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.

MARCH 10, 2019 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

I wish to inform you about two recent developments in St. Pascal’s Early Learning Center. First, Laurie Jennrich, the current Director of St. Pascal’s Early Learning Center, has informed me that she will not be returning as the Director of St. Pascal’s Early Learning Center for 2019-20. Please join me in wishing Laurie the best in her future endeavors. Laurie has been a dedicated worker here at St. Pascal’s School community, and I thank her for her years of service in our School and Early Learning Center. Secondly, starting with the 2019-20 school year, St. Pascal’s Early Learning Center will be under the management and supervision of St. Pascal School. Currently, the Early Learning Center is under the management of St. Pascal Parish. In consultation with people in roles of leadership in our parish and school, I have decided that the 2019-20 school year is a good time to move the Early Learning Center to be under the management of St. Pascal School.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving during the Season of Lent.

1) **Prayer.** We enter the forty days of the Lenten Season with an opportunity to spend more time in prayer with God and with other people. We can spend time reading the weekday or weekend Mass readings (see the parish bulletin for a daily listing of Mass readings). We can pray the Rosary with family and friends, or we can gather with people at our church on Fridays at 7:00pm to pray the Stations of the Cross. Prayer takes effort, and carving out time in our daily schedule for prayer takes planning, but prayer helps us to deepen our relationship with God and each other.

2) **Fasting.** The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us about Jesus spending forty days of fasting in the desert after He was baptized by John the Baptist. Fasting from food, eating less, and simplifying our meals are ways that we can allow physical hunger to enter our lives. Such hunger allows us to be in solidarity with people in the world who do not enjoy the option of choosing when to eat their next meal or snack. Being physically hungry through fasting also reminds us that “we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

3) **Almsgiving.** Almsgiving involves the sharing of our time, talent and treasure with people who are in need. Instead of spending all of our resources on ourselves, we can share some of those resources with people who lack basic necessities such as food, water, shelter and medicine. If you are looking for an option for Lenten almsgiving, see our Gathering Space for the small cardboard boxes from Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl that you can take home to collect coins and bills. For more information, go online to crsricebowl.org or access the Rice Bowl app on your mobile device for daily reflections, meatless recipes and other information about CRS Rice Bowl.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

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Rosary—In Unity There is Strength

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ’s spirit dwells.

Join us every Wednesday at 9:00 AM to pray the rosary together. Then stay for the School Mass at 9:30. You will love the beautiful liturgy as only children can provide. Please join us when you are able. Any questions call Betty Hensel 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com.

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The Joy of Ministry

Three more reasons to consider becoming an Usher or Greeter:

1. You are helping to build community! (Minister one weekend per month, at the Mass of your choice)
2. It gives your kids something to do! (It’s a great family ministry!)
3. To honor our friend Sue Moyer! (Hospitality was Sue’s middle name – consider “putting on your own pair of red shoes” to do it for her!)

Contact Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 or carla.hibbison@gmail.com.

Taste of St. Pascal’s

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our 9th Taste of St. Pascal a success. Especially those who shared their music and song. It was a great afternoon celebrating the diversity of our St. Pascal parish. So many delicious food items to sample! Mark your calendars for next year – February 23, 2020.

Friends & Family Kick-off Meeting

Monday, March 18 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge

Make It Happen! Do you have ideas for this event? Have you helped with this event in the past? Come to the meeting and help make this year’s Friends & Family event both fun and a great fundraiser for St. Pascal’s. Ellen and Mike Aeling are chairing the Friends & Family and need help planning and carrying out this event. Questions call Mike Aeling 651.307.8237.

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Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

*Faith Lee Miller-Trice*
child of Barbara

*Francis Nasiali Ngocho,*
child of Anthony & Wendy

*Kendall Jane Wojcik*
child of Phil & Julianne

who were recently Baptized in our church.

May God bless these households of faith.

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In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

*Kenneth Mauer*

*Georgia Egge*

who were recently buried from our church.

We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends, and pray for their souls’ eternal peace.
**LENT RETREAT**


**SAVE THE DATE! June 24-28, 2019**
Vacation Bible School 2019

ROAR! Life is wild—God is good

Make plans now to join us for VBS 2019. At ROAR kids discover that God is good through all of life’s challenges. Life is wild for kids—full of ups and downs and twists and turns. It can often feel chaotic and out of control. At ROAR kids experience the solid foundation of God’s goodness—something they can stand on, cling to, hold, and remember when the wild side of life doesn’t feel so fun or adventurous.

Registration forms will be available beginning in early April.

Help will be needed in all areas! Contact Kim Roering in the parish office at 774.1585 or kim.roering@stpascals.org if you are interested.

**Mass Time Safety and Security**

We welcome all who join our parish community for weekend Masses while balancing the safety and security of all in the building. Beginning this weekend, the Conway entrance will remain locked and all entry into the building before and during Mass will be through the main church doors at Flandreau Street. We appreciate your patience as we enact these measures to ensure that all are safe and secure during worship at St. Pascal’s.

**Winter Weather and Office Closure**

**We still have March & April to get through!**

On those days when the St. Paul Public School District closes city schools due to weather, St. Pascal School closes 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 to unlock the building.

**Women’s Book Club**

Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM, Staff Lounge

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? Do it this month! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss Kent Haruf’s Plainsong, and next month, April 8, we’ll discuss Mary Logue’s Frozen Stiff. Ms. Logue, the author and Hamline Professor, writes mysteries set in the Lake Pepin area and will share the evening with us!

**Middle School Grocery Bagging**

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Maplewood Cub at Hwy 36 & White Bear

Do you need groceries? Come to the Maplewood Cub Foods next Saturday and our students (grades 6 & 7) will bag your groceries for you. They’re raising money for their Washington DC trip in the spring of 2020. Come out and support them if you are able. Thanks.

**Men’s Club Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays of Lent from March 8 – April 12**

4:30 to 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandreau St. entrance)

The “All-You-Can-Eat” menu offers fried or baked cod, coleslaw, steamed mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes or seasoned fries, rolls and butter, coffee, water, and chocolate or vanilla pudding. Milk, bottled water and assorted pop extra. Raffle and baked goods sale. Take-out will be available!

Adults (12 and up): $12.00  |  Children (6-11): $5.50  |  Children 5 and under: FREE

Proceeds go to purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for our school Physical Education program and extracurricular sports activities, plus other parish/school needs.

**Early Learning Center**

Mon-Fri
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Holidays as announced

Contact
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Email
kim.roering@stpascals.org

**School Office**

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

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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

**Sacramental Information**

Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:45 PM 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, March 12
7:30 AM  +  Bernard Vagnoni

Wednesday, March 13
9:30 AM  Women’s Club

Thursday, March 14
7:30 AM  +  A deceased member of the parish

Friday, March 15
7:30 AM  Men’s Club

Saturday, March 16
4:30 PM  +  Don Hensel

Sunday, March 17
8:45 AM  +  Jim Brown
10:30 AM  The people of the parish

CRS Rice Bowls:

Encounter Norma
In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

For Norma and members of our own community who are hungry and do not know where their next meal will come from, may we encounter them in their need. We pray to the Lord...

Sunday: 
Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

Monday:
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:
Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:
Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Friday:
Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:
Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17 - - 4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

POPE FRANCIS’ WORDS
Do you want to fast this Lent?
Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.
MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017

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

JANUARY 2019

Parish
Income $166,348.01
Expense $118,704.71
$ 47,643.30

School
Income $151,064.56
Expense $77,542.69
$ 73,521.87

Thank you for your support!

As a people and as individuals, we turn to God in times of want and in times of plenty, as we live out our covenant relationship. Moses instructs the people to bring their baskets filled with products of the soil to offer at the altar of the Lord, and then to declare before God all he has done for them, from their days of wandering in Egypt to being led to a land flowing with milk and honey. These are the events that have shaped them as a people. As they confessed their faith, they acknowledged all that God had given to them. Following this proclamation, they bow down in the presence of the Lord.

Jesus is led into the desert to take the journey of his people. A journey of testing and purification. Testing whether Jesus will use his divine power, the devil says, “If you are the Son of God . . .” Jesus responds with words from Scripture, words that give him power and strength. After the temptations are faced, the angels come to wait upon Jesus. Entering into these forty days, be open to discovering the blessings of God’s Word, allowing its wisdom to provide you with strength and protection. What passages from the Bible provide peace to you? Which ones give you consolation in times of sadness or joy in the awe and wonder of God?

Lenten Journey

Lord God,
you invite us to enter into these desert days of Lent.
Your Son was filled with the Holy Spirit and then led into the wilderness, where he experienced the emptiness of hunger, and faced temptations from the devil. When we stumble and find this journey difficult, because we are overwhelmed by our needs and desires, or seek to find a quick escape from troubles, help us to turn to you in our time of want.
We ask that you draw us closer to you, so that we may find nourishment in your Word, during these forty days of Lent.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, March 10, 2019
Journey with the Word
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 11
The Least among Us
Who would you consider to be the least among us? Those with no voice or power? The poor, the weak and marginalized? The aged or the young and innocent? The Gospel invites us to see the face of Christ in the people who have little status. Who in your family or neighborhood is in need of a smile, a hug, a conversation, or a warm meal? Who would enjoy hearing from you? Make time for them this week. 

Today’s Readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.

Tuesday, March 12
Your Will Be Done
When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer that we know as the Our Father or Lord’s Prayer. Sometimes we say this prayer giving little thought to its words. We pray, “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” In heaven, God’s will is obeyed perfectly. What would our world be like if his will were obeyed on earth? 


Wednesday, March 13
Repent
When Jonah, brought the message to repent to the people of Nineveh, they listened and turned away from sin. Jesus has revealed God and his Kingdom to us. What is your response? Have you allowed his Word to transform you? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that an examination of conscience is a “prayerful self-reflection on our words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how we may have sinned against God.” As a preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, make an examination of conscience, considering where you have not listened to the voice of God. 


Thursday, March 14
Seek and Find
How do you pray and speak with God? Jesus offers these instructions: to ask, to seek, and to find. Is it difficult for you to ask for something from God? Is there something that you are struggling with in your life? Write in your Lenten journal what you are most in need of at this moment. Think about where you turn to seek answers when you face problems or difficult situations. Is God a part of the solution? Ask the Lord to give you peace and to find his will for you this day. 

Today’s Readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 7–8; Matthew 7:7–12.

Friday, March 15
Difficult and Messy
We do not need to look too far to know that relationships are difficult and life can be messy. Within every family, group, or community, there are instances of tension. How do we bring acceptance and understanding to those situations? We are called to make peace and to reconcile with one another. Let us ask God to help us bring his mercy and compassion, his peace and his love to every conversation and every corner of our world this week. 

Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 4–6, 7–8; Matthew 5:20–25.

Saturday, March 16
Difficult Love
Love your enemies. It is easy for us to love those who love us, but loving those who have harmed us is difficult. Loving our enemies is countercultural, so we look different than the rest of the world when we love this way. Who will help us love like this? God will give us everything we need to follow him. Spend time in prayer today asking God to forgive those who have caused hurt, pain, and injury in your life. 