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.

APRIL 7, 2019 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Saturday 4:30 PM  I  Sunday  8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL)  I  Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  7:30 AM  I  Wednesday 9:30 AM
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The Gospel reading of the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead that we hear this weekend during our 10:30am Mass comes from John, chapter 11, verses 1-44. Lazarus dies and is buried, and four days later Jesus brings Lazarus back to life. Lazarus lives in Bethany with his sisters, Martha and Mary, and is not the same person in Jesus’ parable in Luke 16:19-31 which tells of a poor man named Lazarus who is ignored as he sits at a rich man’s doorstep.

The raising of Lazarus is the last of the miracles that Jesus performs before his Passion, Death and Resurrection. The raising of Lazarus is the climax of Jesus’ miracles because it shows Jesus’ power over death. All of Jesus’ miracles are signs that invite people, then and now, to put their faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Some people believe, and some people do not. We are told in John 11:45, “Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.” However, we read two verses later in John 11:47-53, “So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, ‘What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation.’ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, ‘You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.’ He did not say this on his own, but since he was high priest for that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to kill him.”

Let us pray that our faith in Jesus is strengthened as we hear about his miracles in the Gospels and as we see the signs he performs in our lives every day. Do we see signs of Jesus’ love in our life? Are we blind to these signs? Do we ignore these signs?

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Bowl Tenders Needed for Holy Thursday
Can you help with our foot washing ritual on Holy Thursday, April 18? This is one of the most prominent and important ritual actions for this liturgy, as it helps to demonstrate what it means for us to serve one another. As in past years, everyone in the pews will be invited to participate, and 10 individuals are needed to assist those who take part. A practice will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 11:45 AM. Please contact Keri Mader if you are willing to help: 651.432.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

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!

CRS Operation Rice Bowl
What to do with your Rice Bowl at the end of Lent? On each day of the Triduum there will be a basket in the Gathering Space to receive the Rice Bowls.

On Holy Thursday, all Rice Bowls will be brought forward as part of our offering that evening.

On Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, please place bowls in the basket and they will be cared for.

St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club
The author is coming to Book Club
Monday, April 8 at 6:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? Do it in April—the author, is coming! Ms. Logue, the author and Hamline Professor, writes mysteries set in the Lake Pepin area and will share the evening with us! We’ll begin with refreshments and fellowship and ease into our discussion of Ms. Logue’s book, Frozen Stiff, at 7:00 PM.

We always meet on the second Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. Next month, on May 13, we’ll share thoughts about The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace by Jeff Hobbs.

Listening House
St. Pascal’s supports the Eastside-Living House—dubbed “the living room of the homeless”—by donating socks, underwear & coffee cups. Please place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet. This is an ongoing ministry of the Women’s Club—thank you for your generosity.
At St. Pascal’s Early Learning Center, 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 with experience working with three to five-year-olds.

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.

### EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**Save the Date! June 24-28, 2019**

**VBS: ROAR! Life is wild-God is good**

Make plans now to join us for Vacation Bible School 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 mid-April. **Help will be needed in all areas!** Contact Kim Roering in the parish office if you are interested.

**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.

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**St. Pascal’s Women’s Club**

Women’s Club disbursement requests are due for consideration by May 1. Copies of the application can be found in the kiosks or download a copy of the application from www.stpascals.org/women-s-club. You may also request a disbursement form by emailing Women’s Club Co-President Sue Korf at suedesign77@yahoo.com.

**Contact Us**

**Parish Office**

Phone: 651.774.1585
Fax: 651.774.9152
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

**Early Learning Center**

Phone: 651.505.2900
Fax: 651.774.9152
Email: mslaurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

**ELC Office Hours**

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**School Office**

Phone: 651.776.0092
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Email: inna.collier@stpascals.org

**School Office Hours**

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

**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.

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Mass Times & Intentions

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Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday
8:45 AM The people of the parish
10:30 AM The people of the parish

Readings
April 7, 2019

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sunday, April 7—Lent 5
After Masses
- Care Center Information Weekend: CM
- New Member Weekend: BH
- Scrutiny (RCIA)
- Confirmation I: OC

Monday, April 8
6:30pm Women’s Book Club: BH
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108

Tuesday, April 9
8:15am Bible Study: PC
6:00pm Women’s Club Board Meeting: FR
7:00pm Men’s Club Board Meeting: CF
7:00pm Bible Study: PC

Wednesday, April 10
7:00am School Board meeting: FR
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm RCIA: FR
6:30pm Faith Formation: 101, 105, 108, LB

Thursday, April 11
9:30am Bible Study: PC
7:00pm Men’s Club Membership Meeting: CF

Friday, April 12
8:30am E & A Palm Sunday Decorating: CH
4:30pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale: BH, Kit
7:00pm Stations of the Cross: CH

Saturday, April 13
9:00am Fish Fry Shed teardown
10:30am Vigil Practice (RCIA)
After Masses
- F&F Dinner ticket sales
- Women’s Club Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday
After Masses
- F&F Dinner ticket sales
- Women’s Club Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- New Member Registration: BH
11:45am Holy Thursday practice: CH

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, PC: Parish Conference Room

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Honor of / Memory of:

___________________________________________
Donated by:

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Please make checks payable to St. Pascal’s.

CRS Rice Bowl
Encounter Ona
We encounter Ona in Gaza, where in spite of a lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more info.

For Ona and for workers everywhere, that they be given fair payment for their work, safe conditions in which to labor, and the dignified treatment to which they are entitled. We pray to the Lord…

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Order of the Evening
6:45 Wine Reception
7:30 Opening Prayer & Dinner Service
8:10 Speaker • Appeal • Closing Remarks • Closing Prayer

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Sometimes sin is known by all, and at other times it is hidden. The crowd walks away in their sin to avoid notoriety. But they also are walking away from the redemption and salvation that Jesus offers. The only one left is the woman and her desire is unknown. Standing face to face with Jesus in her sin, her dignity and honor are restored. Though she does not request forgiveness, Jesus heals her wounds and invites her to “sin no more.” The path that she was on would have led to her demise sooner or later.

The woman had a choice to listen to Jesus and accept his mercy and live or to ignore him and be destroyed by sin. It is the same choice we have. We can have life with Jesus or we can have death by walking away from him. Jesus offers us life; we only need the courage to accept it. Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where he will forgive our sins and send us forth on a new path of freedom and life.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Line in the Sand

Merciful God, you lead us from the shadow of our shame to the light of forgiveness. Be with us today as we stand before you ready to acknowledge our sinfulness. Help us to be open to experience the joy of your compassion and mercy. May we find strength in knowing that you are with us, always beside us, with your love and mercy unending. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Freed from Sin

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THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 8
The Light of the World
When Jesus says, “I am the light of the world,” he proclaims one of the seven “I am” statements in John’s account of the Gospel. Each “I am” statement explains who Jesus is. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we come to know that light is stronger than darkness. Prayerfully consider how Jesus is light for you and how you can walk as a child of the light. Today’s Readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62; Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5–6; John 8:12–20.

Tuesday, April 9
Hope in the Lord
With little to eat, the Israelites lost hope in the Lord and grumbled that they left Egypt only to die in the desert. When have you been disappointed and complained to the Lord, blaming him for misfortune? As Lent winds down, take note of how quickly you lose hope when matters do not go your way. Look to people who persevere through trials, relying on the Lord. When you give your troubles to the Lord, pray the refrain from the Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you. Today’s Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.

Wednesday, April 10
The Truth Will Set You Free
“If you remain in my word . . . the truth will set you free,” Jesus tells those who believe. The Jews did not understand their own bondage, that they were slaves to sin. Jesus’ truth and the Word he proclaims comes to set them free. Let us ponder what binds us today. What holds you captive? Put some time aside to reflect quietly on the Scriptures, allowing God to free you from whatever burden or turmoil you might feel. Today’s Readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.

Thursday, April 11
I Will Be Their God
How do you define yourself? Often people identify themselves by their work, station in life, or relationships. The Lord initiated a covenant relationship with Abraham, promising him that he would be the father of a host of nations. God would maintain this covenant with Abraham’s descendants throughout the ages. Do you identify yourself as a child of God? Do you allow your relationship with God to define you? Today’s Readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.

Friday, April 12
My Rock of Refuge
Jesus stood his ground and confronted the Jews when they picked up rocks to stone him. The Jews want to arrest Jesus because they believe his words to be blasphemy. They are critical of his relationship with the Father. Can you identify with the Jews? Has there been a time when fear, jealousy, or a moment of anger brought you to wrongfully accuse another? In these final days of Lent, trust in the Lord as your refuge and your shield. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3, 3–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.

Saturday, April 13
Complacent Hearts
In today’s Gospel, we hear the Jewish leaders voice concern that their land will be taken if people believe in Jesus. They have been safe and secure in their way of life. As you prepare to enter Holy Week, consider how you may be similar to the Sanhedrin. Are there ways that you have become too comfortable and not allowed the Word of God to penetrate your hearts? Have you allowed the Gospel to challenge you this Lent? Determine how you can put a priority on participating in the liturgy during Holy Week. Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11, 12–13; John 11:45–57.
Come and join in the fun!!
“Doing Great Things Together - Celebrating Diversity”.

Dinner tickets are now available after all Masses, in the church office or on the website. The cost for a great dinner and entertainment is $30. 
_Last day to buy tickets is April 29._

This event is St. Pascal’s big spring fundraiser… please support this fun event!!!

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**April 13-14 and April 28**
**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE**

Twins Ceremonial First Pitch – _this is an experience of lifetime for you or your favorite baseball fan_. 
Raffle tickets are $10 each. A limited number of tickets are being sold. The winner will receive 4 tickets to the **August 24** Twins game and will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. The winner will also receive pictures and video of their time on the playing field. This is an amazing experience!!

Fun Raffles—5 amazing prizes:
- $150 cash
- 49” large TV
- A stupendous video game
- $150 of restaurant gift cards
- $200 gift card for Big Steer Meats

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**7 MOST EXCELLENT Community Mixers**

- Fr. John’s Lasagna Dinner
- Apple Strudel Class by Sue Korf
- Maltese Dinner by the Incorvaja’s
- Useful Sign Language for Our Parish Community by Amy Doole
- African Dinner by Grace Kamuga
- Classic Spanish Paella Dinner by Carmen Alvarez
- Hot Mosaics-Fused Glass class by Ellen Aeling.

We could really use a few more community mixers.

**Some Ideas:** Make dinners, teach classes or lead experiences like boating, fishing.

We will **have sneak peak sale of a few our Community Mixers on April 13-14.** It’s a chance to get ahead of the game and buy your slot for one of these events.

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**Fund-A-Need**

This year we will be collecting donations to update the environmental controls (heating and air conditioning) in the church, social hall, gather space, parish office and the old church. This will make the space more comfortable for everyone and reduce the heating and cooling costs for years to come.

Even if you cannot attend the social event, please help us with a donation to complete this needed project!!! Making a donation is easy. Simply place it in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Fund-A-Need, on the website under the Friends and Family event section or drop it off at the ticket sales table after Mass or in the parish office on weekdays.

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**DONATIONS and HELP for this event** – We still need more gift cards and a couple of more volunteers. Questions about these, please call Mike Aeling 651.307.8237