



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.

AUGUST 16, 2020 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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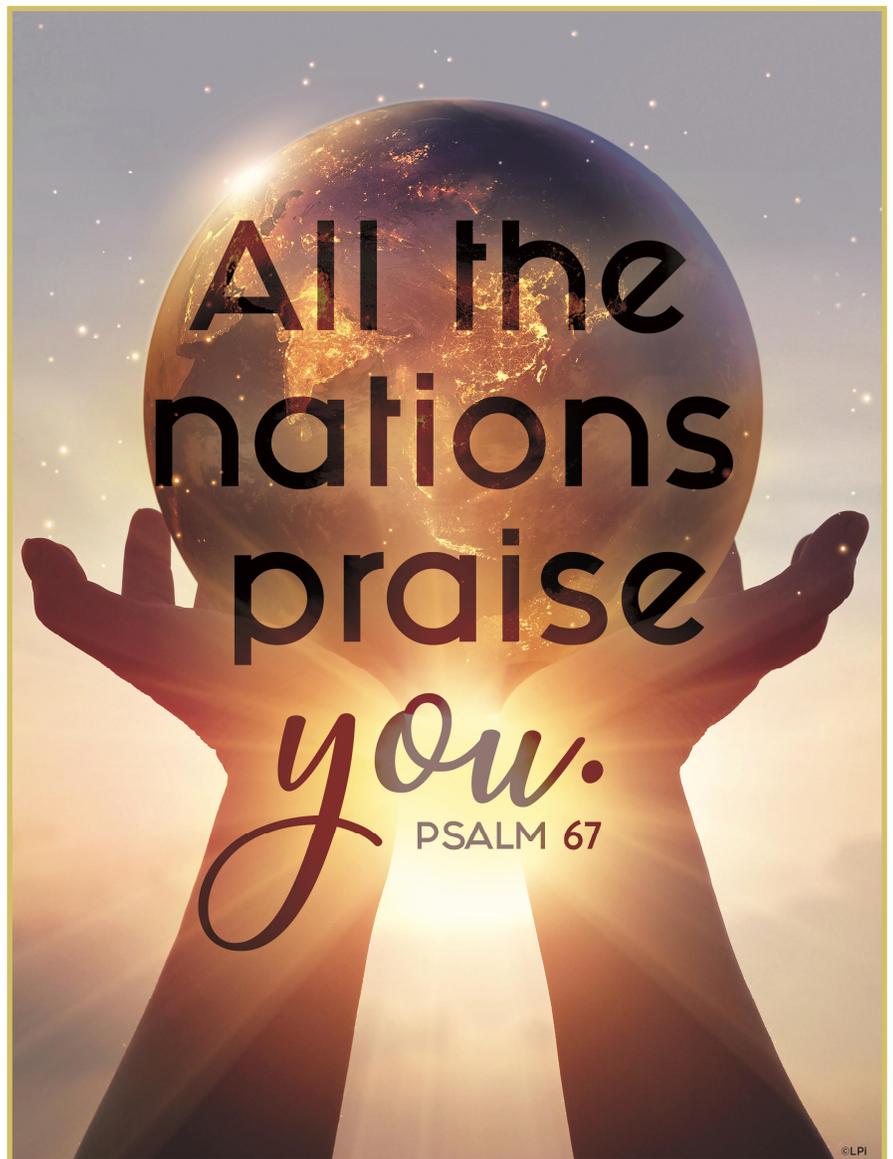
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Once there was a married couple who invited me to their house for dinner, and they asked me what I would like to eat. I asked if we could have tacos. The wife asked if there was something else besides tacos that I would like to have for dinner. I was taken aback by her response, but I tried to think on my feet, and I said that something with pasta would be fine. I was just getting to know this married couple, and I did not yet catch this woman's sense of humor and tendency to give people a hard time. As I walked up to their house later that week for dinner, I did not know what to expect for the meal. Lo and behold, she made the tacos! I said to her, "Oh, you made tacos!" She said, "Yes, that's what you asked for." I said, "Well, you gave me the impression that you were not going to make the tacos." She said, "I was just giving you a hard time. Of course I would make tacos if that is what you asked for."

I think of that true taco story when I hear the Gospel reading of Jesus and the Canaanite woman this weekend at Mass. The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to heal her daughter. His response to the woman seems rather harsh: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs". However, I think this is an example in Scripture when Jesus responds to someone with a sense of humor. He seems to refuse her request, but in the end he does grant her prayer. I think that Jesus intended all along to give the Canaanite woman what she asked for, but Jesus is playing along with her in a bit of back-and-forth. As 21st century readers of Scripture, we don't always catch the tongue-in-cheek language and speaking style of Jesus and the people of his time period.

In comparison, I am sure you have heard people verbally jousting back and forth in good-natured conversation. This is not a sign they are angry with each other or trying to hurt each other, but rather it is a style of speaking that uses humor, affection, exaggeration and a play on words. As one person once told me, "Father John, I would not give you a hard time if I did not like you!" I believe that Jesus always knows the best way to respond to our requests and needs. Maybe we can look for a humorous back-and-forth conversation with Jesus from time to time in our prayer life. This can help us to not always take our life so seriously. We can laugh at ourselves every day which I think is healthy, and we can trust that Jesus always knows the best way to respond to our prayers.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

We Were Made for These Times: How Do We Respond?

With Dr. Anne Weyandt and Sr. Sharon Howell

Tuesday, September 15 from 6:30-8:00 PM via ZOOM

St. Pascal's is convening an online conversation to explore a faithful and faith-filled response to systemic injustices confronting its East Side communities. With the 2020 election as a backdrop, participants will examine and reflect on current data and community trends to name examples of injustice. More details on joining the conversation will be in the bulletin, Pascal Pulse, and on the website in the coming weeks. Sponsored by the Social Justice and Caring Committee and the Adult Faith Formation Committee. Questions can be directed to Kim Roering in the parish office.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fall Schedule

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Many thanks to those of you who feel comfortable continuing this ministry. If you opted out of the summer schedule, but now feel ready to be back in serving, please note that we have three stations for Holy Communion at each Mass, and so need two lay ministers in addition to Father John. Please check your calendars for September, October and November, and let Joann know of your availability. She needs those dates by August 17. If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at joann.bertini@gmail.com or 651.735.2762.

FAITH FORMATION

Registration for 2020-2021 is Open **REGISTER NOW!**

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 WERE 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.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist *(for children in grade 2 and older)*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Children in grade 2 and older are welcome to prepare for and celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year. Registration forms and information are available on the parish website.

Registrations are due by August 21. For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary Tauber

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, August 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, August 20

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, August 21

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, August 22

4:30 PM Jace Hackett

Sunday, August 23

8:45 AM + Kathleen Bauer

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Heart Questions

All Are Welcome

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Isaiah 56:7

Adults: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

Kids: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

Staying Home from Mass

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 the radio, TV or online, or read and meditate on the Sunday Mass readings in your Bible or daily Missal.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Readings

August 16, 2020

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7

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

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Ez 24:15-24

(Ps) Dt 32:18-21

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10

(Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11

Ps 23:1-6

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28

Ps 51:12-15, 18-19

Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14

Ps 107:2-9

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ez 43:1-7ab

Ps 85:9ab, 10-14

Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23

Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

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

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 16

No scheduled events

Monday, August 17

No scheduled events

Tuesday, August 18

No Mass—Fr. John vacation

6:30pm JustFaith-REMOTE

Wednesday, August 19

No scheduled events

Thursday, August 20

No scheduled events

Friday, August 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, August 21

No scheduled events

Sunday, August 22

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.

5 Things You Can Do to Leave a Legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Leave a gift (called a bequest) in your will or revocable trust for the not-for-profit organizations that make a difference in your life.
3. Name your favorite not-for-profit as a beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
4. Name your favorite not-for-profit as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
5. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.

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 at 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.

"When we let go enough into the depths of our being, we are in communion with all of creation. We are center and circumference. One and many. Self and other. Without difference. We are receivers of one another. Then the mystery which surrounds and informs us is served. At depth, we discover that our aloneness and our bondedness are one. Ours is an identity with all beings. Herein lies our healing, the end of loneliness..."

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*