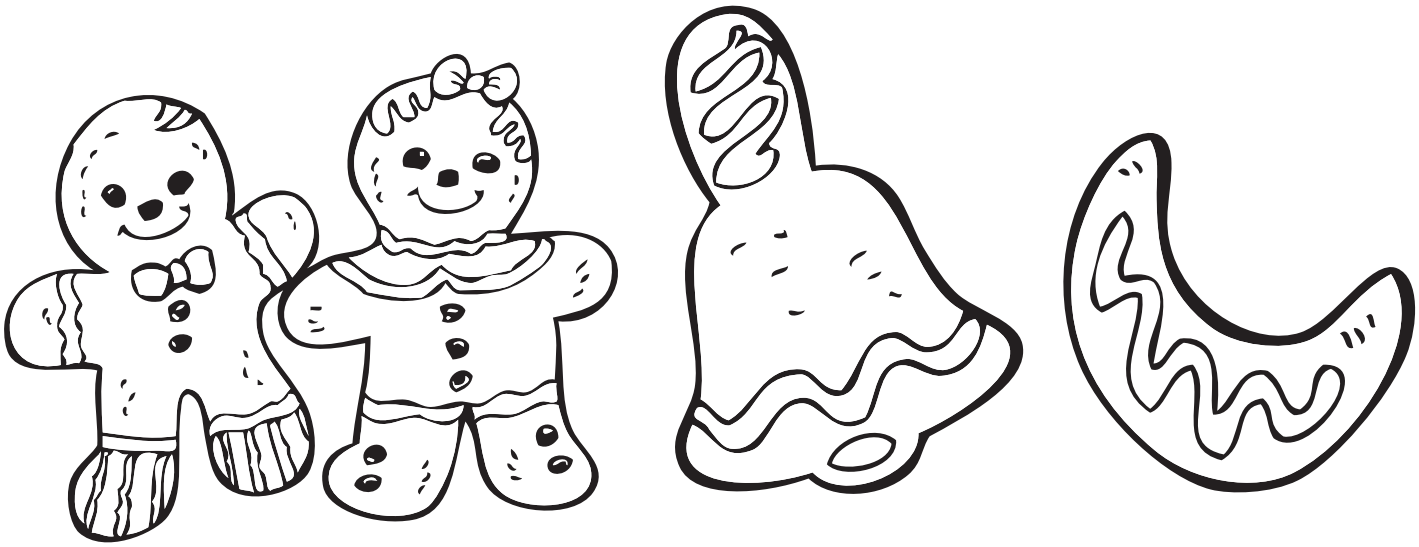
Women's Club



Annual Christmas Bake Sale

December 15-16

We need Bakers and buyers with a sweet tooth!

Visit us in Brioschi Hall after all Masses!