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.

JANUARY 12, 2020 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

I will be on vacation from January 12-23. Next weekend, January 18-19, Father Bob Hazel will be visiting our parish to preside at the weekend Masses and speak on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Father Hazel was ordained in 1966 as a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Before his retirement in 2006, his ministry included parish work, chaplaincy at the University of Minnesota, and extended foreign mission service in India and Venezuela. He also works with Retrouvaille, a ministry dedicated to helping troubled marriages and for those who are hurting and in need of counseling.

Father Mike Byron and Father Charlie Lachowitzer will preside at School Masses while I am on vacation. Father Mike will celebrate Mass at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 15, and Father Charlie will celebrate Mass at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 22. All are welcome.

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Options for Women East continues through January 26. Options for Women East LifeCare Center is located at 891 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul. Phone: 651.776.2328, Email: optionsforwomeneast.com. At the display in our Gathering Space, there are plastic baby bottles that you can take home and fill with cash or a check. Bring the bottle back to church and deposit the bottle into the large receptacle in the Gathering Space. If you prefer electronic giving, the donor website for Options for Women East is ofwepartners.com. Options for Women East offers services and resources at no cost to women who are unexpectedly pregnant.

Parish Survey in February. Our parish and all parishes in the Archdiocese are invited to participate in a survey called the “Disciple Maker Index” that was developed by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The Archdiocesan Synod Planning Team and Archbishop Hebda thought the Disciple Maker Index survey would give a good snapshot of our Archdiocesan community’s faith life and helpful data to augment the Prayer and Listening Sessions that are part of the Synod preparation process. The Disciple Maker Index survey can be taken on your computer, tablet, cell phone or in printed form. The survey asks about your growth in faith, your journey as a Christian disciple, and your participation in the life of the Church. There is no cost to our parish for participating in the survey. Therefore, from February 1-29, please take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey online at www.disciplemakerindex.com. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, you can pick up a copy at church in February or contact Kim Roering, our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org. We will receive our parish results of the survey this spring, and we will share with you what we have learned.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for January: Promotion of World Peace.
We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

A Note from Deacon Richard
The two books mentioned in my Holy Family homily concerning migrants and refugees are:

Enrique’s Journey, by Sonia Nazario
A Stranger and You Welcomed Me, by Pope Francis

Both are highly recommended reading!

Angel Tree 2019
From the St. Pascal’s Social Justice and Caring Committee—thank you to all who supported the Angel Tree Ministry this Christmas season. You provided gifts for two families: The Angel Tree family of four children who live near us on the East Side and the St. Pascal’s family of five children who are in transitional housing since suffering a devastating house fire. Your generosity and care were greatly appreciated by the families. If you have any feedback or questions, please contact Mary Weyandt at mwewayandt@mac.com or Bonnie Steele at bonnie.steele@stpascals.org.

Listening House
St. Pascal’s supports the Eastside-Listening House—dubbed the living room of the homeless—by donating men’s and women’s socks, underwear and tee-shirts. Men’s jeans and sweatpants are also needed. Please, no mugs! Place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet. This is an ongoing ministry of the Women’s Club.

Thank You
We wish to acknowledge the many expressions of concern and compassion from our friends at St. Pascal’s and to thank those who worked so diligently in difficult circumstances to provide a beautiful Funeral Mass and luncheon. We thank especially the Women’s Club and the many volunteers who contributed their time and wonderful food, and Fr. John and the staff who braved the storm. You have given us such strength during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
The James Stach Family

Women’s Book Club
January 13 at 6:30 PM in the Founders Room
Join the St. Pascal Women’s Book Club. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. 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.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

James Spranger
James Omodt

who were recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends, and pray for their souls’ eternal peace.
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.stpascals.org/safe-environment or contact Kim Roering in the parish office at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

Volunteers Needed—Ramsey Family Service Center Meal Services

Starting in March of 1983, St. Pascal volunteers have served meals to those who often go without. First it was done at the Neighborhood House on St. Paul’s Westside; then it moved to the Lowry Family Shelter in downtown St. Paul; now it is up at the Ramsey Family Service Center, located near Aldrich arena. Some volunteers serve an evening weekday meal (on 3rd, 4th or 5th Mondays, 2nd Wednesday) from 5:00-7:00 PM; others go on Mondays for lunch. All assignments are every other month—just six times a year.

We have various openings, but our greatest need is for dinner service on the 3rd Monday of odd numbered months from 5:15 – 7:00 PM. We are looking for one or two people. Singles, couples, parent and teen, friends—anyone!

Contact Toni Baker at 651.731.7763 or toni@bakers.us for more information, to volunteer, to change your service time, etc.
Mass Times & Intentions

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Readings January 12, 2020

**Sunday:**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
Ps 29:1-4, 9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mt 3:13-17  

**Monday:**
1 Sm 1:1-8  
Ps 116:12-19  
Mt 1:14-20  

**Tuesday:**
1 Sm 1:9-20  
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Mt 1:21-28  

**Wednesday:**
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20  
Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10  
Mt 1:29-39  

**Thursday:**
1 Sm 4:1-11  
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
Mt 1:40-45  

**Friday:**
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a  
Ps 89:16-19  
Mt 2:1-12  

**Saturday:**
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a  
Ps 21:2-7  
Mt 2:13-17  

**Next Sunday:**
Is 49:3, 5-6  
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
Jn 1:29-34  

Heart Questions

**Pleasing to God**

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

Isaiah 42:1

**Adults:** How does your own baptism provide you with a “call to serve others?” In what ways do you serve?

**Kids:** When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

Stewardship of Giving

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

**Sunday Collection**

- **Sunday Giving:** $56,675.50  
- **Budgeted:** $68,337.51  
- **Variance:** $-11,662.01 (-18%)  
- **YTD Sunday Giving:** $287,973.26  
- **Budgeted:** $341,687.43  
- **Variance:** $-53,714.17 (-16%)  

**Mortgage**

- **Loan Balance (11/15/19):** $3,496,319.32  
- **Payment:** $25,539.84  
- **(p-$11,508.37; i-$12,881.47)  
- **(excess-$ 1,150.00)**

Thank you for your support!

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

**Sunday, January 12, 2020—Baptism of the Lord**

- **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**
- **No scheduled events**

**Saturday, January 18**

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

**Sunday, January 19**

- **NO MASS**
- **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

St. Pascal’s Legacy Society

Please make St Pascal’s an important part of your legacy by remembering St. Pascal’s in your estate plan. If you want more information on St Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 651.774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O’Malley.

Upcoming St. Pascal Events

**Our 10th Taste of St. Pascal Potluck Dinner**

- **Sunday, February 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall**
- **Can you help with our fabulous all-parish multi-cultural potluck dinner?**

Friends and Family Event: 2nd Running of “Off to the Races”

- **Saturday, April 18 at 5:30 PM in Brioschi Hall**
- **If you would like to help in the planning or help on the day of the event (and have a blast doing it), please let us know. We can use donations of gift cards for prizes and games.**

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Any notion of a future church must be a fully practical church that is concerned about getting the job of love done—and done better and better.

—Richard Rohr

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By submitting to John’s baptism, Jesus “fulfills all righteousness”—that is, he carries out God’s plan of salvation, a plan foretold in passages such as in our First Reading. God speaks through Isaiah to declare that he will grasp the hand of his servant, whom he has chosen for a special purpose. In the Second Reading, we again hear this language of election as Peter speaks of Jesus as God’s anointed one.

In the ancient world, priests, prophets, and kings were anointed to show that God chose them for that role. The title Christ is from the Greek word for “anointed one.” Messiah is the Hebrew term. The descent of God’s Spirit upon Jesus and the words pronounced by God at Jesus’ baptism reveal that Jesus is God’s chosen one.

At our Baptism, we were incorporated into Christ’s Body, empowered by God’s Spirit, and anointed to act like Christ as priests, prophets, and kings. God calls us to worship, to proclaim the Gospel, and to work alongside his Son until he brings about the fullness of his kingdom.

Sunday, January 12, 2020
Anointed Ones

Baptism

God our Father, giver of life, your Son immersed himself in the human condition.

By becoming one with us he made it possible for us to become one with you.

By Baptism you free us from sin, recreate us,

and empower us with your Spirit.

As we strive to live as members of Christ’s Body,

lead us steadily along the path of holiness.

Cleanse us from the sins that still stain us.

Enliven the flame of faith within us.

Keep us attentive to your Word.

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THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Ordinary Time

The Ministry of Jesus
The cycle of readings for Sundays and weekdays reflects the wisdom of the Catholic Church. During Ordinary Time we are led steadily through the ministry of Jesus, teaching by teaching, story by story. On Sundays we also work steadily through a letter of the New Testament. The entire first half of our liturgical celebrations are thus grounded on the life of Christ and the teaching of the Apostles. The wisdom of having such fixed readings is this: we do not get to decide what we hear from God. We do not get to ignore some aspects of Jesus’ ministry and concentrate our attention on others. We do not get to skip a letter that makes us uncomfortable. We are challenged and consoled, chastened and uplifted, by the entirety of the Gospel. In the weeks ahead, listen for what God is speaking to you. You may hear something new, something you would never have heard on your own.

Saturday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul
Those of us who were baptized as infants might yearn for a moment such as St. Paul’s in which God becomes suddenly, dramatically, and unmistakably present. We should remember, however, that Paul’s new faith came from somewhere. He knew what Christians believed. His familiarity with Christ was the basis for his conversion. Those of us who were raised with the knowledge of Christ may also have experienced moments of wonderful transcendence in our journey toward God, but those moments came from somewhere: they arose from our daily study, prayer, and effort to live more faithfully as God’s children. *Today’s Readings: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18.*

Sunday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord
On the Feast of the Epiphany, we heard a story from Matthew’s Gospel account in which Gentiles, represented by the Magi, followed a star’s light to pay homage to the infant Jesus. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word meaning “to reveal.” Luke’s Gospel contains a different story of an epiphany. He tells how Simeon, guided by God’s spirit, praises God for allowing him to see the Christ child, God’s instrument of salvation. His famous prayer, the Nunc Dimittis, is part of the Church’s Night Prayer.

The liturgy for this feast day includes a blessing of candles. Your parish may invite you to bring a candle to be blessed or to take one after Mass. Set this candle in a suitable place in your home. Take a moment to light the candle and pray each evening, repeating the words of Simeon and praising God for revealing his light and glory to you. *Today’s Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

Monday, February 3

St. Blaise
In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus shows such power over evil that people are frightened of him. Our Lord shares this extraordinary power with his Church. As we celebrate the Optional Memorial of St. Blaise today, we celebrate the healing, protection, and peace that comes to us from God. If you do not know anything about St. Blaise, do a little research about him. Thank God for the many ways and the many people who reveal his saving love. *Today’s Readings: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.*
Ramsey County Attorney John J. Choi and Archbishop Bernard Hebda from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis extend an invitation to all to attend a Conference for RESTORATIVE JUSTICE and RECONCILIATION

Thursday, January 23, 2020
9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn & Suites, 8511 Hudson Blvd., Lake Elmo

- This conference is open to all victim/survivors, and anyone who has been impacted by clergy sexual abuse.
- This conference will focus on steps taken to ensure safety for all children in the care of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Ramsey County Attorney John Choi will update us on the Ramsey County Settlement Agreement and share the direction as we move forward.
- Retired Justice Janine Geske from Milwaukee, will share her many years of experience working with restorative justice and abuse survivors.
- A panel of survivors and others will share their experiences concerning clergy sexual abuse and how it has changed their lives.
- There will be an opportunity to experience healing circles as one of the restorative justice practices.

There is no fee to attend; however, space is limited. To reserve a space and to give us a lunch count (lunch provided) please email Paula Kaempffer, Archdiocesan Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention at kaempfferp@archspm.org or Tom Ring, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney at tom.ring@co.ramsey.mn.us or call 651.291.4429 for more information.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 20, 2020