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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.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Labor Day Weekend and the end of Summer. This weekend will feel like the end of Summer for many of us. Some schools have started classes already, but many schools (including St. Pascal Regional Catholic School) have the first day of class on the day after Labor Day. When school starts for most families, the carefree Summer schedule changes to a regular routine of the academic year. However, I have heard from many parents and teachers that although children and teens may complain about the start of a new school year, many children and teens like and need the regular routine of the academic year. If you are sad to see summer vacation end, keep in mind that the astronomical definition of Summer is June 21 (Summer solstice) until September 22 (Autumnal equinox), so technically you do not have to say Summer is over for another 20 days.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894. In our Catholic tradition, the dignity of work and the rights of workers has a long history in our social justice teachings. “The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of participation in God’s creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.” (www.usccb.org, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers). Here are a few Scriptural passages about the dignity of work and workers: Genesis 2:1-3 (God rests on the seventh day), Deuteronomy 5:13-15 (the Sabbath is for everyone and all are allowed to rest from their work), Sirach 34:26-27 (to deprive an employee of wages is to commit murder), Luke 3:10-14 (practice integrity in your work), and James 5:1-6 (those who become rich by abusing their workers have sinned against God).

REMINDER: Starting September 3, the Weekday Mass times are changing to:

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:00 AM
- Wednesday at 9:30 AM (Regional School Mass) – same time as last year

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Are You Ready to Follow Pope Francis’ Lead? JustFaith Groups Starting This Fall

Pope Francis has made it clear that a central theme of his papacy is the demand that we Catholics act to bring about a more just world. Do you hear this message but don’t really know where to begin? JustFaith groups will be starting at St. Pascal’s this fall to guide participants as they move to put their faith into action. JustFaith is built around the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church. Small groups meet weekly to discuss selected readings, listen to speakers, watch videos and participate in hands-on experiences. Deepen your faith, build a sense of community, learn about root causes of social problems and identify ways to respond. JustFaith at St. Pascal’s is made possible by a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation. Sponsored by the Social Justice and Caring Committee and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. For more information, please contact Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.

Two day/time options are available beginning in October:

- Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM
- Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 PM

Registration forms will be available beginning September 7.

Child Care Assistance Needed

We hope to make child care available for the Tuesday evening sessions of JustFaith and are seeking someone to fulfill this role. Person in this position will receive a stipend, and must be E3 compliant, with up to date VIRTUS training, background check, and signed code of conduct. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

Youth & Adult Altar Servers Needed!

Training for new altar servers will take place following all Masses September 14/15. Servers are scheduled approximately once a month at the Mass time of your choice and the schedule is flexible. The training will take approximately half an hour. For questions, contact Keri Mader at 651.432.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org. Please consider joining this important ministry. All youth and adults 4th grade and older who have celebrated First Eucharist are welcome!

Smiles Needed!

If you know how to smile and say hello, then you are qualified to minister as an usher or greeter! We need ushers at the 4:30 PM and 10:30 AM Masses and greeters at the 8:45 AM Mass. Singles, couples and families are all invited! Greeters arrive at church 20 minutes before Mass, welcome people and hand out worship aids. Ushers act as greeters and take up the collection and attend to the needs of the assembly during the liturgy. You can volunteer at your preferred Mass time and choose the dates you’d like to be scheduled.

Training will take place before and during all Masses the weekend of September 7/8. Please arrive 20 minutes before Mass and see Carla Hibbison or Keri Mader at the main church doors for hands-on training.

For more information, please contact Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org or 651.432.4957.

Music Notes: Come Sing!

In just a few weeks the St. Pascal’s choir will be gathering again for the choir season. We are inviting anyone in the parish who has ever thought to sing with this group or would like to have a conversation about joining this group, to give Sharon a call at 651.774.1585. Our first rehearsal of the year is Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 PM. (Note time correction!) We welcome one and all with open arms!

Living Faith Booklets

Living Faith Booklets for October – December are available on the usher stand outside of the main doors to the worship space and in the parish office. Suggested donation of $1.25/booklet.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers…

Lucy Ramos

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul’s eternal peace.
I want to officially "Thank You" to the gracious donors who donated backpacks and school supplies to St. Pascal Regional Catholic School. The Preschool-8th grade students have been blessed at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

Within our building there is a sense of transformation; one that is full of faith and hope. Our building has been full of synergy over the past few weeks with the new members joining the veterans of the faculty. It has been inspiring and uplifting to witness. The faculty and staff at St. Pascal Regional School continue to work and function as a unit. Without question, the new faces of our school community will certainly be welcomed by the veteran families in the same light.

May God watch over us proudly as we start the first day of school, September 3rd. Peace and blessings to each of you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Inna Collier Paske, Principal
St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

First Wednesday Mass & Dessert at Marian Center St. Paul—200 Earl Street
Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 PM
We share free desserts with our St. Pascal friends after the 1:00 PM Mass. Come and enjoy time with some of your parish friends. Invite anyone who might be interested in seeing folk from St. Pascal’s. Mass is celebrated daily at 1:00 PM.

Women’s Book Club
Monday, September 9 at 7:00 PM in the Founders Room
Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club? Do it this month! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. On September 9 we’ll discuss David Grann’s Killers of the Flower Moon and next month, October 7, we’ll discuss Leif Enger’s Virgil Wander.

St. Pascal’s Annual Fall Festival and Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, September 22 from Noon - 5:00 PM
Planning on putting together a theme basket and are in need of a basket? A limited number of baskets will be available after Masses this weekend. Be sure to check out the donation tree in the gathering space after Masses. Just grab a leaf from the tree, purchase the item on the leaf and bring the item in to the parish office or place it in the Sunday collection marked Theme Baskets. We’ll use items purchased from the Donation Tree to put more Theme Baskets together.

Sweepstakes tickets were mailed out the week of August 19. Ticket stubs and money can be returned to the parish office, placed in the Sunday collection or brought to the Festival.

Need more tickets? We got ‘em! Stop by the parish office during regular office hours. Tickets will also be on sale some weekends after Masses and at the Festival. Sweepstakes ticket sales generate the most money for the Festival!

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Festival email Festival chair, Mike Kelleher, at mike.kelleher@stpascals.org. Thanks to all of you for your help and support in the past—let’s make this year’s festival the best one ever!
Thursdays, September 5 to October 31 from 1:00-2:30 PM
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 674 Johnson Parkway, St. Paul

If you are dealing with a cancer diagnosis or know someone who is, you are invited to attend a 9-week session of Cancer Companions which is a Christian based support group where patients, survivors and their loved ones find the connections they need to draw closer to Christ on their cancer journey. You are welcome to attend as many of the nine meetings as you like.

For further information, please contact Our Saviour’s church office at 651.774.2396.

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It’s that easy! Questions? Contact Theresa in the parish office at theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org or 651.432.4960.

Readings
September 1, 2019

Sunday:
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday:
1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:
Col 1:1-8
Ps 52:10, 11
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:
Col 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:
Col 1:15-20
Ps 100:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:
Col 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:
Wis 9:13-18b
Ps 90:3-6, 12-17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33

Heart Questions
Seeking Humility
Jesus said, “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 14:13–14

Adults: Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

Kids: Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?

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MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Briosci Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

Baptism Preparation
Do you have or are you expecting a new child? The baptism of a child is truly something to celebrate! Parents looking to have their child baptized are asked to participate in a pre-baptism session. The next session will be held from 6:30-8:00 PM on Monday, September 23. To register for this session or for more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.
End of Summer Building Update—September 1, 2019

It's been a very busy summer at St. Pascals. Thanks to your ongoing financial commitment, we can keep the buildings and grounds in good shape. Here's a recap of our latest projects:

**Lighting**
We have retro-fitted the low level lights by the parish offices and front door of the church with brighter LED bulbs. An advanced timer controls the energy efficient system from dusk to dawn and accounts for daylight savings times. Wall lights on the north side of the building (non-functioning) were replaced. A new light was installed near the Conway Door that will illuminate a dark corner between the school and church buildings. Funds were used from our general improvement reserves.
Remember the days with the Old Church that featured dim lighting? Those days are gone now. We have retro-fitted the existing single-bulb lights with 7-LED bulb fixtures. Including the bulbs, this project cost $800 and was paid for from general operating funds.
Several bulbs are out in the Worship space. We are working with a lighting engineer to determine if we can use LED bulbs in the existing, old fixtures. We are waiting for more information on this possible energy-saving project. So, if you see bulbs out, we are aware.

**Door Security**
Many thanks to the May family for donating money in Larry's memory for our last controlled door. Door 3 (main Church handicapped door) will be controlled with fob access and can be auto locked/unlocked for special events. Larry's work was in security and this seems a fitting tribute to his memory. We are waiting an installation date in the near future.

**HVAC Controllers**
Two new controllers will monitor temperature intake levels, freeze out warnings, damper percentages and other specialized data that will allow for off-site troubleshooting. We will also be able to easily change settings for mid-week funerals and other special events. Two other controllers will be updated with new timers that are easier to program. The systems are being installed and should be ready after Labor Day. The funds for this project were paid for with Fund-A-Need donations.

**Fire Panel**
This project was not in our long range building plan but has moved to the forefront due to errant alarms, poor service from the vendor, and overall system unreliability. The largest safety system in the building, it became apparent that we could not move forward without scrapping the old panel and system and starting over. We had several vendors bid on this project and Wellington Security System will provide a
non-proprietary system that involves all new wiring, pulls, strobes and horns along with detectors. Unlike our current, proprietary system that only the current vendor can maintain, the new can be serviced by many local vendors. We had hoped for installation before the start of the school year, but the project is still waiting approval from the Fire Marshall. We are funding through a two-year lease that will come from operating funds.

**Drainage**
Large rainstorms bring floods to the Conway doors. Several downpours have left water creeping towards the steps in the atrium. We are exploring ways to increase access to the existing drains along with possibly installing another drain that spans across the door entry. There are two trees by the front doors that impede drainage, so they will be removed sometime in the near future. Landscape mulch and some plantings have been removed to help water find the drains. The issue has worsened over the past 15 years with soil and sidewalks settling, so we hope to alleviate the problem and will access at each step. General operating funds will pay for the tree removal. We are awaiting a bid on the drain and cement work.

Theresa Ruttger
Parish Business Administrator