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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.

AUGUST 2, 2020 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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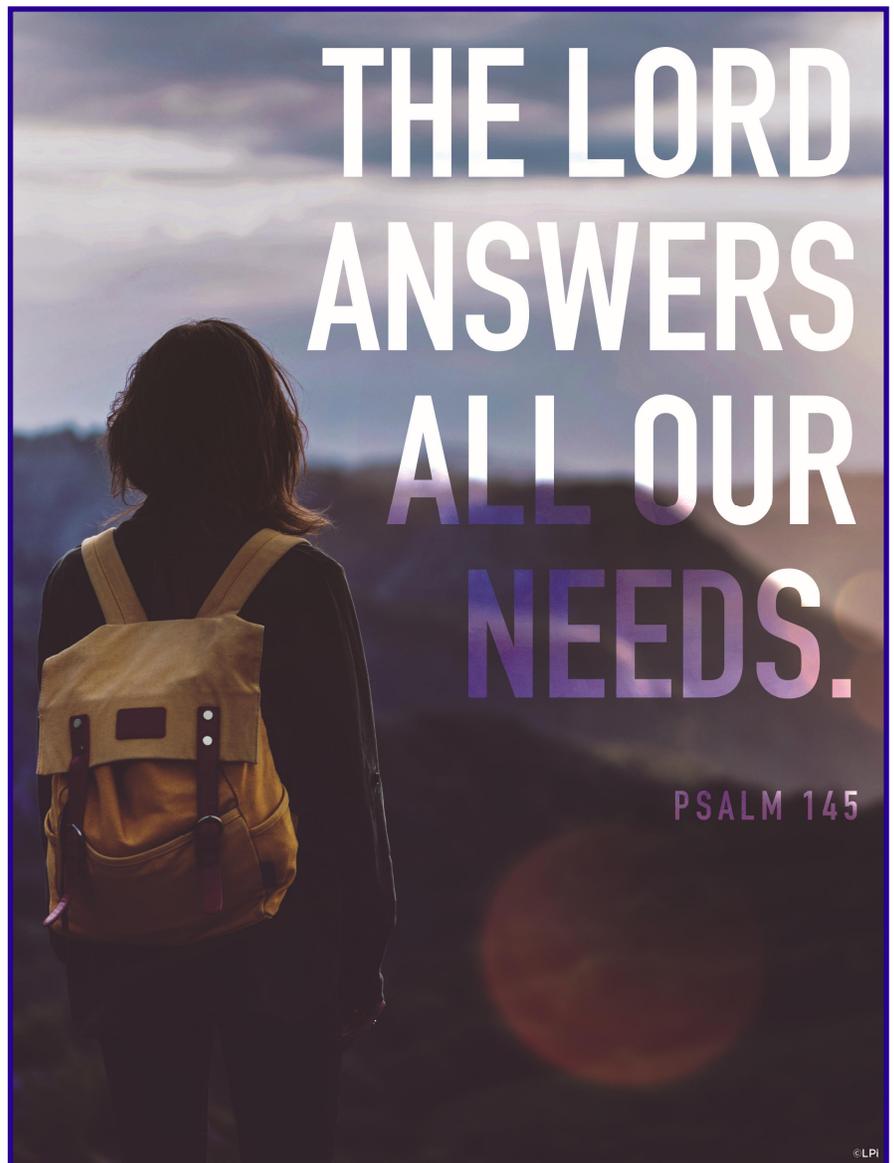
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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

\$15,000.00 Goal surpassed for the “Off to the Races,” Friends and Family Event on July 18! Thank you very much for your generosity in providing over \$18,000 as of July 21 towards our goal of paying off our lease for the new fire and smoke detection system that we installed on our campus last summer. We have now paid our lease in full, and we own the system. The extra amount we received beyond the \$15,000.00 will help to pay back our Parish Reserves Fund for some of the installation costs we incurred for the fire and smoke detection system last summer.

Free Kindle e-readers for check out. We have three Kindle e-readers for St. Pascal's parishioners and friends to check out for free. Here are the e-books on the Kindles so far:

- 1) *The Bible*, New American translation
- 2) *Fatal Throne, The Wives of Henry VII Tell All*. Meet all of King Henry's queens in this epic novel that reads like fantasy but really happened. Watch spellbound as each wife attempts to survive their unpredictable king.
- 3) *Siddhartha*. This novel tells the story of a wealthy Indian Brahmin who casts off a life of privilege to seek spiritual fulfillment.
- 4) *The Other Einstein*. This book offers a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman, Mileva Maric, whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. It is the story of Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and very personal insight.
- 5) *The Catholic Table, Finding Joy Where Faith & Food Meet*. What does our Catholic faith teach us about eating well? With a sacramental worldview, the supernatural gift of God's grace can transform and heal us through the food we make, eat, and share.
- 6) *Walking with Mary*. Mary appears only a few times in the Bible, but those few passages come at crucial moments.

If you would like to read one or more of these books on a Kindle e-reader, please contact me. I will check out a Kindle, cord and charger to you free of charge. 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? Need a tutorial to learn how to use a Kindle? Curious? Contact me at john.mitchell@stpascals.org or call me at my office number, 651.432.4955.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

A Note from Our Administrator

We just received our July electric bill and are very pleased with the decrease in energy consumption. July of 2019 showed 38,448 kWh used; July of 2020 showed 16,921. This is a decrease of 55%!

Our cooling needs are similar to last year's since we are open for Masses and the office has regular hours. We have shown a decrease in consumption every month since November 2019 (installation of LED lights was in late October).

We will continue to look for ways of saving energy where we are able.

—Theresa

Free Subscriptions to *The Catholic Spirit*

If you would like to receive a FREE subscription to *The Catholic Spirit*, delivered to your home twice a month, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office. You may also contact Marla at 651.774.1585 or marla.eberhardt@stpascals.org.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS / APT #

CITY / STATE / ZIP

You must be a registered parishioner of St. Pascal's to receive this offer

Prayer Service for Racial Justice

Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 PM

Join us for a prayer service at St. Pascal Baylon Church to pray for racial justice in our society. Due to COVID19 protocols, we need to limit attendance to 100 people. This prayer service will also be live streamed on our parish YouTube channel so you can join us virtually from home if you wish.

Palms Available for Pick-up

On the weekend of August 8/9, palms will be available to take home after all Masses. These were purchased for Palm Sunday, but because we were unable to gather for Masses that week, they were preserved for later distribution. For those who are unable to worship at Mass in person right now, you are invited to drive by on Sunday morning, August 9, between 11:15-11:45. An usher will be outside Door 3 (the main church doors) to bring some to your car.

Emergency Food Help

Progressive Baptist Church Parking Lot—1505 Burns Avenue

Saturdays from 10:30 AM – noon.

If you, your family or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf curbside drive-up every Saturday.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Luca David Incorvaja

child of John-Paul and Rachel

who was recently Baptized in our church.

May God bless this household of faith.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

We continue to work towards our goal of welcoming students for in-person learning at the start of the school year. I would like to share with you an update from Bishop Cozzens, Vicar for Catholic Education and Dr. Jason Slattery, Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The letter reviews the essential steps that all our Catholic schools have been taking to help support the health and safety of students, teachers, and our entire community as they return to Catholic school buildings. It affirms our commitment to families to provide children with Catholic education in the best and the safest way that we can. To read the full text of the letter go to stpascalschool.org/covid-19-response/.

St. Pascal Regional is working at full force to finalize our reopening preparedness plan that will be shared at the beginning of August. We appreciated your prayers and hopes about the school reopening.

Please consider helping the school with COVID-19 donations to help keep the building safe.

- Clorox Wipes
- Hand sanitizer - (at least 60% alcohol, no methanol)
- N-95 masks
- Disposable masks (adult & children sizes)
- Cloth masks (adult and children sizes)
- Nitrile gloves

Items may be dropped off at the school office from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Monday-Thursday. *No donations will be collected after Masses.*

Blessings,

Inna Collier Paske, Principal

— FAITH FORMATION —

Registration for 2020-2021 is Open Register by August 1!

While there is still some uncertainty as to what our faith formation process for the coming year will look like, registration for 2020-2021 faith formation for grades 1-8 is now open. Wednesday evening faith formation is open to all children of St. Pascal's who attend public schools.

Our curriculum is set up so digital access can be provided to families if needed, along with family plans for going through the lessons. Our parish team is working on guidance for parish spaces, which includes looking at room capacity and set-up in line with COVID guidelines. We will be closely monitoring guidance from the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health, and the Archdiocese.

Registration forms have been mailed to families from this past year. Forms are also available on the parish website. Note that there are 3 forms to be completed:

- 1) **Family Information:** 1 per family
- 2) **Individual Registration:** 1 per child enrolling
- 3) **Social Media & Electronic Communication Permission:** 1 per child enrolling

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE AUGUST 1! As we need to allocate appropriate space for each group, it is essential to have a clear picture of our faith formation numbers sooner rather than later. We also need to ensure there are enough catechists who are comfortable teaching in person if that is the route we take.

For more information, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email church@stpascals.org

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

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 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

Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Summer Office Hours August

Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Please contact Fr. John at the parish office to schedule a Reconciliation session.

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
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

COVID-19 & Mass at St. Pascal's: FAQs

Am I obligated to come to Mass? No. At this time, everyone is dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. You can stay home and celebrate Mass on television, computer or radio. Another option is to read and meditate on the Sunday Mass readings in your Bible or daily Missal.

When should I stay home from Mass? Please stay home if you or someone in your household has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has been knowingly exposed, if you feel unwell, if you have a fever or are experiencing any symptoms as outlined by the CDC (Center for Disease Control), or if you live with/care for someone who is at greater risk.

What if I am over age 65? Reflecting the current CDC guidance and Archdiocesan recommendations, we encourage those who are over the age of 65 and those with serious health issues to not attend Mass. These guidelines are not intended to sound harsh or unwelcoming. After you prayerfully consider these recommendations, if you decide to come to Mass, we will not turn you away.

Do I have to wear a face mask? Yes. For everyone's safety we require all worshippers to sanitize their hands upon entering St. Pascal Baylon and to wear a mask throughout Mass. (Per Executive Order 20-81.) *Face masks are available in the Gathering Space if you need one.*

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, August 04

8:00 AM + Harold Kirchoff

Wednesday, August 05

9:25 AM Jace Hackett

Thursday, August 06

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, August 07

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, August 08

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, August 09

8:45 AM + Bob Connor

10:30 AM + Lorraine Winkel

Heart Questions

Acting with Courage

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:38–39

Adults: To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ's love this week?

Kids: Jesus fed the crowds today. How does he offer you spiritual nourishment?

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

We are working on year-end totals and should have July 2020 and FY19-20 figures shortly.

Many thanks for your continued generosity during the past months. The staff diligently prepared for the upcoming year and we submitted a balanced budget (including a pay freeze) that was approved by the Finance Committee.

We will continue to monitor giving and spending levels and will re-assess our budget mid-year.

—Theresa Ruttger, Business Administrator

Christianity is a lifestyle—a way of being in the world that is simple, non-violent, shared, and loving. However, we made it into an established "religion" (and all that goes with that) and avoided the lifestyle change itself. One could be warlike, greedy, racist, selfish, and vain in most of Christian history, and still believe that Jesus is one's "personal Lord and Savior" or continue to receive Sacraments in good standing. The world has no time for such silliness anymore. The suffering on Earth is too great.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

Readings

August 2, 2020

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3

Ps 145:8-9, 15-18

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17

Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102

Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Ps 102:16-23, 29

Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7

(Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7

(Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b,

39abcd, 41

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12—2:4

Ps 9:8-13

Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Ps 85:9-14

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

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, August 2

No scheduled events

Monday, August 3

9:00am Vacation Bible School-CANCELLED

Tuesday, August 4

9:00am Vacation Bible School-CANCELLED

6:30pm Prayer Service for Racial Justice: Church & Remote

Wednesday, August 5

9:00am Vacation Bible School-CANCELLED

Thursday, August 6

9:00am Vacation Bible School-CANCELLED

7:00pm SJCC-REMOTE

Friday, August 7

9:00am Vacation Bible School-CANCELLED

Saturday, August 8

No scheduled events

Sunday, August 9

No scheduled events

MARK THE DATE! Fall Festival 2020

Saturday, October 3, beginning at 5:30 PM

Sweepstakes, virtual theme baskets and—of course—St. Pascal's Famous Spaghetti Dinner with both eat-in and take-out available. More details forthcoming.

Women's Club News

The Board of the St. Pascal's Women's Club voted in June on their annual disbursements. After 15% was set aside for the St. Pascal's Endowment Fund, the remaining \$7,500 was divided among three areas including St. Pascal's Regional School, St. Pascal's Parish and Community Outreach. The funds were given as follows:

St. Pascal's Endowment Fund.. \$ 1,584.32

St. Pascals Regional School \$ 2,500.00 School Technology

St. Pascal Church

Adult Faith Formation..... \$ 580.00 Women's Retreat

Adult Faith Formation..... \$ 300.00 Pre-Lenten Retreat

St. Pascal Church..... \$ 1,120.00 Security Camera

St. Pascal Church..... \$ 500.00 Music Ministry

Community Outreach

Veteran's Dinner..... \$ 350.00

Mater Dei Africa..... \$ 1,000.00 COVID Relief

Life Care Center..... \$ 275.00

Birthingright St. Paul..... \$ 125.00

In addition, \$750.00 was set aside for an anti-racism response from our parish. The hope is to work with our Social Justice & Caring Committee to decide where the funds could best be used.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness: Share Some Love

St. Pascal's parishioners: Cerenty-Marian Center residents are still isolated right now and any day-brightener is great! Please send to:

Marian of Saint Paul
"Share Some Love"
200 Earl Street
St. Paul, MN 55106



July 20, 2020

Dear Catholic school parents and families,

Peace in Christ.

We are excited to welcome you and your children back to Catholic schools this fall! In this letter, we would like to provide you with an update on the important progress that Catholic schools of the Archdiocese are making towards our goal of safely reopening Catholic school buildings for in-person learning at the start of the 2020-21 school year. This progress is marked by the incredible contributions of Catholic school leaders from across the 12 counties of the Archdiocese and the help of experts in many fields. Our goal is simple: partnering with you to provide your children with a Catholic education in the best possible and safest way that we can.

The last five months have taught us of the need for vigilance and flexibility in confronting COVID-19. We know from our experience in Catholic education that the best way of teaching our students is through in-person instruction in our Catholic school communities. The benefit of in-person instruction is irreplaceable. We also know that we must partner with you to do this safely for our kids and for our community. Over the last five months we have learned that with a careful approach to health and safety, together as a vigilant community, we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Our success requires all of us to be rowing together in the same direction.

As we told you in our last letter, in June we started the Catholic Schools Task Force to bring together expertise in finance, communications, law, public health and mental health with the goal of safely returning to in-person learning. At the beginning of July, the Task Force published a series of required health and safety protocols for Catholic schools. In collaboration with stakeholders, and with careful consideration for the latest public health recommendations, each Catholic school is currently implementing this special set of procedures to 1) continue providing a quality Catholic education for all students 2) mitigate the risk of the spread of disease and 3) build a culture of health and safety. As these comprehensive plans

are developed and implemented, they will remain flexible enough to respond to the changing impact of COVID-19 on the local community.

There are numerous factors that went into our decision to prioritize the reopening of Catholic school buildings this fall. As we continue to assess this decision, one important point of information is the mounting scientific evidence regarding COVID-19 in children and adolescents. We encourage every family to remain informed about what our scientific community is learning about COVID-19 and risks for children and adolescents. Keeping our schools healthy requires that every family do its part through careful attention to the vigilance that the CDC is encouraging for all Americans. In particular, it will be important to keep children who are sick home from school, to avoid unnecessary opportunities for exposure outside of school, and to practice social distancing when out in the broader community. Together, families and schools can work to meet the goals of the protocols for health and safety in Catholic schools. This expression of solidarity shows our love for neighbor, which is a powerful lesson for our children and adolescents.

As discussion on public school reopening continues to spark across the state and country, we are mindful that our Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are responsible for making prudent decisions for the good of the children and families they serve and remain accountable to our community. We are proud of our Catholic school leaders' ability to work collaboratively with stakeholders and exhibit wisdom and charity as they balance multiple data points in planning for the 2020-21 school year. Together with you, we are preparing for what may be a unique and challenging school year. This is an opportunity for us to focus together on patience and flexibility as we remain focused on our goal of providing an excellent Catholic education for every student served by Catholic schools. Only together will we be able to overcome the challenges and continue to form and educate your sons and daughters. They are counting on all of us.

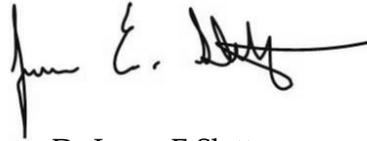
In the upcoming weeks, you will be making important educational decisions for your children based on a multitude of considerations. We thank you for continuing to partner with us to cultivate educational excellence. Enrollments for the 2020-21 school year are looking strong. In the weeks ahead, we encourage you to watch for communications from your Catholic school to learn about specific actions in place to help keep our Catholic school children, employees and community healthy.

Be assured of our prayers for you and gratitude for your support of Catholic education.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Andrew H. Cozzens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Andrew H Cozzens
Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Vicar for Education

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason E. Slattery". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr Jason E Slattery
Director of Catholic Education

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