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 31, 2019 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent also known as Laetare Sunday. The Latin word “laetare” means “rejoice”. The Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday’s Mass comes from Isaiah 66:10, “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning”. Singing or chanting the Entrance Antiphon is one option for the beginning of Mass. Many parishes follow the equally acceptable option of singing an Entrance Song at the beginning of Mass rather than chanting the Entrance Antiphon. If you hear or read the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass, you will see a connection to the liturgical theme of the season or the Scripture readings for the Mass that day.

If Laetare Sunday means Rejoice Sunday, are we really supposed to rejoice during the middle of Lent? Yes, we are allowed to rejoice on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and in fact, there is a long tradition in our Church of rejoicing at this midpoint of Lent because we look with expectation to Easter Sunday which is only three weeks away and coming soon. Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we progress towards the joy of Easter.

Why do priests and deacons wear rose/pink vestments on this Sunday? On both Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent), priests and deacons at Mass may wear rose/pink colored vestments rather than violet/purple vestments. The rose color is a sign of joy which characterizes Laetare and Gaudete Sunday. The use of rose vestments may come from the ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Are there contemporary celebrations that individuals or families might observe to make Laetare Sunday more memorable? Individuals or families might choose to enjoy a Sunday brunch today and place roses on the table as a foretaste of their Easter celebration. Or you could plant a rose bush in your yard or garden this day (weather and soil conditions permitting). Finally, there was a medieval tradition of visiting your “mother church” (the church where you were baptized) on Laetare Sunday. You could have a fun Sunday afternoon outing with friends or relatives by taking a drive to see the church where Mom or Dad or the children were baptized. You could stand outside or inside your mother church and recite the Apostle’s Creed, or pray the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory Be, or say a spontaneous prayer of gratitude for your baptism. Then go and enjoy some ice cream or other treat!

Care Center Information Next Weekend. I have invited representatives from Cerenity Senior Care Marian of Saint Paul, Saint Therese of Woodbury, Ramsey County Care Center and Summit Hill Senior Living to be in our Gathering Space next weekend before and after all the Masses with information about their buildings and facilities. If you are looking for options for senior care, senior apartments, independent living, assisted living, nursing care or memory care, feel free to stop by and chat with the people at the information tables next weekend.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

New Member Reception
Sunday, April 7, following each Mass
We will host a welcome reception for those who have joined our parish since October of 2018. Please stop by Brioschi Hall after Mass to greet the newest members of our faith community and enjoy some refreshments. Let’s help make it a great turnout. Thanks and God bless!

Easter Vigil Reception Help Needed
On Saturday, April 20 there will be a reception following the Easter Vigil. Help is needed serving and with clean up (at about 9:30/10:00 PM, following the 8:00 PM liturgy). If you are able to help, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. Thank you!

Friends & Family: Doing Great Things Together - Celebrating Diversity
Saturday, May 4 at 5:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
Come and join in the fun—this event is the funnest fundraiser St. Pascal’s has!

We Need Gift Cards. Gift cards to restaurants, stores, gas stations, garden centers, grocery stores etc., with a minimum $10 value but we need higher values as well. Cash or check donations are also fantastic! Drop off your gift cards at our poster in the gathering space, drop in the collection basket (in an envelope labeled Friends & Family) or bring the gift cards to the parish office.

We Need Community Mixers. Can you cook an ethnic or fun filled meal, or teach an entertaining class or hold a cool excursion for 8 to 12 people? Please consider hosting these activities and donating them to our Community Mixer auctions at the Friends & Family Event on May 4.

We Need Volunteers. Can you help with set up, running the games during the first hour of this event, clean up or in a few other areas? Questions about these please call Mike Aeling 651.307.8237.

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert
Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street
Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 PM
We share free desserts with our St. Pascal friends after the 1:00 PM Mass. Come and enjoy time with us and invite anyone who would like to see folk from St. Pascal’s!

Counseling at St. Pascal’s
"What people really need is a good listening to." Mary Lou Casey
Jean Gregg, LICSW, is a professional counselor available for individual and marriage counseling at St. Pascal’s every Monday afternoon. Insurance/private pay accepted. Please call 651.321.3445 for more information.
The Early Learning Center program is an integral part of St. Pascal’s Catholic School. We work together to assure that children transition smoothly into kindergarten. Our high-quality preschool and pre-K classes focus on each child’s social, physical and pre-academic development. Children will learn age appropriate math, writing, music, art, language and science while making friends and experimenting with their growing independence. Curriculum outcomes and objectives are aligned with the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress. Classes are taught by licensed and dedicated professionals who have experience working with three to five-year-old children.

We offer a half-day and full day preschool program for children 33 months - 4 years old. Our Pre-K full day program is for children who will be eligible for kindergarten in 2020-2021.

Our program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and has been awarded a 4 STAR rating from Parent Aware. Pathway I and Pathway II Scholarships are awarded by the Department of Education to families who meet eligibility requirements. St. Pascal’s Early Learning Program also accepts Childcare Assistance payments from Ramsey and Washington County.

To schedule a tour, please call Director Laurie Jennrich at 651.432.4963 or visit us at www.stpascalschool.org.

Safe Environment Compliance for Volunteers
Planning to chaperone or help with a St. Pascal’s school event this spring? Or are you planning to help with Vacation Bible School? Do you visit the homebound? The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth requires that all adults working with children and youth or visiting vulnerable adults fulfill the Essential 3 requirements (for new volunteers) or the Enhanced Essential 3 (for those who completed Protecting God’s Children training and requirements prior to July 1, 2016). All NEW volunteers working with minors are required to complete the following:

- VIRTUS Safe Environment Training—LIVE session AND Mandated Reporting Training (online).
- Background Check (complete online)
- View Code of Conduct Training and sign 2016 Code of Conduct (complete online)

For more information or assistance, or if you are unsure of your compliance status, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Easter Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

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Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota
Social Forum: *What is the Catholic response to the influx of immigrants and refugees and rapidly shifting U.S. immigration policy?*

Tuesday, April 9 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM at Pax Christi Catholic Community, Eden Prairie

- Hear first-hand from Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., the “Pope’s favorite nun,” about the experience of immigrants crossing the border, families being separated, and the efforts for reunification.
- Hear from an immigration lawyer about the complex legal system that migrants navigate to remain in the U.S.
- Hear from Archbishop Hebda and the Office of Latino Ministries how Catholic Social Teaching calls parishes to create a culture of welcome.

FREE but registration is required. Learn more and register at www.ccf-mn.org/events/forums

**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

Church Office Hours
Mon-Fri
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

School Office
Phone 651.774.1585
Fax 651.775.1512
Email church@stpascals.org

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

**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 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

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### CRS Rice Bowl

**Encounter Kumba**

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit cсрочicebowl.org for more.

For Kumba and all young people, that their right to education is respected—and that they do not forget their responsibility to use their gifts for the common good. We pray to the Lord...

### THE WEEK AHEAD

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

#### Sunday, March 31—Lent 4
**Global Solidarity Sunday**
8:45am Scrutiny (RCIA): CH

#### Monday, April 1-5
**NO SCHOOL**: Spring Break

**Monday, April 1**
6:30pm Parish Mini-retreat: BH

**Tuesday, April 2**
8:15am Bible Study: PC
10:00pm Parish Mini-retreat: BH
6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL
7:00pm Bible Study: PC

#### Wednesday, April 3
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am Mass (Not a School Mass)
1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm Faith Formation: 101, 105, Library

#### Thursday, April 4
9:30am Bible Study: PC
7:00pm Social Justice & Caring Committee: FR

**Friday, April 5**
4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit
7:00pm Stations of the Cross: CH

**Saturday, April 6**
After Mass Care Center Information Weekend: CM

**Sunday, April 7**
After Mass Care Center Information Weekend: CM
After Masses New Member Reception
10:30am Scrutiny (RCIA)
12:00pm Confirmation I: OC

**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

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**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.

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**Catch the Dream—7th Annual St. Mary’s Mission Gala**

**Thursday, April 25 at 6:45 PM at the Church of St. Patrick in Edina**

“We have dreams, but who will interpret them...surely interpretations come from God.”

Adapted from Genesis 40:8

**Order of the Evening**

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This is an important fundraiser for St. Mary’s Mission which has served the Anishinaabe-Ojibwe people of Red Lake, Minnesota for over 150 years. Please consider attending this wonderful evening to help support St. Mary’s Mission school, where good things are happening.

Host a table of 8, invite friends and family, come as a couple, individuals, we will accommodate everyone!

Free but seating is limited. Call the St. Pascal’s parish office by April 22 to RSVP for this wonderful evening to benefit our friends at St. Mary’s Mission.
Your Children’s Children

God of all generations, from the beginning of time, you have given your children an abundance of gifts and provided for their needs. The Israelites were nourished with the Passover meal, and shared the produce of the land, as they told the story of the covenant in the land of Canaan. We ask that you continue to bless your elect with the Bread of Life, and the story of your presence among your people. May our gathering around the ambo and altar sustain us, our children, and our children’s children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Gifts of Love

Today’s Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10–12; Psalm 34:2–3, 4, 5, 6–7; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32. We hear in the Book of Joshua how the Lord takes care of all the needs of his people. They had relied upon manna sent as bread from heaven. Now they would eat from the produce of the land. Both the manna and the grain were gifts from God and provided nourishment for his children.

In the story of the prodigal son, it is easy to focus on the younger son, who takes his father’s inheritance and squanders it on extravagant living. When he finds himself in a foreign land, alone and hungry, he finally realizes who he is and decides to return to his father to ask to be a hired hand. When the son is within eyesight, the father runs to him and embraces him with compassionate love. No matter what the son has done, he is welcomed home.

But what about the older son, who does not appreciate the love that the father showed to his younger son? The older son confronts his father since he is upset about the excessive love showered on the younger brother, who is given sandals, a robe, a ring, and a party for his friends. The father in this parable offers both of his sons his love. That is his gift to them. He invites them both to participate in the celebration. During this Lent, remember that the Lord always looks forward to the return of his children.
Monday, April 1
God’s Grace

The royal official trusts so much in the word Jesus speaks, that he returned home sure that his daughter would be well. Jesus gave him the opportunity to have faith without seeing. When we come to Jesus with our desires, we do not always get an immediate response to our requests. Often when our prayers are answered, they take us in a direction that we may not have anticipated. Pray today that you may trust where God’s grace is leading you. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–13; John 4:43–54.

Tuesday, April 2
Healing the Isolation

The man who had been sick for thirty-eight years holds out hope that he will be cured, even though he has no one to help him. His hope is fulfilled when Jesus encounters the man at that place of healing. Have you ever been isolated because you needed help? Can you offer assistance or support to the aged or sick who live near you this Lent? Something as simple as bringing a smile, reading a story, or taking someone for a walk can help them feel less alone. Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–3, 5–16.

Wednesday, April 3
The Work of the Father

“My Father is at work until now, and I am at work as well.” When Jesus told the Pharisees this, they were only angered at what they considered blasphemy. God continues to work, even on the Sabbath. How are we called to be collaborators in the work of God? Reflect on how you can practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to continue the work of God. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13–15, 17–18; John 5:17–30.

Thursday, April 4
The Word of God

Today’s Gospel continues Jesus’ response to those who are not open to hearing his words. Do you ever shut yourself off from the power of the Word of God? This week, be intentional about sitting quietly with his Word, allowing the Word of God to enter your heart. Pay attention to words or phrases that strike you. Write that word or phrase in your Lenten journal. How can you continue to think about that Scripture verse this week? Today’s Readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.

Friday, April 5
Prepare Your Heart

The crowd in Jerusalem cannot seem to agree. They either know everything about Jesus or they do not know anything about him. It is easy to limit ourselves by making an assumption or jumping to a conclusion. Sometimes, too, decisions are rationalized. Prepare your heart by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or by seeking a spiritual director who is available to pray with you, challenge you, and help you to see how God is calling you. Today’s Readings: Wisdom 2:1, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21, 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.

Saturday, April 6
Open Your Heart

Have you ever been with a group in which each person holds a different opinion? As they attempt to speak and argue their point, confusion and frustration ensues. The Gospel today speaks about division, because the Jewish leaders were judging Jesus. We do not have to look very far to see division and conflict in our communities and even our parishes and families. Let us pray to have an open mind and heart to the thoughts of others. Let us not close ourselves to the presence of Christ in the heart of someone whose opinion differs from ours. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9–10, 11; John 7:40–53.