



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.

MAY 3, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What Happens after May 4?

As I write this article, we do not yet know what will happen after May 4 when Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's stay-at-home order expires. After May 4, we are not sure yet whether Archbishop Hebda will re-instate the celebration of public Masses. After May 4, will life get back to "normal"? What will normal look like after May 4?

Whatever the future brings, and whenever public Masses start again, and whenever stores and restaurants re-open, we know that God is with us and will give us the strength to endure whatever comes. All of us have made sacrifices the past two months, and some of you have made more sacrifices than others. All of us have been impacted financially, emotionally and physically the past month, and some more than others.

I thank you for staying patient, prayerful, faithful and hopeful. We will get through this together. It may take a long time to feel secure and safe in our world again, and we have learned how vulnerable we are to diseases, viruses and the spread of illness. We have been reminded how inter-connected our world is, and how a virus in one country can spread all over the world.

Here in the United States, most of us probably thought we were safe from a pandemic. However, we have witnessed how a virus can spread around the world and cause a change in life as we know it. We have been humbled and reminded that life is fragile, temporary and vulnerable.

At the same time, I hope we remember that God has a plan for each of us in this life and in the next. That plan includes each of us coming to know and believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ. We are invited to love and follow Jesus, and we are asked to love and serve our neighbor because each person is made in God's image and is our brother or sister in Christ. In good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health, on sunny days and stormy days, we are asked to be people of faith, working together for the common good and protecting the most vulnerable human lives amongst us.

No matter what happens after May 4, we are asked to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, ready to love and serve one another as Christ has served us.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Safe Gathering and Use of Our Buildings—Looking Ahead

Our staff is developing a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan to ensure the health and safety of all who may enter our building in the coming weeks. We will be following the guidelines issued by Governor Walz and will communicate them in the weeks ahead. Included (as of today) in this plan:

- Infection prevention measures & housekeeping protocols
- Location of additional sanitizer/wipes stations
- Social Distancing at worship
- Protocols for entering and leaving the building/worship space
- Respiratory etiquette
- Worship Procedures (coming from the Archdiocese)
- Distribution of handouts, Gather books, bulletins
- Sunday Donuts and social distancing/sanitation
- Nursery
- Events/Funerals/Wedding protocols

Guidance is coming from the Archdiocese, State of Minnesota, CDC, and Minnesota Department of Health. We are continually monitoring and updating our list of approved protocols. As more information comes forth, we will change the list accordingly. We look forward to coming back to our spiritual home in a safe, healthy way and will make every effort to make returning a comfortable experience.

—Theresa

Friends & Family 2020: CANCELLED

Due to the Coronavirus, we are cancelling the Friends & Family event for 2020.

We had originally planned to have this event on April 18, then we re-scheduled it for May 16, and now we think it is best to have it in the spring 2021.

In keeping with the theme "Off to the Races," we will allow the horses to rest, have some time to relax, and we'll get them saddled up in 2021!

Parish Office Hours

The fluid nature of the unfolding national health situation has prompted most of our office staff to work remotely. Please call ahead if you need to visit the office.

Stay tuned to our parish website and Facebook page for updates on office hours and worship schedules. *Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times!*

Stay Connected

- Daily Mass videos are on the parish Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- Updates on the parish response to COVID-19 are on the parish website and Facebook.
- Subscribe to *Pascal's Pulse* weekly e-news at www.stpascals.org/in-the-loop.

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Have a little one in your life?

Time to look at St. Pascal's Preschool - Prekindergarten Program Fall 2020

Are you interested in sending your child to one of our classes for preschool or prekindergarten? Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is open!

If your child will be 3 on or before Sept. 1, 2020, they will be eligible for our preschool classes. There is half or full-day options. If your child will be 4 on or before September 1, 2020, they will be eligible for prekindergarten full-day classes.

What makes us unique?

- **The faith difference:**
Children are taught to treat each other with love and respect.
- **A place for your family:**
Parents say their entire family feels supported by the sense of community.
- **Personal care for each child:**
Our teachers treat each child as if they were their own.
- **Easy transition to Kindergarten:**
Our affiliation with a K-8 Catholic elementary school makes the transition to kindergarten easy when your child graduates.

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

May 3, 2020

Tuesday, May 05

The People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 06

+ Fr. James Kaston

Thursday, May 07

+ Ramona Greavu

Friday, May 08

+ Edward Graw

Saturday, May 09

The People of the Parish

Sunday, May 10

+ Mary Kachelmyer

+ Don Hensel

Heart Questions

Called to Be Shepherds

[The shepherd] goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

—John 10:4

Adults: How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

Kids: What will you do this week to show you love those around you?



Archdiocesan Synod

Please continue to pray for the Archdiocesan Synod 2021.

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.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay prayerful!

We'll get through this time of being apart.

The Lord Jesus is with us always.

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 23:1-6

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1-7

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-11b

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

Bloodmobile at St. Pascal's

Monday, May 4 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM
in Brioschi Hall

Roll up your sleeves and help save lives!

The American Red Cross urges donors who are feeling healthy and well to give now to ensure blood is available for emergencies.

Please call Margaret at 651.735.4701 for an appointment time. Walk-ins welcome.

THE WEEK AHEAD

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, May 3

1st Eucharist Weekend-CANCELLED

Monday, May 4

1:00pm Bloodmobile: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Boy Scouts 294-CANCELLED

6:30pm AFF Meeting-CANCELLED

Tuesday, May 5

6:30pm Pastoral Council: REMOTE

Wednesday, May 6

9:00am Rosary: TBD

9:25am Mass (not a school Mass): TBD

6:30pm Faith Formation: CANCELLED

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: CANCELLED

6:30pm SJCC: CANCELLED

Thursday, May 7

7:00pm Men's Club Board: TBD

Friday, May 8

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting: CANCELLED

Saturday, May 9

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

9:30am New Member Registration: TBD

Stewardship of Giving

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

March

Sunday Giving \$ 59,657.06

Budget \$ 68,337.51

Shortfall \$ -8,660.45 (12.7%)

Year to Date

Sunday Giving \$ 597,944.68

Budget \$ 615,037.47

Shortfall \$ -17,092.79 (2.78%)

Thank you for your support!

March expenses were down—overall net income was \$3,763.34

We continue to be thankful for your generosity during this time of great change. Parish staff is making every effort to trim costs where possible. Many thanks to our Finance Council and Trustees for their wonderful guidance and support.

Giving online is a popular option while you are away. Check it out on the website at www.stpascals.org.

We look forward to the day when our community will be able to return to its' spiritual home.

—Theresa Ruttger, Business Administrator

Liminal space is an inner state and sometimes an outer situation where we can begin to think and act in new ways. It is where we are betwixt and between, having left one room or stage of life but not yet entered the next. [In liminal space] we need to be silent instead of speaking, experience emptiness instead of fullness, anonymity instead of persona, and pennilessness instead of plenty. It is a graced time, but often does not feel "graced" in any way. In such space, we are not certain or in control. This global pandemic we now face is an example of an immense, collective liminal space.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Life in Abundance

Heavenly Father,
your Son, Jesus, is the Lamb
who models selfless love for others.
May we imitate his life-giving service.
Jesus is the Good Shepherd,
who guides and gathers your people, making
us one.
May we seek reconciliation and healing,

and strive to sustain the bonds of peace.
Jesus is the gate
through whom we enter eternal life with you.
May we seek salvation in him alone
and bring others to share in the life he offers
so that all people will have life in abundance.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Heeding His Call

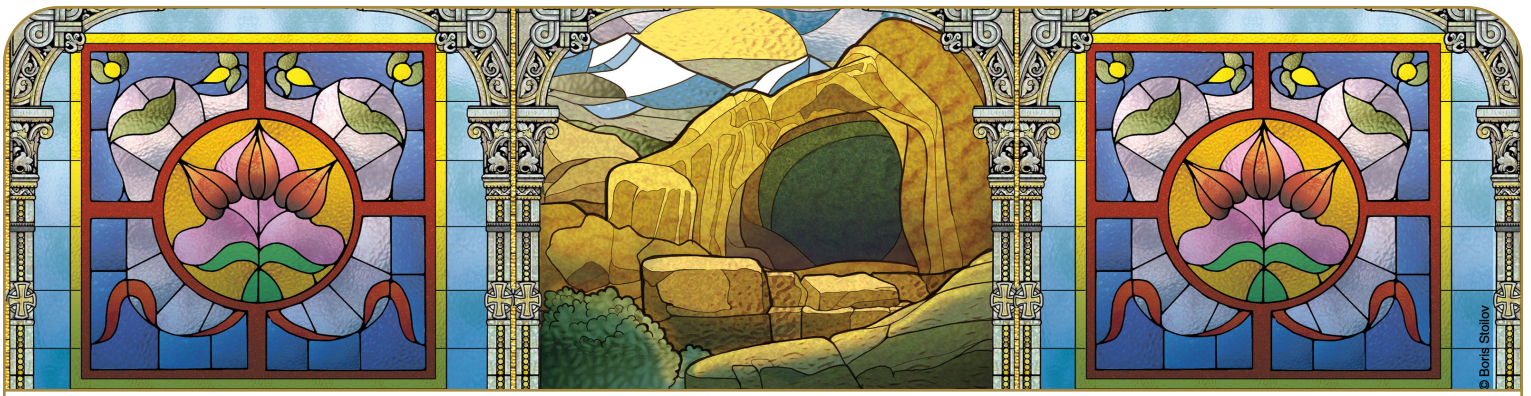


Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 (1); 1 Peter 2:20b–25; John 10:1–10. We find consolation in the Gospel passage as we identify with the sheep who recognize and follow the voice of Christ, our shepherd. Jesus praises his sheep for trusting him alone. We are further uplifted by the promise of enjoying a life of fullness with God.

Although Jesus speaks of his sheep in glowing terms, we know how easily sheep go astray. Our Second Reading reminds us that there are times we prefer to wander off. It is difficult to follow the example of Christ, the innocent Lamb who suffered for our sake. It is difficult to respond to insults with kindness and patience. It is difficult to act with justice

and integrity when we are dismissed for doing so. Sometimes it is easier to ignore God's voice and go our own way.

The reading from Acts assures us that our Good Shepherd keeps calling us, even if we stop listening. Even if we think we have wandered so far away we won't hear him, his voice will reach our ears. He calls because he wants us to have life in abundance, but also because there are others who are not yet part of his flock. As we heed our Shepherd's call, we may discover that we can shepherd others toward him. These people also need to hear his voice, to be welcomed into the fold, and to share in the gift of the Holy Spirit that brings us into eternal life with God.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 4 One Flock

The first big challenge the early Church faced was whether to admit non-Jews into the community. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people insisted that non-Jews who wished to follow Christ also had to follow Jewish laws, such as what foods they could eat. In response, Peter speaks of a vision in which God dispenses both Jews and Gentiles from such laws. The two groups can now come together to form one flock with Jesus as their shepherd. Pray for the grace to welcome all kinds of people into God's flock. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3–4; John 10:11–18.*

Tuesday, May 5 Speaking to Them

The sheep who recognize the voice of their shepherd include the people of Antioch. At first, only the Jews in Antioch had the story of Christ proclaimed to them. No one talked with the Gentiles. When some people finally did, their preaching was so successful that a large number “was added to the Lord.” There are people who will welcome the Good News if we share it with them, and if we speak with compassion and sincerity. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, May 6 The Spirit Speaks

In a rare moment in Acts, the Holy Spirit speaks directly to the Apostles. If we long for the Holy Spirit to speak clearly to us, we should note that the Apostles heard the Spirit while they were praying and fasting. Moreover, they had dedicated themselves to God's work, just as Jesus had. Jesus spoke only as his Father commanded him and worked signs because of his perfect obedience. Our Lenten practices helped us listen to the Spirit and follow Christ. Do you have Easter practices that are helping you heed the Spirit's call? *Today's Readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, May 7 Salvation Continues

Jesus tells his disciples to imitate his life of loving service, but he also notes that not all of them will. He knows that Judas will betray him. In Acts, Paul and Barnabas travel with a fellow Christian, John, but he leaves them after a short while. It is difficult, sometimes even painful, when someone close to us turns away from us. Sometimes there is nothing we can do, but sometimes there is. Have you had a conflict with a family member or a friend that you can resolve? *Today's Readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

Friday, May 8 His Way

As Paul continues his speech in the synagogue, he reminds his listeners that people rejected Jesus. What happens to people who reject Jesus? If we expect such people to be excluded from God's reign, we might be in for a surprise. Sometimes we forget that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life,” and we are not. Jesus alone decides who enters God's Kingdom. Such final judgments are not ours to make. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's great mercy. *Today's Readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, May 9 Light from Light

By asking Jesus to show them the Father, Philip reveals that he doesn't yet understand that by seeing Jesus, he sees the Father. Jesus is the light who reveals the eternal radiance of God. Therefore, by proclaiming Jesus to the Gentiles, people like Paul and Barnabas spread God's light across the world. They do great works, just as Jesus did. Spend time in prayer today asking Jesus what works you could do to further glorify God. *Today's Readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*

