



ST. PASCAL BAYLON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 26, 2019 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM | Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to David Douglas, our long-time school custodian, whose last day working at St. Pascal's will be Friday, May 31. We wish David well as he pursues other opportunities.

May 25, 2019 is my 23rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

The past 23 years have gone by quickly, and I am grateful to God for the many blessings I have received through my vocation to the priesthood. Many people have asked me, "How did you decide to become a priest?" Other people have put the question like this: "How did you know that God was calling you to be a priest?" I answer by saying that God's calling me to the priesthood began through my upbringing and home life. My parents were loving, faith-filled and humble. My father and mother were very strong in their Catholic faith, and they prayed daily with my brother, sister and me. Going to Mass as a family was a priority on Sundays, and my brother, sister and I attended Catholic grade school which had a big impact on my life.

Throughout high school, I was active in my parish youth group and choir at St. Margaret Mary Church in Golden Valley. During my high school years, various people asked me, "Have you ever thought about being a priest?" At first I thought that was a crazy idea because I didn't see myself as holy enough to be a priest. As time went on and I went through my college years, I remember during Mass one day that a priest said his homily, "If you want to know what God is calling you to do with your life, then ask God about it when you pray." So I began to ask God during my prayer time to show me the path that I should take with my life. That was a bit scary to do because it meant that if I asked God to show the path, then I should listen to the answer that I received. The answer was not clear to me right away, but I gradually knew deep in my heart that I wanted to make a positive difference in the world and help people.

After college I became a high school math teacher. Then I decided to apply with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to become a seminary student and begin formation for the priesthood for the Archdiocese because I felt attracted to serving in a parish community where a priest serves individuals and families in their day-to-day sacramental and spiritual needs. I spent five years of study and formation at the St. Paul Seminary, and then I was ordained as a priest on Saturday, May 25, 1996.

The most important thing I have learned about discerning my vocation and living my vocation is how essential it is for me (and maybe for you, too?) to pray each day, "Lord God, show me how you want me to live today. Guide me, and give me wisdom, strength and faith." When I pray that way, I find peace. I have discovered that God has a beautiful plan for my life and has more blessings in store for me than I could have imagined.

If you are discerning your vocation in life, then I encourage you to listen to God through your prayer life. God might not give you a thunderbolt answer from the sky, but God will guide you on your life path. If you are already living your vocation through marriage, single life, religious life or priesthood, I thank you for your Christian example and witness in the world.

Here are two websites I recommend as you discern and live your vocation:

www.foryourmarriage.org – Dating, Engagement, Marriage Preparation, Married Life, Parenting

www.10000vocations.org – Religious Life, Brother, Sister, Priesthood, Single Life

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Social Justice & Caring Committee

On the weekend of June 1 - 2, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's *We Care Campaign*. The three options chosen by the committee for its summer project are:

Option 1: The Sheridan Story

The Sheridan Story is an organization in the Twin Cities area that fights child hunger by providing a weekend supply of food to hungry children whose only meals may be the breakfasts and lunches given to them at school.

Option 2: Police Activities League

The Police Activities League is a St. Paul organization that utilizes recreational, athletic and educational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and youth—it gives them a safe place to play, positive role models and fosters good citizenship.

Option 3: Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless is an organization that provides financial and technical support to homeless shelters, food shelves and domestic violence shelters throughout Minnesota. (This organization is assisting those who lived in the Navigation Center in Minneapolis this past winter and need to find new housing.)

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located by the doors leading into the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Living Faith Booklets

July-September Living Faith booklets are available on the usher's stand at the main entrance to the worship space and in the parish office. Suggested donation of \$1.25/book.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Ray Lemmons

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul's eternal peace.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Event Wrap-up

150 people attended this year's event and enjoyed an evening of entertainment, fun, food and games. "Ballet Folkloric Mexico Azteca" was an amazing group to watch—their costumes were very colorful and we enjoyed a number of different dances from various regions in Mexico—their skillful dancing was enjoyed by all.

Approximately \$33,000, was raised for St. Pascal's from ticket sales, games, raffles and the Fund-A-Need donations (including \$5,700 from the St. Pascal's Endowment). Other than the dinner cost, ALL expenses were donated so the entire \$33,000 goes directly to St. Pascal's.

This year's Fund-A-Need is to purchase a new HVAC control system in the church, social halls and gathering space. This will allow for increased efficiency and economy and enable "zone" application in the building: The heating and/or cooling of only those areas that are being used. If you would still like to donate to this cause, please contact the parish office.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped to organize, setup, run and cleanup this event. It takes a big group of helpers to get this all done and THANKS to all of you who helped with this. THANKS also to all those who attended this year's Friends & Family event—without you, none of this would be possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Aeling at 651.307.8237.

Twins Tickets for Sale: \$5.00 Each!

Game day is Saturday, August 24 at 6:10 PM, Minnesota Twins vs. Detroit Tigers.

Tickets are in section 126. These tickets are part of the Friends & Family Event. Buy a ticket and support St. Pascal's and help grow our community! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office during office hours or contact Theresa Ruttger at 651.774.1585.

The Fall Festival Is Coming!

The 2019 St. Pascal's Fall Festival is scheduled for *Sunday, September 22*. We need an individual or small group to chair this year's event. If you are willing and able to help with this fun and important event, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Thank You

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Executive Board would like to thank its members, volunteers, and parishioners who supported and patronized our fundraising events including the Booya, Christmas Tree Sales, and Lenten Fish Fry. Because of your support and patronage, the Men's Club was able to disburse \$28,287 to the parish/school community which included \$10,000 for school financial aid, \$2,800 for the K-8 Physical Education program and the purchase of equipment and uniforms for extra-curricular sports activities, \$4,530 for parish/school related items, \$1,857 for the 7/8 grade Washington DC trip, \$3,500 to the St. Pascal Baylon endowment fund, and \$5,600 for facility maintenance, replacement or repair items.

Cabin Weather

Contact Marla or Thea in the parish office to pause your envelopes if you will be away this summer—and we are happy to mail the parish bulletin to your summer address if you wish.

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).

DONATIONS NEEDED!

- Resealable plastic bags—quart and gallon size
- Paper Towels
- Colored Craft Sticks
- Small colored pom poms
- Disposable roasting pans
- Beach balls
- 16 oz plastic water bottles (empty and clean, with caps)
- Sponges
- Plastic shoe boxes
- Wet Wipes
- Plastic tablecloths—yellow and brown

CONTACT US

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Phone 651.774.1585
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
Email mslaurie.jennrich@stpascals.org

ELC Office Hours

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

School Office

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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 announcements to Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, May 28

7:30 AM + Georgia Egge

Wednesday, May 29

9:30 AM + Helen Tadevich

Thursday, May 30

7:30 AM + Jim Brown

Friday, May 31

7:30 AM + A deceased member of the parish

Saturday, June 01

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, June 02

8:45 AM + Jim Brown

10:30 AM + Larry Senger

Heart Questions

Keeping Jesus' Word

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

Jn. 14:23

Adults: What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

Kids: When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision?

The spiritual life is not a life before, after, or beyond our everyday existence. No, the spiritual life can only be real when it is lived in the midst of the pains and joys of the here and now.

—Henri Nouwen

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.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS / APT #

CITY / STATE / ZIP

You must be a registered parishioner of St. Pascal's to receive this offer

Readings

May 26, 2019

Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15

Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b

Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34

Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22--18:1

Ps 148:1-2, 11-14

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 16:16-20

Friday:

Zep 3:14-18a

(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28

Ps 47:2-3, 8-10

Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday

The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23

Lk 24:46-53

THE WEEKS AHEAD

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

Sunday, May 26—Easter 6

Anointing Weekend

9:30am New Member Registration: BH

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

May the Lord bless and keep the fallen of our armed forces.

Parish and school offices closed

Tuesday, May 28

6:30pm Piano Recital: CH

Wednesday, May 29

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:30am School Mass: CH

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: CF

Thursday, May 30

No scheduled events

Friday, May 31

4:00pm Women's Club Event setup: BH

Saturday, June 1

We Care Campaign

10:30am Women's Club Spring Serenade Event

4:30pm Baptism

Sunday, June 2—The Ascension

We Care Campaign

11:45am Useful Sign Language class: FR

Monday, June 3

6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym, 108

Tuesday, June 4

5:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass: CH

6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

Wednesday, June 5

7:00am ELC Breakfast setup: BH, Kit

8:15am ELC Family Breakfast: BH

9:00am Rosary: CH

9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!

1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert—Marian Ctr of St Paul

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: CF

Thursday, June 6

Last Day of school for PreK-7th Grade—Have a fun and safe summer!

7:00pm Social Justice & Caring Committee: FR

Friday, June 7

8:30am Pentecost decorating: CH

Saturday, June 8

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 9—Pentecost

1:00pm St. Paul Piano Teachers Association Honors Recital: CH

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, FR: Founders Room, SL: Staff Lounge

MCCL "Thanks Mom for Life" Flower Sale

Thank you to all who purchased flowers to honor your Mom, Grandmother or other special person in your life, on Mother's Day weekend. St. Pascal's donated \$287.25 to MCCL, \$125.00 to Birthright and \$139.75 to Options for Women East. Thank you, also, to those who helped with the sale. The unsold flowers were brought to the residents of the Woodbury Care Center.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Advocate

Lord God,
you give us all that we need,
there is nothing that we lack.
Guide us so that we do not become
easily distracted with what is not
essential.

Help us when we are confused
or uncertain about a decision,
to turn to you when we need
guidance and support.

May we allow the Holy Spirit
to dwell within us and aid
our living out the joy
your Resurrection brings.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, May 26, 2019
My Peace I Give to You



Today's Readings: Acts 15:12, 22–29; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23; John 14:23–29. After the disciples have followed Jesus for three years, one can imagine that they would be apprehensive and fearful at the thought of his leaving them. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains to the disciples how they are to live when he has gone to the Father. They are to keep his word, rely on the Holy Spirit, and live with untroubled hearts. In this way, they will live out his love in community.

Jesus gives his followers the gift of peace. As he states, this gift of peace is “not as the world gives.” The peace of Christ is not fleeting as is the peace that occurs when nations

or individuals cease to be engaged in conflict. This peace is a sign of unity with the Father, Son, and Spirit. When believers remain in Christ, they are at peace.

As is seen in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, peace may come after discerning the guidance the Holy Spirit provides. The early Church leaders needed to have many difficult discussions as they decided the rules necessary for followers. Regarding the decision on circumcision, the issue was debated and a determination made with the Holy Spirit. Just as the early Church relied on the Spirit, we need to do so. This week consider the place of the Holy Spirit in your life.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 27

The Holy Trinity

Jesus speaks of the Trinity as he tells his disciples that he will send the Spirit from the Father. The mystery of the Trinity is central to our faith and is expressed each time the Sign of the Cross is made. As all sign themselves with the cross at the beginning of Mass, the Trinitarian dynamic of worship is recognized. *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 9; John 15:26–16:4.*

Tuesday, May 28

The Paraclete

After being with him for three years, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the day when he will no longer be physically present among them. Unless he goes to the Father, the Paraclete will not be able to come. The word Paraclete means “advocate,” a support to comfort and to console. Journal today on how the Holy Spirit has been a source of comfort or consolation in your life. *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 7–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 29

Spirit of Truth

Jesus tells his disciples that he has so much more to tell them, but they cannot bear it now. Jesus knew that it was not possible for them to absorb the fullness of all that he had to teach them at that moment. It should be comforting to us as well that Jesus still teaches us, reveals himself to us, and allows us to hear his message and meditate upon it. May the Spirit guide us to the truth. *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 12–14, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 30

The Ascension of the Lord

The disciples received a glimpse of the glory of God the Father on that hill near Bethany. We now stand in that time between his glorious Ascension and the resurrection of our

body. Until then, it is our mission to spread his Word and baptize in his name. *Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Luke 24:46–53.*

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Change is difficult, since we become dependent upon what is familiar to us. The disciples are used to Jesus' presence, but soon he will be absent. They do not grasp that he will be with them in his Word and in his Body and Blood. Even when they are in the depths of their mourning, he will be present and walk with them in their sadness. How do we allow Jesus to be present to us in times of sorrow or sudden change? *Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Imagine the humility with which Mary and Elizabeth greeted each other. The two women rejoice in each other's company and then Mary praises God for blessing her with the privilege of birthing the Messiah. Today pray the Magnificat and share in Mary's joy that God has “remembered his promise of mercy.” *Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Saturday, June 1

Ask and You Shall Receive

What type or form of prayer is most comfortable for you? Do you pray traditional prayers or do you offer a spontaneous prayer? Do you offer prayers of thanksgiving or blessing? Do you seem to pray more often for what you desire? Do you write your prayers or offer them to God in song? Gather your family around the table and ask them to choose a form of prayer that is new to them and pray together. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*

