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 14, 2018  |  2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEEK
Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” - Jn 1:38a

Dear Friends:

It needs to be said: We are becoming, rapidly, a culture of coarseness, meanness and unkindness in the way we engage one another in conversations, publicly, privately, and especially electronically. Regrettably it begins at the very top of our national political leadership, for which we ought to grieve. In that light I have recently been engaging with a little book that I received as a Christmas gift titled, Redeeming Conflict: 12 Habits for Christian Leaders, authored by Ann M. Garrido. It is a guide for how truly to listen and respond healthily and productively in situations where there is disagreement about important things. It is a welcome alternative to name-calling, gossip and cruel, de-humanizing slander. And I would suggest that it is helpful for many more than "Christian leaders."

One of the ways that the earliest Christian churches distinguished themselves from the vulgar and violent cultures around them was in the way they managed conflict. The Bible makes no effort to paper over the fact that there was plenty of internal dispute among disciples back then, as there remains today. It’s part of the human condition, but it doesn’t have to call out the most base instincts in us. In the virtual absence of moral leadership in the public square right now in our country, this can be a moment for our uniquely Catholic Christian witness to offer something hopeful and good, as an alternative to despair.

One of the insights in the book is in calling attention to the fact that conflict with others not only shows us something about their own values and convictions. It also discloses information about ourselves, sometimes information that is not easy to accept. We may be slow, for example, to recognize some of the issues and opinions about which we become automatically defensive, perhaps without even realizing it or understanding why. Thoughtful conversation, rather than mudslinging, could be an opportunity for clarification of our own passions and perhaps (gasp!) a chance to change our attitudes—or at least to evaluate them deliberately. Another potential "benefit" to conflict is that it provides an occasion for us to better understand how we are perceived by other people in the way we present ourselves. We all walk around with a general impression of what kinds of personalities we think we have (e.g. humble, proud, loud, combative, upbeat, passive...), but perhaps those self-understandings don’t correspond to the way that others see us. It wouldn't hurt actually to ask them as part of problem-solving.

And another helpful take-away from the book is the acknowledgement of the importance of emotions in conflicted situations. We would all benefit not only from recognizing the emotions themselves but also some of the "triggers" that can draw them out in us. It points out five of them that are fairly universal: Autonomy (the sense of having appropriate control over a situation), Appreciation (the sense of being noticed and valued), Affiliation (the sense of belonging and inclusion), Status (the sense of being acknowledged for the life skills that we have attained over time), and Role (the sense that I/we have a meaningful part to play in any collective activity). When any of these are threatened, or feels that way, emotions can take over quickly and the true point of a conflict may be obscured.

I offer these reflections as reminders to all of us that conflict is unavoidable in any community—like a parish—but it doesn’t have to be uncharitable. I think we model problem-solving and disagreement pretty well here at St. Pascal’s, but it never hurts to be thoughtful about it.

Fr. Mike Byron
OUR SCHOOL

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 our Admissions Director, tour of the school, observation, and finishes with a Q&A with our Admissions Director.

NEW for 2018-19: Back by popular demand... Preschool (3yr old) Half-Day morning class! Call the school today or email Jackie Nordman at jackie.nordman@stpascals.org.

DeLaSalle High School Open House—Prospective Students and Families
Wednesday, January 17, from 7:00-9:00 PM
Staff and students of DeLaSalle High School will host an Open House for prospective students and their families. Easily the fastest-growing Catholic high school in the Upper Midwest, DeLaSalle’s enrollment is its largest since the early 1970’s, up 30 percent in the past seven years alone.

The Open House features presentations about DeLaSalle’s Catholic and Lasallian heritage; college prep curriculum and Guidance program sending 98-100 percent of grads off to college and so much more. DeLaSalle staff and many current students will be present to welcome guests and answer questions. For more information, please visit www.delasalle.com or contact Mike O’Keefe at 612.676.7679 or mike.okeefe@delasalle.com.

In Unity There is Strength—Weekly Rosary
Do you ever feel overwhelmed with so many needs for prayer? Join us every Wednesday at 9:00 AM to pray the rosary together. The school Mass will follow at 9:30. You will love the beautiful liturgy as only children can provide. Please join us when you are able. Any questions contact Betty Hensel at 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com.

FAITH FORMATION

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
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm—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 wwwstpascals.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.

Walking Through Grief Spouse Loss Group—Begins February 5
Mondays: February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5
from 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Arlington Hills United Methodist Church—759 East County Road B, Maplewood

When you are on the journey of grief, it is often helpful to seek the support of others. HealthEast Hospice is offering a five-session grief support group that is intended for people who are grieving the death of their spouse or significant other. Group members will have opportunities to reflect on grief and loss, and receive relevant grief education and materials.

There is no charge for the group but registration is required as space is limited. Please register by Monday, January 29:
Grief Support Services at 232.3543 or griefsupportservices@healtheast.org.

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Email church@stpascals.org
After hours emergency number (for death, dying or anointing of the sick) 651.280.9239

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri  8:00 - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

School
Contact Information
School Office  651.776.0092
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Email: laurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

School Office 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 Reisdlor, 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
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, January 16
7:30 AM  +  Gerry Kroll

Wednesday, January 17
9:30 AM  +  Gerald William Koppes

Thursday, January 18
7:30 AM  Mark & Shelley

Friday, January 19
7:30 AM  +  Don Hensel

Saturday, January 20
4:30 PM  +  Peter Kaudy

Sunday, January 21
8:45 AM  The People of the Parish
10:30 AM  +  Peter Kaudy

Heart Questions
The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.
1 Sm 3:8

Adults: How do you hear God's voice in your life?

Kids: How can you find out what God is calling you to do?

Readings
January 14, 2017

Sunday:
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Monday:
1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:
1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1-2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-14
Mk 3:7-12

Friday:
1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:
2 Sm 1:1-2, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:
Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

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 Rutger, Parish Administrator

2018 Stewardship Pledge Update
310 households have pledged $579,431.00 for 2018. We are a bit behind last year's total of 323 households pledging $627,651.00.

There are cards in the Gather Space, so it's not too late to pledge for 2018. Thanks to all who have made a commitment to St. Pascal's for the coming year. Your generosity ensures that our ministries will continue to bring the light of Christ to the East Side and beyond.
The Week Ahead
Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

Sunday, January 14
After Masses Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): Commons
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 East Side Community Breakfast: St. Casimir’s

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—All are welcome!
12:00pm Priest’s Deanery Lunch: FR
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, January 18
9:30am Nia
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: CF

Friday, January 19
9:00am School/GHR meeting: FR

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

Sunday, January 21
After Masses Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM
10:00am Money Counter Meeting: PC
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, PC: Parish Conference Room

Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn’t say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn’t even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS