



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.

MARCH 15, 2020 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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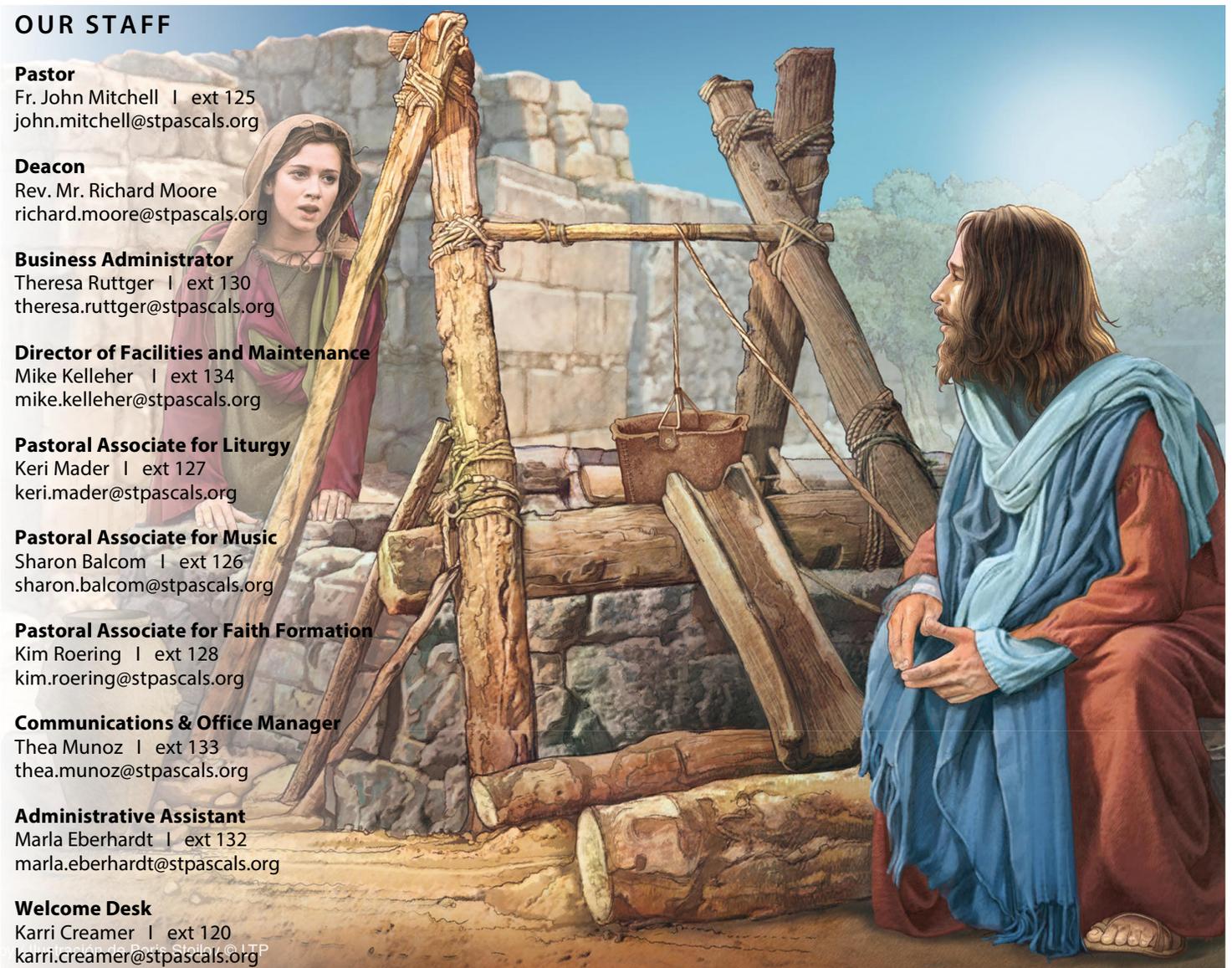
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Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM | Wednesday 9:25 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Save the Date for the St. Pascal's Parish Picnic!

When: Sunday, July 19, 2020, 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Where: Walton Park, 15th Street and Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale

What: Food, beverages, games, and fun for all ages. Bring equipment for softball, basketball, soccer and frisbee if you'd like to start a game. There is plenty of room for activities, sitting and visiting. Let's have an informal Talent Show. Bring your talent for joke-telling, poetry, music, singing, dancing, juggling, magic, a family skit, or whatever your talent is. No judges or prizes, just the joy in sharing your talent and hearing the applause from the crowd.

Free Kindle e-readers for check out. An anonymous donor gave our parish three Kindle e-readers and an Amazon gift card for me to purchase e-books for St. Pascal's parishioners and friends to read. Here are the e-books that I have purchased for the Kindles so far:

1. *The Bible*, New American translation
2. *Fatal Throne, The Wives of Henry VII Tell All* (Anderson, Fleming, Hemphill, Sandell, Donnelly, Park, Hopkinson); the St. Pascal's Women's Club book for January 2020
3. *Siddhartha* (Herman Hesse); a book for the St. Pascal's Spirituality Book Club in 2019.
4. *The Other Einstein* (Marie Benedict); the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club book for March 2020
5. *The Catholic Table, Finding Joy Where Faith & Food Meet* (Emily Stimpson Chapman)
6. *Walking with Mary* (Ed Sri)

If you would like to check out a Kindle e-reader, please contact me. You can keep the Kindle for as long as you wish until someone else requests to use it, and then the limit will be three weeks. Questions? Curious? Contact me at john.mitchell@stpascals.org or call me at the office (direct phone 651.432.4955).

Spouse Loss Grief Support Group offered by HealthEast Hospice Grief Support Services, Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5 & 12 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM at Path of Grace United Methodist Church, 759 County Rd B East, Maplewood, MN. When you are on the journey of grief, it is often helpful to seek the support of others. This group is intended for people who are grieving the death of their spouse or significant other. Group members will have opportunities to reflect on grief and loss and receive relevant grief education materials. To register, call 651.232.3543 or send an email to griefsupportservices@healtheast.org.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:

Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Your Donations Make a Difference!

Compassion Kit Items for the Unsheltered: During the Season of Lent, we are collecting items for Compassion Kits for those in need. A full list of items needed is available in the kiosk in the gathering space. You may drop off the items at the collection bin in the coat room or during Friday Fish Fry Dinners at the collection bin in the gathering space.

Listening House—"The Living Room of the Homeless": St. Pascal's collects men's and women's socks, underwear and tee-shirts. Men's jeans and sweatpants are also needed. Please, no mugs! Please place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet. *This is an ongoing ministry of the Women's Club.*

RCIA: A Note on the Scrutiny Rites

During the 3rd, 4th, and 5th weekends of Lent, we will celebrate the Scrutiny Rites with our catechumen, Abby, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies have a dual purpose, "to uncover, and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect and to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA). The scrutinizing does not affect the catechumens alone—this close examination is a communal task of looking at how evil affects all our lives and how we can be liberated from it by Christ's grace. The scrutinies are a prayer asking for deliverance for the elect—and all of us—from the effects of sins which are named. At the same time, we ask to be strengthened in grace and virtues. The Litany of Deliverance accomplishes all of this over the course of the three Sunday Scrutiny Rites. Let us pray enthusiastically for our catechumen, Abby, and for our faith community.

Bowl Tenders Needed for Holy Thursday

Can you help with our foot washing ritual on Holy Thursday, April 9? This is one of the most prominent and important ritual actions for this liturgy, as it helps to demonstrate what it means for us to serve one another. As in past years, everyone in the pews will be invited to participate, and 10 individuals are needed to assist those who take part. A practice will be held on Saturday, April 4, at 9:30 AM. Please contact Keri Mader if you are willing to help at 651.432.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

Join in a Lenten Food Waste Fast

Brought to you by JustFaith and the Social Justice and Caring Committee

Third Sunday of Lent:

Meal Planning

Did you know—eliminating food waste is considered one of the most effective ways to curb climate change? This Lent, put Pope Francis's "Laudato Si" into action. The Lenten food waste fast will offer ample opportunities for reflection, prayer, and forming lasting habit changes to care for creation.

Learn: The average family spends \$1,500 on waste food each year. (USDA)

Pray: God, we pray for the wisdom to be good stewards of our environmental and financial resources. May we use the abundance of gifts you have provided to us wisely, especially the gift of food.

Act: Before you shop this week, survey your kitchen to see what you already have, and use Meal Prep Mate to help you plan your meals. igsol.net/mealprep.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

During this holy Lenten season, we take time to reflect on our Lenten devotions and the mercy of God.

I am sharing with you some suggestions for making this season of Lent meaningful for your children.

- **Prayer Time:** As a busy parent, scheduling prayer can be difficult, but Lent is the perfect way to begin. Learning how to pray with your children is rewarding and can be a habit you keep throughout the year.
- **Read the Bible:** Children's Bibles deliver God's Word in an interesting way so children can understand it. Don't let your Children's Bible be a book that remains unread.
- **Cook Together:** Lent has a rich, long tradition and history, and there are several favorite recipes to be made including hot cross buns and pretzels. Fish is traditionally cooked on Fridays in Lent and has been for centuries. This is an especially fun way to educate and encourage kids in their Lenten devotions.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)
Let God enable our inner goodness and light to shine through in all we are and do!

Inna Collier Paske, Principal

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon—Thursday, March 26 at 11:00 AM

Attention Friends 55 Plus—Fr. John will celebrate the Eucharist with us and then, after a short meeting, we will have our delicious meal: Chicken ala King served over two freshly baked biscuits. For this we ask a \$10.00 donation payable on the day of the meeting. After lunch, Kent Appeldoorn will entertain us with a variety of music. Please RSVP by Monday, March 23 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhen@q.com or to Barb Kendle at 651.738.3799. Thank you for your generous response to the request for our \$10 annual membership dues which helps defray the cost of our entertainment throughout the coming year. We look forward to seeing you again!

Women's Club Friday Bake Sales—February 28 – March 27

Thank you to the choir and all those who generously baked these past two weeks for the bake sale. Special thanks to the families in the Pre-K and Kindergarten of St. Pascal's Regional School for their delicious treats. If you would like to donate to the weekly bake sale, drop your items off near the parish office on Friday or at the Fish Fry. *Soon, the Women's Club will be accepting applications for the yearly disbursements of their funds.*

Please note: There will not be a bake sale at the April 3rd Fish Fry as previously announced. Instead join us for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale after all the Masses!

Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry: All Fridays of Lent through April 3

4:30 to 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandrau St. entrance)

Our classic Fish Fry menu includes fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, mac & cheese, rolls, chocolate or vanilla pudding, and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, pop and take-out available.

Adults (12 and up): \$13.00 | Children (6-11): \$6.00 | Children 5 and under: FREE

Proceeds go to purchase equipment, uniforms, and supplies for St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's Physical Education program and other parish/school needs.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation: Rite of Sending

This weekend at the 10:30 AM Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Sending with our candidates who will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM. It is an opportunity for our parish community to recognize these young people, as well as their sponsors and parents, and offer our blessing and support. Please hold our candidates in prayer this week. Come, Holy Spirit!

**2020 Friends and Family Event
The 2nd Running of "Off to the Races"**

Saturday, April 18 in Brioschi Hall

Don't miss this fun parish fundraiser—we would love to see everyone there to make this a success.

We need your help to run all the games, dessert auction, registration, selling tickets and more.

We use lots of gift cards for prizes and for the games. Consider picking some up the next time you're out shopping. For more information or if you'd like to help, please contact:

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C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

September 3, 2019-June 5, 2020

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Cindy Reisdorf, Chair

St. Pascal

Regional Catholic School

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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 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

Due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

Mass Times & Intentions**Readings**
March 15, 2020**THE WEEK AHEAD**Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.**Tuesday, March 17**

8:00 AM + Kathleen Bauer

Wednesday, March 18

9:25 AM + A deceased member of the parish

Thursday, March 19

8:00 AM + Jim Stach

Friday, March 20

8:00 AM + Kathleen Minder

Saturday, March 21

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, March 22

8:45 AM + A deceased member of the parish

10:30 AM + Tom Bertini

**Operation Rice Bowl
Stories of Hope****Third Week of Lent: Meet Yvone**

Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you help to ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more Stories of Hope, reflections, recipes, ways to help and more.

Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

Sunday, March 15—3rd Sunday of Lent

Rice Bowls Lenten Project

10:30am Rite of Sending (Confirmation)

12:00pm Confirmation 2 Lunch: BH

1:00pm Confirmation 2 Reconciliation—All are welcome!

Monday, March 16

7:30am Regional School Honor Roll Breakfast: BH

5:00pm Culver's Night: Sun Ray Culver's

6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: SL

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

8:45am Bible Study: PC

6:30pm JustFaith: FR

Wednesday, March 18

9:00am Rosary

9:25am Regional School Mass—All are welcome!

6:30pm Choir: CR

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Parent/Child meeting: BH

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 19

7:30am School Board Finance Committee: FR

9:30am Bible Study: PC

Friday, March 20

8:30am Church cleaning: CH

9:25am School Lent Reconciliation: CH

4:00pm Women's Club Bake Sale: GS

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: BH

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: CH

Saturday, March 21

Rice Bowls Lenten Project

9:30am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby: OC

Sunday, March 22—4th Sunday of Lent*Global Solidarity Sunday*

Rice Bowls Lenten Project

After Masses New Member Registration

2:00pm Confirmation: Cathedral of Saint Paul

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CH: Church, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, GS: Gathering Space, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

Culver's Night—Monday, March 16, 5:00-7:00 PM*Sun Ray Culver's, Old Hudson Road*

Take a break from cooking and help the Regional School's 7-8 grade students raise funds for Washington D.C. this spring. They receive 10% of ALL sales between 5:00-7:00 PM!

Pascal's Pulse: The Parish's New Weekly E-Newsletter

Thank you to all of the subscribers to the new e-newsletter! We hope you are enjoying the latest news and event reminders delivered every Friday to your inbox. If you don't see it in your inbox, remember to check your spam/junk folder and be sure to tag church@stpascals.org as a safe sender. Haven't subscribed yet but would like to? It's easy! Just go to www.stpascals.org/in-the-loop and chose the communications you would like to receive.

St. Mary's Mission Gala: Catch the Dream*Friday, April 24 at 6:00 PM in Brioschi Hall*

We welcome back our friends from the Red Lake Indian Reservation for their gala evening benefitting St. Mary's Mission School. Watch for details soon in the bulletin and *Pascal's Pulse* newsletter.

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

Sunday Giving	\$ 58,706.09
Budget	<u>\$ 68,337.51</u>
Variance	(\$ 11,631.51)

Year to Date

Sunday Giving	\$538,287.62
Budget	<u>\$546,699.96</u>
Variance	(\$ 8,412.34)

Mortgage (Loan Balance as of 03.07.2020: \$3,410,376.35)

March payment	\$24,389.84
Principal	\$12,670.65
Interest	\$11,719.19***

*****We are now paying more principal than interest—THIS IS GOOD NEWS!!!**

Thank you for your support!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Living Water

Loving Savior, font of life,
you have poured out your living water
upon us,
filling us with your Spirit.
Cleanse our hearts when we are over-
whelmed by fear, despair, or disbelief.
Refresh us when we grow weary.
Drench us with your love and mercy

so that our hearts will overflow with peace
and we will immerse ourselves in justice and
reconciliation.
Engulf all who thirst for you in an onrush
of your grace
until we drink forever from the streams
of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 15, 2020

This Is Better

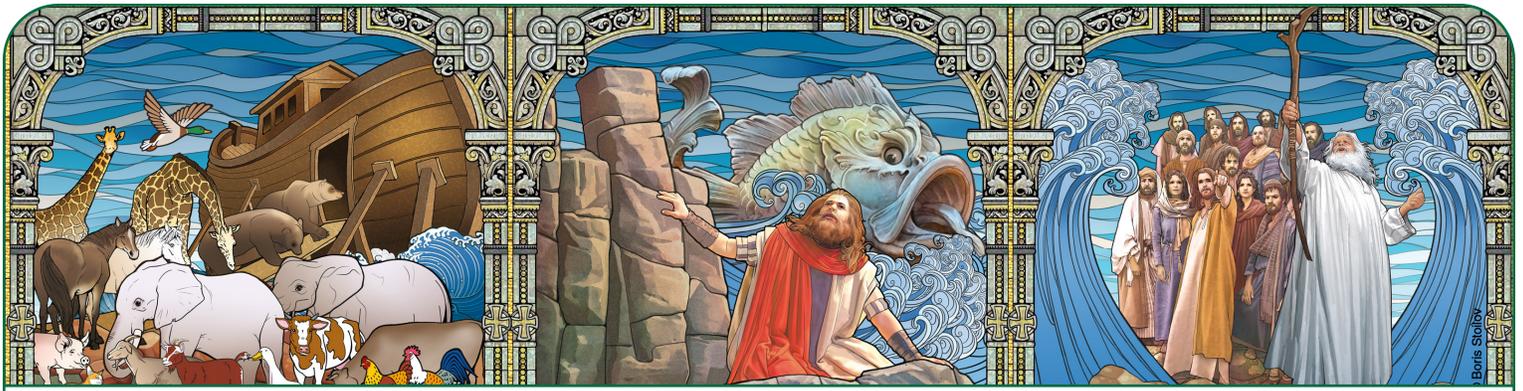


Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3–7; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Romans 5:1–2, 5–8; John 4:5–42. When good things happen in our lives, we do not always welcome the changes. God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them to a new homeland, but along the way the people complained. They feared the desert. They fretted about food and water. Although God protected and provided for them, the people claimed that things had been better in Egypt.

After Jesus offers living water to the woman at the well, she challenges him about this mysterious gift. She notes that he does not have a bucket and then she insists on the excellence of that particular well. Next, she laments the hassle of trekking back and forth for water. Only after Jesus

painstakingly convinces the woman that he is no ordinary Jew does she leave her water jar behind to accept the living water, the new life, that he offers.

St. Paul writes of all the good that has come to us because of God's love. Yet God's love is utterly unlike ours. God loves us simply because it is God's nature to love. We love people because of how they treat us or because they are related to us. It seems safer and more prudent for love to be earned. We struggle to accept the love that God has poured into our hearts. We still glance back at Egypt, clutch our water jars, and wonder if God's extraordinary gift is better than any other.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 16 What We Deserve

Naaman, thinking he deserved better treatment, nearly missed the opportunity to be healed. The people in Jesus' hometown also thought they deserved privileged treatment. They so resented Jesus' willingness to minister to others, they stopped listening to him. They even tried to silence the voice of God. Use Psalms 42 and 43 to pray in solidarity with those whom the world does not value. *Today's Readings:* 2 Kings 5:1–15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24–30.

Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick, a True Servant

How do you act in a crisis? Azariah admitted his sins and expressed his trust in God. St. Patrick, after being enslaved in Ireland, chose to return years later to share the Gospel. Azariah and St. Patrick admitted their need for God, but the servant in the Gospel parable remained selfish and hard-hearted. Sometimes once the danger has passed, we too return to our former ways. Read part of St. Patrick's Confessions and ask God to keep you faithful during difficult times. *Today's Readings:* Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 and 9; Matthew 18:21–35.

Wednesday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Jesus, like Moses before him, told people to uphold God's law in everything. By our obedience we become part of God's promised kingdom and reveal God's wisdom and goodness to others. In his homilies, St. Cyril of Jerusalem urged the newly baptized to heed what they were taught and to treasure God's grace so as to enter God's kingdom. Identify and pray for the people in your community who are preparing to become Catholic this Easter. *Today's Readings:* Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.

Thursday, March 19 St. Joseph, Faithful Provider

When Mary became pregnant in a most unexpected way, St. Joseph took her into his home and provided for her and her son. This legacy of St. Joseph continues in the story of his intercession on behalf of farmers in Italy who needed rain. When the rains came, the farmers celebrated with a feast they blessed and shared with the poor. Offer a special prayer of thanks for your food today, and share what you can with a local food pantry. *Today's Readings:* 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.

Friday, March 20 Steadfast Love

In the passage from Hosea, God reveals his unfailing love despite his people's choice to carve idols and turn to other gods. The God of Israel proves infinitely patient and forgiving. Jesus reminds us that God deserves our complete devotion. Insofar as God shows steadfast love for us, we are to reciprocate by loving God as well as other people. What can you do today to show God's love to someone else? *Today's Readings:* Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6c–8a, 8bc–9, 10–11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28–34.

Saturday, March 21 Painfully Aware

As the people in the First Reading return to God, the Lord knows that they will soon stray again. They might not even realize how faithless they are. They are like the Pharisee who is so self-absorbed he doesn't actually pray. We are called to be like the tax collector: deeply aware of both our sinfulness and our continuous need for God. Spend fifteen minutes today in silence, repeating the words of the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." *Today's Readings:* Hosea 6:1–6; Psalm 51:3–4, 18–19, 20–21ab; Luke 18:9–14.



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THE PRISON AS A NEIGHBORHOOD

*Experiencing God in a
Lifetime of Prison Ministry*



*"I was naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36*

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As a chaplain, Fr. Greg Skrypek would sing "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" as he would enter the prison each day. During 30 years of prison ministry, Fr. Greg found that creating an environment of common ground was how the presence of God entered into his relationships with both offenders and employees. With a diverse population of people in prisons, Fr. Greg found many ways to connect with people of different faith traditions, especially Native American and Muslim residents. Join us as Fr. Greg reflects on how God led him into prison ministry, and shares how these experiences of ecumenism deepened his faith and contributed to deep and personal relationships with those he ministered to.

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Monday, March 23, 2020
6:30-8:30 pm
Brioschi Hall

Fr. Greg Skrypek was ordained to the priesthood in 1970 for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He retired in 2009 after 30 years of prison ministry, having served as the chaplain at Hennepin County Jail, Stillwater Prison, and Oak Park Heights Prison. He is currently the parochial vicar at Church of the Assumption in St. Paul, MN.