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.

MAY 19, 2019  |  FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS...

to our beautiful parish children who celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend:

Emy Ide Awa Abena
Ehizode Gregory Busayo
Brayden Thomas Conway
Franck Rayan Ottou Djuomessi
Edwin Casanova Garcia
Erick Casanova Garcia
Victor Donald Girling III
Danyel Jonas Godel
Dylan Bruce Johnson
Juan Pablo Cervantes Navarro
Iyanna Raine Espiritu Padilla
Silas Connor St. Ores
William Michael Sandquist
Jackson Richard Schweitzer
Olivia Corrin Stachowiak
Faith Lee Miller Trice
Sophia Paramo Xiong
Sica Colin Velasco Valiukas
Abigail Susan Judith Westenhofer

“Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we ‘possess,’ but a gift to him and to others.”

~POPE FRANCIS (May 2013)
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Looking at our Sunday Giving in recent months, we were below our monthly budgeted income as follows:

- End of February: $29,789 below budget
- End of March: $38,846 below budget
- End of April: $33,725 below budget

As we go through the months of May and June, I ask you to do what you can to help us get back on budget with our Sunday Giving. Every gift helps, and I appreciate your generosity and support of St. Pascal Baylon Parish.

Natural Burial Available at Resurrection Cemetery starting June 1

Beginning June 1, people will have the option of a natural burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights. Archbishop Hebda will dedicate the “Gate of Heaven Preserve” natural burial area at the cemetery on Monday, May 27 following the 10:00 AM Memorial Day Mass. All are welcome to attend the Mass and Dedication. The natural burial area will have native wildflowers, plants and grasses that create a prairie. Graves will be prepared at a depth of about four feet. A granite boulder will list the names of the deceased along with the birth and death years. The position of the information on the boulder will correspond with the location of the body. Families will be given a packet of prairie flower seeds that can be planted on the grave site following the burial. For a natural burial, the body of the deceased is not embalmed with chemicals nor is it enclosed in a typical casket and lowered into a concrete vault. Instead, the body may be wrapped in a natural-fiber shroud or placed in a container made of biodegradable material such as unfinished wood, wicker or bamboo. Burial clothing must be made of natural fibers such as cotton, linen or wool that will decompose. The garments should be free of all plastics and metals such as buttons, zippers, hooks and jewelry. Is embalming required by law? There is no Minnesota law that stipulates that bodies must be embalmed. However, if there is a public viewing of the body, by law it needs to be embalmed. If embalming is not desired, Minnesota law requires that the body be buried or cremated within 72 hours of the time the body is released from the place of death or released by the coroner or medical examiner. If embalming is not chosen, refrigeration of the body allows the time line to be extended up to six days. Will the body be able to be at Church for the funeral? Yes. The funeral Mass will be celebrated in the usual way. If someone is shrouded, a rented casket can possibly be used for the funeral Mass. It is also possible for a shrouded body to be brought into the church. At the cemetery, the body will be placed on a wooden cart after leaving the hearse. The family will escort the body to a gazebo for the prayers of commendation from the Order of Christian Funerals. From there the body will be moved to the gravesite and placed in the grave. The family may assist in lowering the body into the grave and may place a portion of the soil back into the grave, and cemetery staff will complete this activity. Costs associated with a natural burial are similar to those of a conventional burial. The purchase of a gravesite includes a contribution to the permanent care fund and the cost of memorializing a name on the common memorial thereby saving the cost of a marker or monument. The interment fee (grave opening and closing) is paid at the time of burial. For more information about natural burial at Resurrection Cemetery, call 651.288.9991 or visit their website: www.catholic-cemeteries.org/natural_burial.aspx.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell
**OUR SCHOOL**

**Builder Needed**
St. Pascal School is looking for someone that is able to build some inexpensive custom shelving for the School Store.
If you or someone you know would be interested in helping make this project happen, please give the school office a call or contact Ms. Odhiambo, at barb.odhiambo@stpascals.org.

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**EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

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. Our program also accepts Childcare Assistance payments from Ramsey and Washington County. To schedule a tour, please call the school office at 651.776.0092 or visit stpascalschool.org for more information.

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**LISTENING HOUSE**

St. Pascal’s supports the Eastside-Listening House—“the living room of the homeless”—by donating t-shirts, socks, & underwear for men and women. 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 generous support.

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**Vacation Bible School 2019**
**ROAR! Life is wild—God is good**
June 24-28 from 9:00 AM- Noon
$40/child or $100/family by May 31
$50/child or $130/family after May 31
Limited scholarships are available.

- For children ages 4 (by 9/1/19) through Grade 5
- Youth in grades 6-12 and adults are welcome as leaders and assistants

Registration forms are available in the kiosks, parish office, and online at www.stpascals.org.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Contact Kim Roering in the parish office if you are interested in helping with VBS. All adult volunteers must be E3 Credentialed (up to date with background check, VIRTUS, and code of conduct).

**Volunteer Opportunity—Older Adults**
The IGNITION VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) is offering an opportunity for semi-retired or retired men and women to share their skills, wisdom and life experience in direct service to those who are poor—IVC volunteers help to improve their communities and create a more just society.

In return for a commitment of 1-2 days a week with a local service site, the IVC provides guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversation with other IVC volunteers monthly. Together, we hope to see God in all things and grow in our faith. For additional information, please call Kathleen Groh at 651.777.0991 or e-mail kgroh@ivcusa.org. Visit www.ivcusa.org. IVC—the benefits are priceless!

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**Women’s Club Spring Serenade Breakfast Buffet**
Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 AM in Brioschi Hall
All are welcome—men and women!
$15.00 per person includes scrambled eggs and bacon, potatoes O’Brien, ham and chicken, pasta salad, fruit, rolls and butter and a selection of desserts.
Entertainment by the Frs. John Mitchell and Mike Byron.
RSVP by May Thursday, 23 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com

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**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
Fax 651.774.9152
Email inna.collier@stpascals.org

**School Office Hours**
Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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**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

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**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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Readings

May 19, 2019

Sunday:
Acts 14:21-27
Ps 145:8-13
Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:
Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4, 15-16
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:
Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13ab, 21
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:
Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-5
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:
Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3, 10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:
Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-12
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:
Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-3, 5
Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

Heart Questions

Love One Another

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”
John 13:34

Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Kids: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

We rarely think of the air we breathe, yet it is in us and around us all the time. In similar fashion, the presence of God penetrates us, is all around us, is always embracing us.

—Thomas Keating

Free Subscriptions to The Catholic Spirit

If you would like to receive a complimentary subscription to the archdiocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, delivered to your home twice a month, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office or drop in the collection basket at Mass. Or contact Marla in the parish office at 774.1585.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

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

Sunday, May 19—Easter 5
1st Eucharist Weekend
12:00pm Women’s Club Board Meeting: FR
2:00pm Piano Recital: CH

Monday, May 20
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108
6:30pm Piano Recital: CH
6:30pm Prebaptism Session: PC

Tuesday, May 21
11:30am Pastor’s Lunch: FR
6:30pm Leadership Discernment: FR
7:00pm Spirituality Book Club: LB

Wednesday, May 22
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
7:30pm Men’s Club Softball: CF

Thursday, May 23
6:30pm Finance Council: FR

Friday, May 24
9:30am Fun & Fitness Day: Campus

Saturday, May 25
Anointing Weekend
No scheduled events

Sunday, May 26—Easter 6
Anointing Weekend
9:30am New Member Registration: BH

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day—Parish and school offices closed
Have a fun and safe holiday!

Tuesday, May 28
6:30pm Piano Recital: CH

Wednesday, May 29
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
7:30pm Men’s Softball: CF

Thursday, May 30
No scheduled events

Friday, May 31
4:00pm Women’s Club event set up

Saturday, June 1
We Care Campaign
10:30am Women’s Club Spring Serenade
4:30pm Baptism (Flanagan Family)

Sunday, June 2—The Ascension of the Lord
We Care Campaign
11:30am Useful Sign Language class: FR

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
Bh: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

Emergency Food Help: Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave
If you or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf for a variety of nutritious items. No residency or parish membership requirements.
“Behold, I make all things new.” In the Second Reading, John’s description of a new heaven and a new earth provides a glimpse of the Parousia, a time when everything will be made new. The glory of God will be revealed then and the faithful will be transformed. This reading is one of the options for a funeral. Mourners are comforted by hearing of the old order passing away and the person entering a place where pain does not exist.

Before Jesus left his disciples, he gave them a new Commandment that would lead to a new way of being. By loving one another, Jesus said, they would be known as his disciples. Love is a witness to the world. Jesus tells his followers to love “as I have loved you.” How is this love different from the way human beings often love?

During the fifty days of Easter, we rejoice in knowing that Jesus loved us so much that he died and rose from the dead, releasing from death those who believe. Knowing Christ means becoming more like him, loving others as he loved. How can you continue to be open to God’s transforming love so that your life can glorify him? Reflect on this during your quiet prayer time.

Sunday, May 19, 2019
A New Heaven and a New Earth


Love One Another
Lord God almighty, you have loved us throughout all time. We share in this love as we try to obey your command to love one another. Through this new commandment, we reach out in love to our brothers and sisters when we offer service to those in need, when we forgive one another, and make daily sacrifices for others, all so that your glory will be revealed. May our expressions of love for one another show our love for you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
**Monday, May 20**

**The Paraclete**

Jesus prepares the disciples that “the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you.” Have there been times in your life when you were especially aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit? What was happening that made you feel that presence? *Today’s Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

**Tuesday, May 21**

**My Peace Is My Gift to You**

Jesus tells his friends not to be distressed or afraid as he is going away for a while. At this moment of their great fear, he offers them the gift of his peace. This peace is one that no fear, anxiety, or worry can touch. Have you ever had peace amid times of illness or trouble? Are you able to contribute to peace among your family and coworkers? Or do you find yourself bringing fear and worry? Jesus offers us the gift of peace, it is ours to accept or reject. *Today’s Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

**Wednesday, May 22**

**St. Rita of Cascia**

As a young woman, St. Rita of Cascia sought religious life, but her family had other plans for her. She dutifully married and bore two sons. After becoming a widow and upon the death of her sons, she entered religious life. At age sixty, while meditating upon the crucified Christ, a thorn penetrated her forehead and she was afflicted with this stigmata for more than fifteen years. She offered up her constant pain for the physical and spiritual comfort of others. Is there an illness or burden that you are dealing with today? How can you offer that to the Lord? *Today’s Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

**Thursday, May 23**

**Your Joy May Be Complete**

After Jesus compares the love that he has for his followers to God’s love for him, he gives what seems like a simple directive. The disciples can remain in his love if they keep the commandments just as he has kept the Father’s commandments. By remaining in Jesus, the disciples’ “joy may be complete.” The source of complete joy is the deep and complete love of God. Can you imagine such joy in your life? *Today’s Readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

**Friday, May 24**

**Bearing Fruit of Love**

Jesus concludes the parable of the true vine as he tells the disciples that they are to bear fruit that will remain. The faithful bear fruit by living out the love of God. Those who love are not only disciples but friends of Jesus. After all, he tells his followers, “I have told you everything.” Indeed, we only tell our closest friends everything. *Today’s Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10–12; John 15:12–17.*

**Saturday, May 25**

**The World of Hate**

“If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” At times, living out the Gospel will mean becoming isolated from friends and family. Jesus tells his disciples that following him comes with a price. Sometimes that price includes being hated. Our consolation is knowing the Lord. If you have ever been the one who ostracized someone for their belief, request forgiveness. *Today’s Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*