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, 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.

JANUARY 7, 2017 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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:

By now, for most of the world, Christmas is but a distant memory, the decorations are stowed away for another year, and we have turned our gaze toward the grim realities that are Winter, Taxes, and the Super Bowl. (Sorry, but for me that last event really is to be counted among the grim realities, owing to what it discloses about our collective values as a culture...but we can talk about that after the game). But here in church, it’s still Christmas! I’d like to thank the many, many, many people who have made our holiday celebrations so beautiful at St. Pascal’s. I fear that once I begin to call out any of the various ministries involved I’m going to forget someone. But let me try by acknowledging all the liturgical ministers—music, environment, altar, ambo, hospitality, scheduling, building maintenance... We have an extraordinary community here, and our good spirits and talents were all on full view in the last couple of weeks. I also want to acknowledge our wonderful parish staff, as well as those who volunteer in the office, all of whom work really hard and competently, and some of whom do that behind the scenes in a manner that most do not know or appreciate. Many of them don’t get thanked enough, but here’s a shout out to them all.

As it happens for many of us, the Christmas holidays have been occasions to re-assemble as families—or portions of them—in order to remember who we are, from where we have come, to whom we belong, and toward what we are headed. One of the really great blessings for me was to be with my namesake, young Michael Byron. He is my fifteen-year-old nephew who lives in Duluth, whom I rarely see, and who is, from all that I can tell, one of the world’s truly good and kind teenaged people. I am proud of him. Presently he is nursing a broken ankle, the consequence of a hockey injury, and so he hopped about the living room on one leg on Christmas when he wasn’t hauling his casted lower leg around on his crutches. I asked him at one point what he hopes to devote his life to doing once he is done with school. He told me that he wants to be a good and kind young adult person. I wish I’d had a heart like that when I was his age. I am proud of him. Presently he is nursing a broken ankle, the consequence of a hockey injury, and so he hopped about the living room on one leg on Christmas when he wasn’t hauling his casted lower leg around on his crutches. I asked him at one point what he hopes to devote his life to doing once he is done with school. He told me that he wants to be a military medic, as he described it, one of those people who gets dropped out of a helicopter or a plane in order to bring rescue and aid to soldiers who have been wounded in battle. I wish I’d had a heart like that when I was his age. I was quite a bit more self-involved at that stage of life, as I recall. (Maybe still am?)

It was occasion for me to remember the most basic definition of "church" that Pope Francis first articulated when he was elected to that office. He described the church fundamentally as a "field hospital," for those who are weary and wounded and searching for solace and hope. That is a very different image from what some other relatively recent imaginations have been, such as his predecessor, Pope Benedict, who suggested that the "church" in this world perhaps ought to become smaller so as to be imagined as more doctrinally pure and inclusive of only those who profess good enough propositional faith in good enough vocabulary. I am not here to pass judgment upon one Pope or another—although I hope it is fairly clear where my sympathies lie—but it is to note that it is very easy to understand why these two popes are widely seen to be in discontinuity with one another. In many respects they are—not with respect to the fundamentals of Catholic faith, but certainly with regard to what they understand to be the purpose and mission of the church in here-and-now.

If I were ever in trouble in the midst of strife, I’d want young Michael Byron to drop from the sky to help me, and not somebody with religious truth to impart to me.

Fr. Mike Byron
Register for the 2018-19 School Year
The 2018-2019 Enrollment Season Kick-Off has begun! Are you interested in checking out St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School? We are currently offering tours and meeting with families interested in our program! Schedule a visit today!

Kindergarten Shadow Opportunity
Pre-K families interested in SPBCS Kindergarten experience a one-hour snapshot of a “day in the life of a SPBCS Kindergartener”! This opportunity includes a tour of the school, observation, and finishes with a Q&A with Admissions Director, Jackie Nordman. Call the school today or email Jackie Nordman at jackie.nordman@stpascals.org.

Upcoming Enrollment Event: SPBCS Early Learning Center Preschool/Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, January 11 from 5:30-6:30 PM
Current and Interested Families can check out the classrooms and meet the teachers! What a great event to continue our Enrollment Kick-Off—dress in your favorite sports team apparel! Fun activities in the gym, craft projects and treats and prize drawings too!

NEW for 2018-19: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....Preschool (3yr old) Half-Day morning class!
It will be a great night to see the amazing program for your child’s educational foundation....TOUCHDOWN!

Mission Trip 2018 Spots Still Available
There are still a few spots available for the youth mission trip to Nashville from July 14-22. Open to youth entering grades 9-12 in September 2018. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for details.

Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction:
A Fundraiser for Mission Trip 2018 to Nashville
Saturday, January 27 from 5:00-7:00pm
Join us for tacos, Spanish rice, black beans, chips and cheese, dessert, and more!

- Adults: $8
- Children 6-12: $5
- Children 5 and under: Free!
Family Rate: $30
The silent auction will have gift baskets and include certificates to some of your favorite hotels, restaurants, and businesses. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses beginning January 13, and at the door. Silent Auction items will be available to view and bid on the weekends of January 13/14, January 20/21, and at the dinner.

Getting Ready for Lent. Yes, Lent.
LENT 2018 Bible Study
Galatians: Free in Christ
Through this Galatians Bible study, participants discover why conversion in Christ offers a new life of truly radical freedom. Groups/times available are:
- Tuesdays, 8:15-9:45 am—starts February 13
- Thursdays, 9:30-11 am—starts February 15
If you would like to join one of the groups, please register by February 5. Forms are available in the kiosks, or you can register online at www.stpascals.org. Suggested fee is $15/person. To sign up, get more information, or arrange to pick up a book, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

MLK Jr. Community Breakfasts—Monday, January 15 from 7:00 - 9:30 AM
Multiple neighborhood locations (St. Casimir’s parish is this year’s Eastside site)
Plan now to celebrate the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday at one of our uplifting community breakfasts. Enjoy a tasty, hot breakfast and watch a live broadcast of the General Mills breakfast event in downtown Minneapolis. The keynote speaker will be David Oyelowo, lead actor in the 2014 film Selma. Everyone is invited to attend. Space for the breakfast is limited, so reservations are required.

Tickets Adult $5 | Ages 12 & under FREE | Register at interfaithaction.org/mlk
Then Herod sent the [magi] to
Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search
diligently for the child; and when you
have found him bring me word so
that I may also go and pay him
homage.” (Matthew 2:8)

Adults: When have you been jealous
or fearful of another person? When
are such feelings harmful?

Kids: Have you been jealous because
something good happened to
another person instead of you? What
is the problem with feeling that way?

Stewardship of Treasure
Financial Gifts – July-November, 2017
For fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Parish (July - November)
Income $640,066.03
Expenses $489,822.29
(Parish expenses do not include school support)

School (July-September)
Income $370,653.48
Parish Support $160,072.93
(total FY support of $251,000)
Total Expenses $530,726.41

Thank you so much for your continued support. Questions?
Please let me know.
—Theresa Ruttger, Parish Administrator

It’s not too late to turn in your pledge for 2018
Look for up to date statistics in next week’s bulletin. Good news—
there has been an increase in ACH givers, which is good for parish
finances. Electronic giving means regular year-around donations,
which is good for our cash flow during the “snowbird” months and
the “cabin” months. Call Theresa with any questions you may have.
Sign up today!
The Week Ahead
Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

Sunday, January 7—THE EPIPHANY
12:00pm Confirmation II (w/sponsors): CH, OC

Monday, January 8—BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:00pm Women's Book Club: FR
7:00pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym & 108

Tuesday, January 9
6:00pm Women's Club Board Meeting: FR
6:30pm AFF Meeting: SL

Wednesday, January 10
7:30am School Board: FR
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass
10:30am Peaceful Presence Prayer Group: Chapel
6:00pm PTP: FR, Nursery
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, January 11
5:30pm Preschool-K Open House
7:00pm Men's Club Members Meeting: CF

Friday, January 12
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 13
6:00am Men's Club Donut Making setup: BH, Kit
9:00am Men's Club Donut Making
9:00am 7th-8th grade Grocery Bagging: Sun Ray Cub Foods

Saturday, January 13
After Mass Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM

Sunday, January 14, 2018
After Masses Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM
After Masses Men's Club Donut Sales: BH
After Masses New Member Registration

Monday, January 15—MLK Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL
Parish & school offices closed
7:30am Neighborhood Community Breakfast: St. Casimir

Tuesday, January 16
6:00pm Women's Club Wine Tasting: BH
7:00pm Spirituality Book Club: LB

Wednesday, January 17
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass
12:00pm Priest's Deanery Lunch: FR
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, January 18
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: CF

Friday, January 19
No scheduled events

Saturday, January 20
After Mass Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM

Sunday, January 21, 2018
After Masses Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM
12:00pm Confirmation I Orientation: OC
2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

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