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.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

While I am on vacation from January 13-23, Father Mike Byron will celebrate the School Mass at 9:25 AM on Wednesday, January 15, and Father Charlie Lachowitzer will celebrate the School Mass here at 9:25 AM on Wednesday, January 22. Thought you’d like to know! All are welcome.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser, January 5-26. This weekend we begin a fundraiser to support the work of Options for Women East LifeCare Center, 891 White Bear Ave, St. Paul. Options for Women East offers services and resources at no cost to women who are unexpectedly pregnant. After all the Masses this weekend, pick up a plastic baby bottle, take it home and fill it with cash or a check, and then bring back the bottle by January 26 and deposit it into the large receptacle in the Gathering Space. If you prefer electronic giving, the donor website for Options for Women East is ofwepartners.com.

The Feast of the Epiphany and Immigration Sunday MN. Since 2009, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota have designated the Feast of Our Lord’s Epiphany to mark Immigration Sunday MN.

This year’s theme is “It is not just about migrants, it is about all of us” which is a continuation of Pope Francis’ message for the 2019 World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees. When families are torn apart and people are forced to live in fear it is an attack on their human dignity and a wound to all of us – the body of Christ. As the lack of resolution lingers into yet another decade, the severity of these wounds continues to grow. To learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches with regard to immigration, visit mncatholic.org and read the statement, “Unlocking the Gate in Our Hearts,” regarding the need for federal immigration reform. The beginning of the Bishops’ statement reads as follows: “We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Minnesota, are deeply concerned about the nation’s immigration policy. It is inconsistent, ineffective, and does not promote the common good. The lack of an effective, coherent national policy has led to the introduction of many bills in state legislatures around the country, including in Minnesota, that seek to address the complex issue of immigration. Such bills are a response to the failure of the current federal immigration laws and regulations to halt illegal immigration and the resulting economic, social, and fiscal impact this has had on many state and local governments. Enforcement-focused state legislation, however, often divides immigrant families and criminalizes the efforts of those who work with immigrants. State legislation cannot repair a failed national policy. Thus, we seek to reiterate our support for comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level, as well as propose the relevant principles that should guide those reforms. We recognize that finding solutions to the plight of immigrants today will sometimes necessitate the overcoming of boundaries in the heart, not just on the land. People erect walls for protection when they feel threatened. At some point, however, we must reach out to human persons in need, and the demands of our common human nature compel us to open a gate in the wall, so that what human dignity demands is not denied to a sister or brother. But before a gate finds its way into the walls outside, there must be a gate that opens in the heart.”

The Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious continues through February 2020. These funds support the immediate care of elder religious and help religious institutes bolster retirement savings. If you missed the donation envelopes for this collection that were in the Gathering Space during December and you would still like to give, please go to the Retired Religious website at retiredreligious.org.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Fellowship Sunday
Men’s Club Fresh-made Donuts
Sunday, January 12 after both Masses
Don’t miss the Men’s Club’s freshly made donuts and their secret formula orange drink. Donuts will also be available for purchase at $6 a dozen.

Women’s Book Club
January 13 at 6:30 PM
Time to make a New Year’s resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women’s Book Club. We meet in the Founders Room on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can come as often as your schedule allows. In January, we will discuss Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII by seven authors. On February 10 we will share our thoughts on The Chilbury Ladies’ Choir by Jennifer Ryan. Contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2020 selections or for more information.

Washington D.C. Fundraisers
Our middle school students are raising money for their Washington DC trip this spring. Take advantage of these upcoming opportunities and help support the 7/8 grade fundraising efforts.

Do You Need Groceries?
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sun Ray Cub Foods, Old Hudson Road
Come to the Sun Ray Cub and our 7/8 grade students will bag your groceries for you!

Culver’s Night
Monday, January 6, 5:00-7:00 PM
Sun Ray Culver’s, Old Hudson Road
Take a break from cooking after the holidays! The school receives 10% of ALL sales between 5:00-7:00 PM!

Marian Center Mass & Dessert
200 Earl Street (between Burns Ave. & Thorn St.)
Thursday, January 9 at 1:30 PM
Join St. Pascal Friends for dessert on the second Thursday of each month. Come and enjoy some time with your parish friends and invite anyone who might be interested in seeing folk from St. Pascal’s. Mass is celebrated daily at 1:00 PM at Marian Center.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Stella Jane Ricci
cradle of Ben & Brianna
who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

“May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.”

— John O’Donohue
VIRTUS SESSION

VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children
Volunteer Training Session
Saturday, February 29, from 9:00 AM-Noon in Brioschi Hall

The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) requires that adults working with children and youth or vulnerable adults fulfill the Essential 3 requirements (for new volunteers) or the Enhanced Essential 3 (for current volunteers).

All NEW volunteers are required to complete the following:

1. VIRTUS Safe Environment Training—Live Session AND Mandated Reporting Training (online). If you need to attend a live VIRTUS session, one will be held at St. Pascal’s on Saturday, February 29 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon. You can create a VIRTUS account and register to attend this session, or one on a date/time more convenient to you, at www.virtusonline.org.

2. Background Check (complete online)
3. Sign 2016 Code of Conduct (complete online)

PLEASE NOTE: It is best to plan to complete E3 requirements at least one month before you plan to volunteer.

Complete instructions for both new and current volunteers are available by going to www.opcy.org or contacting Kim Roering in the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD 2021

Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from YOU about what’s working and what needs work in our parish and the Archdiocese in order to discern and establish focus areas to shape the future of our local Church. The actual synod will take place in 2021. ALL are encouraged to be involved in this process.

Please pray for the Synod and our Archdiocese. Cards with the pre-synod prayer and prayer journals for January are available in the kiosks or by contacting Kim Roering in the parish office.

Attend one of the prayer and listening event(s). At these events, participants pray, discuss, and give feedback on what is working well now in their parish and this Archdiocese, and what the challenges and opportunities are as we move forward together. A complete listing is available at www.archspm.org/synod.

Upcoming events in our area are:

Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon at St. Peter Claver in St. Paul
Saturday, February 15 from 9:00 AM -12 Noon at Lumen Christi in St. Paul
Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 AM -12 Noon at Transfiguration in Oakdale

Complete the Discipleship Maker Index during the month of February 2020—details forthcoming.

St. Pascal
Regional Catholic School
Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Office Hours
September 3, 2019–June 5, 2020
Mon–Fri 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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 Office
651.774.1585
church@stpascals.org

Parish Office Hours
September 3, 2019–June 5, 2020
Mon–Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Prayer Line
Mary Butler-Levine
8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication
Bulletin Notices
Due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements
Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org
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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

October 11, 2019 | The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass Times & Intentions

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Readings

**Sunday:**
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:**
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:**
1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:**
1 Jn 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:**
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:**
1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:**
1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6a, 9b
Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:**
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

Heart Questions
A Gift for All People

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, “Where is the Child: who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”
Matthew 2:1-2

**Adults:** The Magi were strangers from another land. How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?

**Kids:** What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

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

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Thank you for your support!

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**—Epiphany of the Lord
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
11:45am Women’s Club Board meeting: FR
12:00pm Confirmation 2: CH, OC, SL

**Monday, January 6, 2020**
5:00pm Culver’s Night: Sun Ray Culver’s
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL
6:30pm AFF Committee meeting: Parish Office

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**
11:00am Parish office closed (Staff day)
6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**
7:30am School Board Meeting: FR
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**
1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul
7:00pm Men’s Club Membership meeting: CF

**Friday, January 10, 2020**
No scheduled events

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**
No scheduled events

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**—Baptism of the Lord
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
After Masses Men’s Club Donut sales: BH
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
12:00pm Confirmation 1: OC

**Monday, January 13**
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL
6:30pm Women’s Book Club: FR

**Tuesday, January 14**
NO MASS
9:00am Environment & Art Winter decorating: CH

**Wednesday, January 15**
9:00am Rosary: CH
9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome!
6:30pm Choir: CR
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

**Thursday, January 16**
NO MASS
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting: OC

**Friday, January 17**
NO MASS

**Saturday, January 18**
Baby Bottle Campaign through January 19: GS
10:00am Eucharistic Minister Formation: BH

**Sunday, January 19**
No scheduled events

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room,
GS: Gathering Space, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge
Today’s Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.

Today we hear how God’s light will radiate from his sacred city, Jerusalem, drawing to it the eyes and then the people of every nation on earth. Jews scattered during foreign invasions will return to their homeland. Gentiles, including kings, will join them, bringing incense to burn and animals to offer. They will build up the Temple and praise the Lord, the one true God.

The Magi were Gentiles who looked up and saw a great light. They set forth toward it, bringing gifts to offer, but their path did not lead to Jerusalem. It led instead to Bethlehem, a tiny village. No one at all joined them. The small house they entered was nothing like the Temple. And the only king they encountered, King Herod, wanted the star they followed to darken and disappear.

Nevertheless, when the Magi presented their gifts and prostrated themselves, the prophecy of our first reading began to be fulfilled. In humble surroundings, God’s plan of salvation was at last revealed. This plan did not unfold in the way people expected, but then God usually fulfills his promises in ways that startle and even frighten us.

Despite the fear and hostility they encountered, the Magi followed the light and venerated the Lord. We must be like them. We must be Magi. We must move toward the light, bearing witness and paying homage to the Lord who has come among us.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Make Us Magi

Lord of heaven and earth, having made known your plan of salvation, you now send us to live and share the Gospel. To those who yearn to penetrate the darkness and to walk by your light, make us Magi. Make us people who testify to the light, who stand fast in the face of fear and hostility, who bow down in your presence, and who set our gifts before you. Make us Magi. Make us resolute witnesses, living signs, and true worshippers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 5, 2020
We Must Be Magi

Make Us Magi
**THIS WEEK AT HOME**

**Monday, January 6**

**A Great Light**

The crowds that flock to Jesus are drawn to his light. They recognize that, in Jesus, truth and goodness walk among them. By healing and casting out demons Jesus incarnates God’s kingdom; he brings it about in the midst of the people. Today he shares his Spirit with all who follow him so that we might be healed of whatever afflicts us and remain with God forever. Make a list of things that cause people to suffer. Use this list to pray for healing and peace in our world. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

**Tuesday, January 7**

**Hungers**

Today we again hear how Jesus incarnates God’s love, this time by feeding a large crowd. Everyone in the crowd faced the constant threat of hunger. Their crops could fail or their land could be taken from them. Jesus’ gift of bread points to life in God’s kingdom, where no one will ever hunger again. Share God’s love today by volunteering at a food pantry or homeless shelter. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:34–44.*

**Wednesday, January 8**

**Fears**

In the ancient world, the sea represented death. The chaotic waters of the sea reminded people of the vast, dark emptiness that preceded God’s creation. Jesus reveals his divine power over death by walking effortlessly across the surface of the sea. However, his disciples, easily frightened by stormy waters, become fearful of the one who strides across them. They are imperfect in their love for Jesus. We, too, might be amazed by what God has done yet hesitate to entrust ourselves to our Savior. Talk with God about what keeps you from drawing closer to him. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

**Thursday, January 9**

**Lighten the Load**

Some days we may doubt that our faith will triumph over evil. We may struggle to believe that virtuous behavior enacted in patience, mercy, and humility will prevail over sin. At such times, obeying God’s commandment to love others might feel burdensome. Yet the weight bearing down on us is the pain or anger we cling to instead of welcoming the freedom that Jesus proclaims and shares with us. Embrace the freedom Christ offers us by praying St. Ignatius of Loyola’s Suscipe. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22a.*

**Friday, January 10**

**New Life**

Leprosy forced people to leave their families and community. A leper’s isolation must have felt like a living death. Therefore, Jesus didn’t only heal the leper physically, he also restored to him the life he had lost. The leper’s new physical life points to the eternal life that God’s Son offers everyone who believes in him. Draw a picture or imagine what life was like for the leper both before and after he met Jesus. Reflect on how Jesus has changed your life. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

**Saturday, January 11**

**Our Testimony**

Today we hear the end of two testimonies. The First Letter of John, written so that we will enter into fellowship with God, concludes by urging us to remain in the truth. In the Gospel passage, John the Baptist points once again to Jesus before stepping out of the spotlight. Both testimonies direct our attention to God’s Son and through him, to the Father. Both testimonies warn us to withstand whatever tempts us to separate ourselves from God. Renew your baptismal promises today as a way of showing your rejection of evil and your commitment to God. *Today’s Readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5 and 6a and 9b; John 3:22–30.*