



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.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Would you like to bury your loved one's cremated remains? On October 24, there is an opportunity for those who have cremated remains at home to have the remains interred in a communal crypt at the Resurrection Cemetery chapel mausoleum in Mendota Heights. The Catholic Cemeteries have begun a program called *Bringing Them Home*, and for \$200.00, families will:

- a) have a permanent resting place in which the cremated remains of their loved one will be secure;
- b) have a place that provides peace of mind for the family knowing that their loved one will be perpetually cared for;
- c) know that by interring the cremated remains, it affirms the worth of the individual by providing a final resting place;
- d) have a formal record of burial at the cemetery and the name of the deceased on display in a Book of Remembrance in the Chapel Mausoleum.

The following are required:

1. The cremated remains need to be at least five years old unless the person has died of COVID-19 in the last year.
2. The full name of the deceased person and the date of death need to be provided.
3. The legal name of the next of kin is required so they can authorize the burial of the deceased.
4. A copy of the cremation certificate needs to be provided.
5. Once the cremated remains are interred in the communal crypt, they will be unable to be disinterred.
6. You need to make an appointment with the Catholic Cemeteries to walk through the process, complete the necessary paperwork, and learn about memorialization options. Please call Sister Fran Donnelly at 651-255-9537 to arrange an appointment, for more information or if you have questions.
7. The deceased person does not need to be Catholic to be interred at the Catholic Cemeteries.
8. After completing the paperwork, the cremated remains must be dropped off at the Resurrection Cemetery Office no later than October 2.

Archbishop Hebda will lead a committal service on October 24 in the Chapel Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. Because of Covid-19, the prayer service is not open to the public, but it will be available on the Catholic Cemeteries website at www.catholic-cemeteries.org. With this ministry, the Catholic Cemeteries are trying to accompany people through the grieving process and providing a place where family and friends can come and memorialize their loved one.

40 Days for Life, September 23 – November 1, is a nationwide pro-life movement dedicated to praying for the end of abortion. Here in St. Paul, people will come to keep a silent, peaceful prayerful vigil from 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia Street, Saint Paul. People can come and stay for as little or as long as they want. Sign up at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/stpaul> for an hour that you would like to come and pray. For more information, contact Brian Walker at 651-797-6363.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

First Eucharist

At Masses this weekend, nine children are celebrating their First Eucharist which was delayed from last spring. We welcome them to the table of the Lord!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

Training for new Eucharistic Ministers will take place following all Masses on September 27/28. While fewer ministers are needed during this time of pandemic, there are also far fewer people available to serve in this capacity. You would serve approximately once a month at the Mass time of your choice and the schedule is flexible. Training will take approximately half an hour. For questions, contact Keri Mader at keri.mader@stpascals.org or 651.432.4957. Please consider joining this important ministry. All adults who are confirmed are welcome!

2020 St. Pascal's Fall Festival is just two weeks away!

Saturday, October 3. 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Giant Raffle Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes tickets were mailed this week. Tickets may be returned in three ways.

1. Deliver to the parish office, either in person or by mail by Friday, October 2
2. Place in the collection box in the church. Please put tickets in a separate envelope and mark it "Raffle Tickets"
3. Drop your tickets in the drum at the spaghetti dinner.

St. Pascal's Famous Spaghetti Dinner

Large Dinner: \$9.00

(More noodles and two meatballs)

Small Dinner: \$6.00

(Fewer noodles and one meatball)

All meals include pasta, meatball(s), salad, bread and a bottle of water. Pop will be available for purchase.

Make your dinner reservation for sit down or take out at SignUp Genius—a convenient link can be found at www.stpascals.org/parish-news. Walkup orders will be accepted, but we ask that you make a reservation for planning purposes.

We will have a few donated items that we will be raffling off during the dinner.

Raffle drawing will take place at the end of the dinner, approximately 7:30 PM and will be live streamed on the St. Pascal's Facebook and YouTube pages.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith

Luke Keith Lepinski

child of Keith and Ashley

who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

When we enter into a home, school, or church and feel warmly welcomed, we soon realize the love among those who are already there is what makes that welcome possible. Everyone longs to enter such a place, where all are welcome, where we can lay our burdens down, where we can heal the wounded heart.

This kind of welcoming community begins with inviting hospitality, where the stranger feels safe to discover his or her own gifts. The invitation is more than an expression of love for the guest. It is a living sign of God's friendship offered to all people.

SPRCS welcomes all of our new families and all our new students –18 new families this year.

SPRCS is still accepting students in Preschool/ PreK, Kindergarten, and First Grade for the school year. Please give us a call at 651.776.0092.

Booya is Back!

St. Pascal's Men's Club Booya Sales

Sunday, October 18 from 10:00 AM until gone Church parking lot—drive thru only.

No dine-in or personal containers. 4 or 8 scoop containers available for \$17 and \$34 respectively. Cash or check only. Please make checks payable to St. Pascal's Men's Club. Come early—it goes fast!

Proceeds towards equipment/supplies for the K-8 PhyEd program and other related school/parish needs.

Ministry can indeed be a witness to the living truth that the wound, which causes us to suffer now, will be revealed to us later as the place where God intimated [God's] new creation.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

St. Pascal's Women's Club Poinsettias Sale

The St. Pascal's Women Club will be selling beautiful Gerten's poinsettias and gift cards as a holiday fundraiser. These poinsettias make stunning holiday decorations and gifts. So buy a few for yourself, your friends and family. Also, please consider buying flowers to be donated to the residents of the Marion Center—to brighten their Christmas.

Poinsettias and gift cards can be ordered and paid for on the weekends of October 3/4 and 10/11. *Please make checks out to St. Pascal's Women's Club.*

Can't wait? A convenient Poinsettia Sale product page and online ordering are available at www.stpascals.org/parish-news.

The last day to order is Sunday, October 10. Poinsettias will be available for pick up on the weekend of November 21/22. Details to follow. Funds raised will be used for the needs of our church, St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, the local community, and an international charity.

Questions? Please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Faith Formation Updates

Wednesday Faith Formation: For children in grades 1-8, we will be starting the faith formation year with at-home learning and doing that through at least the end of December. Families will be given access to digital materials, as well as hard copies if they would prefer an actual book. Fr. John and I also plan to do Zoom sessions or email videos on occasion to provide additional content and support, with the possibility of smaller family groups occasionally coming on site.

First Reconciliation Preparation: First Reconciliation preparation sessions will take place in person, with a Zoom option for families who are not comfortable coming in person. Those who have registered for First Reconciliation will receive more details in the coming week.

Confirmation Preparation: As our 10th grade families in Confirmation II know, sessions this fall and winter will be taking place in person. Confirmation I will begin in January 2021, with registration taking place this November.

Adult Faith Formation: At this time, it is anticipated that any offerings will take place online. For the fall, parishioners are invited to participate in the Archdiocesan Synod virtual series "Praying with Scripture" and "Healing and Hope." More information is available at archspm.org/synod.

Know that we will continue to carefully monitor guidance from the Archdiocese and the Minnesota Department of Health as we navigate the coming months. Please feel free to contact me in the parish office with any questions.

—Kim Roering

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

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 Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

September 20, 2020

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 AM + Ramona Greavu

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 AM + Tom Bertini

Thursday, September 24

8:00 AM + Joe Steigauf

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM + Florence Rieschl

Saturday, September 26

4:30 PM + Gerald Bles

Sunday, September 27

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Lorraine Winkel

Heart Questions

God's Generosity

[The landowner] said "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

Matthew 20:14-15

Adults: What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

Kids: Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Remember Our Senior Friends at Cerenity-Marian Center St. Paul

St. Pascal's parishioners: Marian Center residents are still isolated right now, so any day-brighteners are great! For anyone who would like to send a card or note to those at Marian—all are always welcomed! Send to:

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

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes...

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth...

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home.

Praise be to you! Amen.

— Pope Francis, 2016

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, September 20—1st Eucharist Weekend

No scheduled events

Monday, September 21

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, September 22

6:30pm JustFaith: REMOTE

Wednesday, September 23

No scheduled events

Thursday, September 24

6:30pm Finance Council: REMOTE

Friday, September 25

No scheduled events

Saturday, September 26

After Mass Eucharistic Minister Training: Church

Sunday, September 27

After Masses Eucharistic Minister Training: Church

Monday, September 28

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, September 29

6:30pm JustFaith-REMOTE

Wednesday, September 30

6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting: Old Church

Thursday, October 1

6:30pm SJCC-REMOTE

7:00pm Men's Club Board meeting

Friday, October 2

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 3

After Mass Women's Club Poinsettia Sale

5:30pm Fall Festival Spaghetti Dinner: Brioschi Hall & Kitchen

Sunday, October 4

After Masses Women's Club Poinsettia Sale

12:00pm Confirmation II: Brioschi Hall

12:00pm Blessing of the Animals: Church Parking Lot

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

August 2020

Sunday Giving

Sunday/Holy Day Giving	\$ 35,788.50
Budgeted	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>
Deficit	\$ -29,909.42

Mortgage Balance

\$ 3,348,638.76

Can't make it to church due to COVID-19 restrictions? Please thoughtfully consider giving online. Make your gift at stpascals.org.

Thank you for your support!

Mental Health Resources—Dealing with COVID-19

Ramsey County's mental health crisis lines continue to be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

When you find yourself or a loved one in the midst of a crisis, call:

Adult Mental Health Crisis Line: 651.266.7900

Children's Mental Health Crisis Line: 651.266.7878

St. Pascal's

FALL FESTIVAL!

FAMOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER ★ GIANT SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
5:30-7:30 PM IN BRIOSCHI HALL



ST. PASCAL'S FAMOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Dinner service begins at 5:30 PM and includes pasta, meatball(s), salad, bread and bottled water. Pop is extra.

\$9.00 Large: More spaghetti and two meatballs ★ **\$6.00 Small:** Less spaghetti and one meatball

Get your dinner "tickets" for sit down service or takeout on Signup Genius.

Use the convenient link on the parish website in "Parish News" or go to

signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abac23abf49-spaghetti

DON'T FORGET THE GIANT SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE!

A parish mailing with 20 Sweepstakes tickets went out this week. A \$5.00 donation per ticket is requested, though no purchase is necessary to participate. Didn't get the mailing or need more tickets? Call the parish office at 651.774.1585—'cause we've got more tickets!

We encourage you to purchase or sell these 20 tickets. More tickets are available in the parish office. To be eligible for the drawing, tickets and donations must be received in the parish office by **Friday, October 2** or deposited in the GIANT SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE drum at the dinner. The drawing will be at 7:30 PM, so be sure to enter your tickets! You do not need to be present to win and the drawing will be live-streamed Facebook and YouTube. Our prizes this year will be:

1st prize: \$1250

2nd prize: \$ 250

five prizes: \$ 100/ea

WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER IN THE SAME WAY AS PAST YEARS, BUT WE CAN STILL SUPPORT AND ENJOY OUR PARISH CELEBRATION.
LET'S ALL HELP TO EXCEED OUR \$20,000 GOAL TO SUPPORT OUR MANY PARISH MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES.

SELL THOSE TICKETS AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE DINNER!



THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Article on Cremation for Parishes

"Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness, the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals." Wm Ewart Gladstone

In 1989, when the revised Order of Christian Funerals was promulgated, cremation was not the usual way of disposition of a body. The Church advocated that we follow 3 stages of ritualizing the life of the deceased: The Vigil/Wake, the Funeral Mass and the Final Commendation of the Body, which primarily was burial in the earth. We had the entire body present for all three ceremonies. We would never have considered keeping the body at home after the Mass to be buried at a future time.

In 1997, the Catholic Conference of Bishops approved a rite to be used in special pastoral circumstances, when cremated remains were to be present at a Funeral Liturgy. The expectation was that the faithful would still follow the wake, Mass and burial. There was also the expectation to continue to view and treat these remains as the human body, and thus would hold them in esteem, as "a temple of the Holy Spirit" and its destiny "for future glory at the resurrection of the dead."

In 2020, it appears that we have lost the knowledge around treating cremated remains with the "fundamental dignity of a human person." CANA (Cremation Association of North America) states that by 2025 48% of Americans will be cremated. In 2019 the MN cremation rate was 67.9% and it is predicted that we will only level off once we move closer to 75%. What does this mean for how we treat the cremated remains of our loved ones?

If choosing cremation, every family needs to answer these questions:

Q. What are you going to do with your loved ones cremated remains?
Often the answer is, "we're going to keep them at home."

While initially, that plan sounds fine at that moment, we never have the answer to the follow-up question.

Q. So, what's the long term plan? Who will care for them after you have died?

There usually isn't an answer to this question. Yet, because these are human remains, there needs to be a plan that includes the survivors. When there is no plan, often human remains become abandoned or left behind.

It has been said that we protect and secure the things we hold dear. Yet, often we find cremated remains left in attics, closets, garages, storage facilities and even in Good Will stores. Some are left abandoned at church doors or never picked up at funeral homes. Some people scatter the cremated remains at a lake cabin, bury them in their own back yard, or dump them on a relative's grave at a cemetery. Some are made into jewelry, tattoo ink or put into bullets. None of these methods show respect for one who was baptized into a community of love-one who was a child of God.

If we are honest about it, we know that there are conflicting messages about cremation. Because the state of MN says that cremation is the final disposition of the body, family members often are not instructed that the cremated remains should be buried or interred at a cemetery. For some individuals, there may be financial difficulties in providing a final resting place. For others, society's attitude of "death as an inconvenience" means that there is no ritualization, no memorialization and no burial.

At Catholic Cemeteries, our mission is to bury the dead. We believe that all are destined for eternal life with God and that all individuals are part of the great communion of saints. Because of this and our knowledge of cremated remains that are often forgotten, we have begun a program entitled, "Bringing Them Home." We can provide a dignified burial option.

On October 24, 2020, we will have an opportunity for those in Catholic parishes who have cremated remains at home to have them interred in a communal crypt at the Resurrection chapel mausoleum in Mendota Heights. For \$200.00, families will have an opportunity to:

1. Have a permanent resting place in which the cremated remains of their loved one will be secure.
2. Have a place that provides peace of mind for the family, knowing that their loved one will be perpetually cared for.
3. Know that by interring the cremated remains, it affirms the worth of the individual by providing a final home.
4. Have a formal record of burial at the cemetery and the name of the deceased on display in a Book of Remembrance in the Chapel Mausoleum.

Requirements for this program are:

- Cremated remains need to be at least 5 years old or we will also accept anyone who has died of Covid-19 in the last year.
- We need the full name of the deceased and date of death
- We need the legal next of kin to authorize the burial of the deceased
- We need a copy of the cremation certificate
- Once cremated remains are interred in the communal crypt, they will be unable to be disinterred.
- Individuals will need to make an appointment with a family service counselor to walk through the process, do paperwork for records, review size of container, and learn about interment process and memorialization options.

After having met with a family service counselor, cremated remains may be dropped off at the Resurrection Cemetery Office beginning on September 2nd and no later than October 2nd in order for them to be interred. They will be placed in a communal crypt prior to the October 24th committal prayer service.

With this ministry, we are trying to accompany people through the grieving process, allowing some closure in knowing where the loved one will be permanently housed and cared for as well as having a place where the whole family can come and memorialize their loved one. The deceased need not be Catholic to be interred here. We will care for them forever.

Archbishop Hebda will lead a committal service on October 24, 2020 in the Chapel Mausoleum at Resurrection. Because of Covid-19, we will not be able to open the service to the public, but we will tape it and have it on the Catholic Cemeteries website on November 1st. www.catholic-cemeteries.org

Families will have a permanent place to visit as well as a maintained permanent record of their presence. Our mission is to honor, respect and bury the dead. Every person is a child of God and deserves a resting place and to be remembered.

For more information or questions, please call Sr. Fran Donnelly at 651-255-0537.