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 17, 2019  |  SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to Kathleen Vagnoni who gave $38,362.55 to St. Pascal Baylon Church on February 27 through a charitable gift arrangement with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. Kathleen was a long-time member of our parish. She passed away on January 2, 2019, and we celebrated her funeral Mass here on January 7. Kathleen designated $18,083.43 to go towards our most pressing parish maintenance projects and $20,279.12 to go towards the general support of our parish. Catholic Community Foundation can help you set up a donor advised fund, estate bequest, charitable annuity, charitable remainder trust and more. Catholic Community Foundation can be reached at telephone number 651.389.0330. Their website is www.ccf-mn.org, and their address is 2610 University Avenue West, Saint Paul.

Why Did Jesus Descend Into Hell? We say in the words of the Apostle’s Creed that “Jesus descended into Hell.” What does that mean?

The answer can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 633: “Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, hell—Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek—because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God. Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into Abraham’s bosom. It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham’s bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell. Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.” Holy souls such as Adam, Eve, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Ruth and Esther awaited Jesus in the realm of the dead. “When Jesus reconciles us to the Father by His redemptive act on the Cross, then He can rise from the dead and receive authority from the Father to reopen the gates of Heaven for us and all the redeemed.” (www.marian.org/marians/Why-Did-Jesus-Descend-into-Hell-8030)

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Pastoral Care Ministry
Please contact Bonnie Steele with questions or for more information at 651.432.4959 or bonnie.steele@stpascals.org.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound
Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit homes of parishioners who are unable to attend a weekend Liturgy. Request a visit by contacting Bonnie Steele.

Hospital Ministry/Visitation
Hospitals are essential, hopeful, and helpful. They may also be a scary, painful, lonely, or sad environment. Whenever you or someone you love is in the hospital, your church community can offer meaningful support. St. Pascal Baylon has trained ministers who bring the hope and prayer of the community and a confidential listening ear to our parishioners. Eucharistic Ministers may visit and bring communion; our priest visits and offers the sacraments of healing and reconciliation. When you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital, please, let the hospital staff know that you are a member of St. Pascal Baylon in East St. Paul. All area hospitals have chaplains who are available. If you would like to be visited, please let the hospital staff know and someone from chaplaincy will bring you Eucharist. They will also call the parish office if, during the admitting process, you identify as Catholic and mention St. Pascal Baylon. Then someone from our parish will also visit you. In an emergency, please ask the hospital staff to call the hospital chaplain or a Catholic priest.

A Time to Grieve Booklets
Would you like to reach out to our families who have lost a loved one? We have a series of booklets called A Time to Grieve by Stephen Ministry. They are a set of four short books to send to a grieving person at four crucial times during the first year after a loved one dies. Each book focuses on what the person is likely experiencing at that point in grief—offering understanding, empathy, compassion, and hope. The booklets are sent with a brief note of encouragement, written by you, to the bereaved. If you have an interest in being a caring presence to our bereaved family members contact Bonnie Steele.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Laurine Kraut
Clare Nelson

who were recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends, and pray for their souls’ eternal peace.
**LENT RETREAT**

*Encountering Jesus in Lent: A Parish Mini-Retreat with Fr. John Mitchell & Dcn. Richard Moore*

Monday, April 1 from 6:30-8:30 PM OR Tuesday, April 2 from 10:00 AM-Noon

Join us for a parish mini-retreat this Lent as Fr. John and Deacon Richard help us explore the Gospel stories of the woman caught in adultery and the Samaritan woman at the well. Each session will include lecture, guided reflection, small group discussion, and prayer. The same material will be presented at both sessions. Participants are welcome to attend one or both sessions. An optional dinner or lunch will be provided to those who would like to join us before or after the presentations. A free will offering will be taken. There is no fee to attend, but please register by March 29 so we can plan appropriately for meals and hospitality. To RSVP, please call the parish office at 651.774.1585 or register online at www.stpascals.org/parish-news.

**Spouse Loss Grief Support Group**

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019; 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Path of Grace United Methodist Church, 759 County Rd B East, Maplewood, MN

When you are on the journey of grief, it is often helpful to seek the support of others. This group 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 materials.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Prayer Retreat**

Saturday, March 23 9:00 AM - Noon in the Founders Room
The RCIA team invites you to come and join us for an introspective journey into prayer! We hear your skepticism and worry...don’t worry you’re not alone, in fact you’re in good company. Even the apostles struggled with prayer, and they had Jesus to lead them. They went to Him and asked, “teach us to pray!” So join us as we delve into prayer and its many aspects. Please call the parish office to let us know if you will join us or email Deacon Richard at richard.moore@stpascals.org.

**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.

**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): $5.00
- Children 5 and under: FREE

**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
Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, March 19**
7:30 AM  + Kathleen Minder

**Wednesday, March 20**
9:30 AM  + Angie Dahlin

**Thursday, March 21**
7:30 AM  The people of the parish

**Friday, March 22**
7:30 AM  + Mary Roche

**Saturday, March 23**
4:30 PM  + Jim Fratto

**Sunday, March 24**
8:45 AM  The people of the parish
10:30 AM  + A deceased member of the parish

CRS Rice Bowls:
**Encounter Annet**
In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family. She and her children were forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

For Annet, her family and for all those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities. We pray to the Lord…

Readings
March 17, 2019

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

**Monday:**
Dn 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:**
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Wednesday:**
Jer 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:**
Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:**
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:**
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

**Sunday, March 17—Lent 2**
After Masses  Friends & Family gift card collection: CM

**Monday, March 18**
6:00pm  Friends & Family planning meeting: SL
6:30pm  Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108

**Tuesday, March 19**
8:15am  Bible Study: PC
6:30pm  1st Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting: BH
7:00pm  Parish Lent Reconciliation: CH

**Wednesday, March 20—First Day of Spring (Yay!)**
9:00am  Rosary: CH
9:30am  School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm  Choir
6:30pm  1st Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting: BH
6:30pm  Faith Formation: 101, 105, 108, LB

**Thursday, March 21**
9:30am  Bible Study: PC
6:30pm  Cub Scouts 294 Pack Meeting: CF
7:00pm  Teaching Parish meeting: FR

**Friday, March 22**
4:30pm  Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit
7:00pm  Stations of the Cross: CH

**Saturday, March 23**
9:00am  Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby: CF
9:00am  RCIA Prayer Retreat: FR (Please join us!)
4:30pm  Scrutiny (RCIA)

**Sunday, March 24—Lent 3**
After Masses  Friends & Family gift card collection: CM

**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, SL: Staff Lounge

**EASTER FLOWERS**
This Easter, 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. Thank you for your gift!

I would like to purchase an Easter plant in (circle one)

Honor of / Memory of:
___________________________________________

Donated by:
__________________________________________

Please make checks payable to St. Pascal’s.

**St. Pascal’s Legacy Society**
**4 Things You Can Do to Leave a Legacy**
1. Prepare a will.
2. Leave a gift (a bequest) in your will or revocable trust for the not-for-profit organizations that make a difference in your life.
3. Name your favorite not-for-profit as a beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan or life insurance policy.
4. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.

Please make St. Pascal’s an important part of your legacy by remembering St. Pascal’s in your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 651.432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Bridig O’Malley.
The Voice

Lord, you established a covenant with Abraham and promised him that his descendants would outnumber the stars. You spoke and Abraham listened to your voice. Throughout your relationship, there were difficulties and doubts, which brought confusion and uncertainty to your servant. We also listen to your voice, and hear you proclaim “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” Allow us to draw near to your Word especially in our times of doubt and misunderstanding, so that we may find the clarity and peace that only your Word can offer. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

My Sacrifice

Today's Readings: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b–36. Abram obeys the Lord's commands, and he is blessed. God gave him direction and guided him to a new place. Having chosen Abram, God invites him into a covenant relationship. God both initiates relationships and gives human beings a chance to respond. The ritual described is one of an ancient covenant. With awe of God, Abram enters into the covenant, and God promises Abram numerous descendants and land.

In the Gospel, Jesus chose three disciples to come away with him to the mountain. There, the disciples encounter the glory of God as they see an aspect of Jesus that no one had seen before. Peter wants tents to be made so that he and the others can stay on the mountain, experiencing Jesus' glory. The Apostle does not understand what he has seen. God is going to call Peter to make a sacrifice. God proclaims, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” Does this allow Peter to better understand who Jesus is and who God is calling Peter to be?

When we listen to God and place the will of God first in our life, the reward is more than we can possibly imagine. How are you living as a disciple? Are you listening for the voice of God? During the next week of Lent, focus on what God is calling you to do and be in this moment of sacred history.
This Week at Home

Monday, March 18
Change of Heart
Lent is a time for a change of heart. The Gospel offers concrete examples of how to do this: by not passing judgment on others, by not being critical of others, by living with a forgiving and loving heart. We will be judged in the same manner that we respond to others. Challenge yourself to refrain from negative assessments today. Today’s Readings: Daniel 9:4–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.

Tuesday, March 19
St. Joseph
Today we honor St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. In Scripture, Joseph is described as an upright and righteous man. Little detail is given about him, but his actions portrayed his faith. When the angel in his dream tells him to take Mary as his wife, he abandons his plan to divorce her quietly. Obediently, he also names the child Jesus, just as the angel told him. There are times we do not understand the plan God sets before us. Let us pray today to seek God’s will. Today’s Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5, 12–14, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24.

Wednesday, March 20
Not to Be Served, but to Serve
The mother of Zebedee’s sons asks that her two boys sit at a place of honor with Jesus, one at his right hand and the other at his left in the Kingdom. The other ten disciples are not pleased with this request. None yet understands that through servanthood, the Kingdom of God is entered. What do you request of God as you go through times of difficulty or sorrow? Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.

Thursday, March 21
The Face of Christ
The parable of the rich man and Lazarus invites us to reflect upon our attitude toward the poor. What can your family do to respond to the needs of the poor in your community? Consider providing a meal for a shelter or serving at a soup kitchen. Reflect with your family following the visit on what they saw and experienced. Discuss how you felt God’s presence during your visit. Ask the family if they saw the face of Christ in any of the guests of this meal. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4–6; Luke 16:19–31.

Friday, March 22
Reject the Cornerstone
It is easy to stand outside the setting of today’s Gospel and not identify with the characters in this parable. The tenants are portrayed as those who do not listen to the owner. They are shown as disobedient and greedy. During an examination of conscience, consider how you listen to the Word of God. Do you give God glory or only seek your success and reward? Do you worry excessively about money and finances? Have you intentionally done evil to someone? Today’s Readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13, 17–28; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.

Saturday, March 23
Joy of the Feast
The parable of the forgiving father is familiar to us. What do we think the younger son was expecting when he arrived home? He had been away from his country, his father’s house, and his family a long time. He did not know what was happening there while he was gone. Upon his return, he experiences the mercy and the love of his Father. The joy of the feast is compromised by the response of the older brother. Do we ever judge our family members in a harsher light? Carry out a random act of kindness in your home today. Today’s Readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.
St. Pascal's School's Read-a-thon will take place from March 15-28. Students are being encouraged to read at home and collect donations for their reading. Their goal is to raise $5,000 for technology needs throughout the school building. Any donations that you would be willing to make towards the goal would be appreciated. Donations can be brought to the school office. We thank you for your continued support!