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.

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**Mass Times**

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL)  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM  
Wednesday 9:25 AM

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He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For in him were created all things  
in heaven and on earth,  
the visible and the invisible—-

He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

Col 1:15, 16a,17
Archbishop Hebda has asked me to accept a temporary assignment as the parochial administrator of The Church of the Sacred Heart in St. Paul in addition to my current assignment as the pastor of The Church of St. Pascal Baylon. The current pastor of Sacred Heart Parish is Father Tim Norris, and he is taking a temporary leave of absence from ministry. In Father Norris’ absence, a priest from the Redemptorist religious order has been appointed by the Archbishop to celebrate Masses and the sacraments at Sacred Heart, whereas I have been appointed to perform ordinary acts of governance that would normally fall to the pastor such as signing official parish documents or contracts and granting necessary delegations to the priests who will be providing sacramental ministry during this time. I will communicate regularly with the business administrator of Sacred Heart Parish to make sure that things are running smoothly and to be of help to the parish staff in matters that need a pastor’s attention. My appointment as parochial administrator will end when Father Norris returns to Sacred Heart or when I am otherwise notified by the Archbishop. Sacred Heart Parish is located at 840 6th Street East which is 2 ½ miles away from St. Pascal Baylon Church. It will be a quick drive for me when I have an occasional meeting at the Sacred Heart campus. I have served in the role of a parochial administrator in past years at other parishes for priests that have been away for sabbatical study or for other reasons. I am familiar with this role, and I am confident it will not be a burden to me or to you. I am still your full-time pastor and fully committed to serving you. It’s just that now I need to be available to the people of Sacred Heart Parish when they need someone with canonical authority from the Archbishop to help them with governance decisions.

Please join us for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00pm at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1390 Larpenteur Avenue East, Saint Paul. We will join with our Christian brothers and sisters from Progressive Baptist, Hope Lutheran, Good Samaritan Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

My Fantasy Football team this year is doing much better than last year when I finished in last place in our 6-member family league. This year our family league has eight family members, and I am currently tied for 1st place with one niece and one nephew with a 7-3 win/loss record. At the time of this writing, we have three more weeks of regular season play, and then we will have a 2-week playoff. I will keep you posted. I’d love to win the Championship!

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

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**Parish Advent Reconciliation**

*Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM*

Plan to join us on this evening as we celebrate God’s love and forgiveness. Several children will be celebrating this sacrament for the first time. This is an opportunity for the community to embrace these children, leading them to the sacrament by your example. A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions. A social will follow in Brioschi Hall.

**My Soul in Stillness Waits—Advent Evening of Reflection**

*Monday, December 9 at 6:30 PM with Fr. John Mitchell*

During the Advent Season, all are invited to join us for Evening Prayer and Reflection. Take time to be still. Our prayer together will include songs, Scripture, a reflection by Fr. John and sacred silence as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus once again. Light refreshments will be served in Brioschi Hall following Evening Prayer.

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**Can You Help?**

We are in need of people to provide cookies and bars for the Advent Reconciliation Service reception on Tuesday, December 3 as well as for the Advent Evening of Reflection on Monday, December 9. Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, serving, and clean up. If you are able to assist with any of this, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**JustFaith Catholic**

This fall two small groups have been meeting as a part of JustFaith Catholic Phase One, with a focus on “Journey to Compassion.” Phase Two—“Journey to Justice”—will begin at the end of January. Through its focus on the U.S. criminal justice system and income inequality, Phase Two challenges participants to revisit how our faith informs our responsibility to each other. One can join Phase Two even if they did not participate in Phase One. JustFaith Catholic at St. Pascal’s is sponsored by the Social Justice and Caring Committee and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. Watch the bulletin and website for more information about Phase Two or contact Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.

**Christmas Wreaths**

*Sunday, December 1 & 8 after both Masses*

Boy Scout Troop 294 will be selling Christmas wreaths outside the main church doors (Flandrau entrance).

We will have many different types of wreaths available. Profits from the sale will help our Scouts with costs associated with the camping and high adventure trips we take each year. If you have any specific questions, please contact Mike Aeling at 651.307.8237. Thank you for your support.

**Holiday Mass and Office Hours**

*Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00 AM*  
No Mass on Friday, November 29

The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless you and all you love this Thanksgiving!

**Free Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Thursday, November 28 from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Bierstube!*

All who find it difficult to celebrate Thanksgiving for various reasons (the elderly, families in need, singles, etc.) are welcome! For reservations, please call:

- JW’s Bierstube: 7121 10th Street N, Oakdale 651.731.8381
- JJ’s Bierstube: 2670 E Cty Rd E, White Bear Lake 651.773.5854

Please call Jodi for more info 651.271.4961.
--- REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS ---

We are thankful for you this Thanksgiving season. Your gifts of prayer, involvement, and participation are greatly appreciated at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School.

Having the word of Christ woven into everything that happens at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School is significant. Faith isn't something we just discuss at home and church—it also happens in school.

Providing students with opportunities to stretch and grow into leaders is one of the many unique things at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School.

Blessings to your family and friends.

Volunteer for the Santa Shop

December 17-18

The St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's Santa Shop is coming up soon. At the Santa Shop, students have an opportunity to do their Christmas shopping for their families. This gives them the chance to surprise family members with gifts they have selected on their own. Gifts are wrapped and sent home with the students ready to go under the tree. This is a great opportunity to allow your child to safely shop for you without you around; they love the fun of having a secret gift to share!

We are looking for volunteers to help students shop, help with check out, and wrap all the presents that the students buy. We especially need wrappers. Any amount of time you would like to spend helping is greatly appreciated.

The Santa Shop will be open for shoppers on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 17 & 18 from 7:45 AM - 2:00 PM

We are collecting large brown paper grocery bags.

Culver's Night

Monday, November 25, 5:00-7:00 PM
SunRay Culver's, Old Hudson Road

Take a break from cooking before Thanksgiving! The school receives 10% of ALL sales between 5:00-7:00 PM!

--- ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD ---

Wondering how you can participate in the Archdiocesan Synod 2021?
1. Please pray for the Synod and our Archdiocese
2. Pray the pre-synod prayer and the monthly prayer intention
3. Pray with the Synod prayer journal. Hard copies which go through December are located in the kiosks and can also be found online at www.archspm.org/synod

Year 1 (2019-2020): Attend one of the 20 prayer and listening events
Year 2 (Fall 2020): Join a parish small group

Pre-Synod Prayer

Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love.
AMEN.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
Pray for us.

For more information about the 2019 Synod and the preparation process visit www.archspm.org/synod.

Women’s Club Christmas Party

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Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, November 26**
8:00 AM + Gert Blomgren

**Wednesday, November 27**
Not a School Mass
9:30 AM + A deceased member of the parish

**Thursday, November 28**
*Thanksgiving Day*
9:00 AM The people of the parish

**Friday, November 29**
NO MASS

**Saturday, November 30**
4:30 PM The people of the parish

**Sunday, December 01**
First Sunday of Advent
8:45 AM + Jim Brown
10:30 AM + Carlos & Emilia Calubayan

Heart Questions
*A King Above All*
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Col 1:15, 16a,17

**Adults:** In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

**Kids:** How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

The readings for Sunday, November 24 are (from New Revised Standard Version, Revised American Bible Society Edition):

**Sunday:**
*Christ the King*
2 Sm 5:1-3
Ps 122:1-5
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:**
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:**
Dn 2:31-45
(Ps) Dn 3:57-61
Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:**
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
(Ps) Dn 3:62-67
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:**
Dn 6:12-28
(Ps) Dn 3:68-74
Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:**
Dn 7:2-14
(Ps) Dn 3:75-81
Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:**
Rom 10:9-18
Ps 19:8-11
Mt 4:18-22

**Next Sunday:**
*First Sunday of Advent*
Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

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**Stewardship of Giving**
Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

**September 2019**

| **Sunday Giving** | **$ 56,469.31** |
| **Budgeted** | **$ 68,337.51** |
| **YTD Sunday Giving** | **$ 168,044.75** |
| **Budgeted** | **$ 205,012.41** |

**Mortgage**

| **Loan Balance:** | **$ 3,519,792.36** |
| **Reserve Account Balance:** | **$ 268,931.39** |
| **Monthly Mortgage Pmt:** | **$ 24,389.84** |
| (P-$11,881.83; I-$12,508.01) |

Thank you for your support!

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**Living Faith Booklets (January - March 2020)**

Living Faith Booklets are available on the usher stand at the main entrance to the worship space and in the parish office. Suggested donation is $1.25 per booklet.

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**REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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 on or before December 22. Suggested donation is $10.

**I would like to purchase a Christmas plant (circle one)**

In Honor of / In Memory of

| From: |

**Thank you for your generosity and care!**

Please note: Memorial/Honorarium names received after December 22 will not appear in the Christmas Flowers bulletin insert on December 29 (Holy Family).
AT CHRISTMAS WE CONNECT WITH THE ONES WE LOVE.

Through Angel Tree, a subsidiary of Prison Fellowship, you can help connect a child with their parent behind bars and offer joy and hope to a prisoner’s family.

It’s simple. St. Pascal’s Angel Tree Coordinator contacts families, our parishioners buy and wrap Christmas gifts, then deliver them—along with a message of love and the Good News about Jesus—in the name of incarcerated parents.

Ask your St. Pascal’s Angel Tree coordinator, Bonnie Steele, how you can help. She can be reached at bonnie.steele@stpascals.org.

St. Pascal’s has been assigned to buy gifts for two families this Christmas.

- On the Christmas tree in our Gathering Space there will be a gift list for a child or children that you are free to take
- Please, purchase a gift or two for each child and drop them off (unwrapped) in the tubs adjacent to the Christmas tree
- Gift cards are also welcome if you are unable to do the shopping yourself—our volunteers will do the shopping for the children in our assigned families
- Place the gift card in an envelope marked “Angel Tree” and drop them off in the offertory or bring it to the parish office

Thank you for caring for the vulnerable in our community.
St. Pascal’s Cub Scout Pack 294

$8/Adults and $5/Kids (12 and under)

Sunday, March 10th

After 8:45am and 10:30am mass

Includes: all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice

All proceeds help fund scout camps, pack activities, achievement awards and community service opportunities. Feel free to find any scout in uniform if you have questions about scouting!

Bring your appetite and support our local Cub Scouts!

Thank you!