



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.

JANUARY 03, 2021 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



***At our rising each day
may we, your people, move forward in faith and hope.
May we become gifts for each other.***

Mass Times

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

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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

Mike Aeling, Chair

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

Phone 651.776.0092

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School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00-4:25 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
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
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend. The Light of Christ shone upon the world and attracted the magi from the East to encounter the newborn King. We also remember how Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled from King Herod who planned to kill the child Jesus. Pope Francis regularly talks about the tragedy of displaced people in our world today who are similar to Joseph, Mary and Jesus in the way they flee from situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies. The Pope composed the following prayer for the conclusion of his Message for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020:

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked. Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places. Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials. Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way. May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

Housing Collaboration Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 1:00-2:00 PM

Join me for an online Zoom meeting to learn about opportunities for our parish to partner with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and build up awareness of affordable housing and homelessness and to join with other faith communities in the metro area to advance the vision of all people having a home. Elizabeth Tannen from Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative will join with us at the Zoom meeting to describe how Beacon works with parishes to build affordable housing for people at the lowest income levels and to advocate for the state to deepen its overall investment in housing to ensure that everyone can stay in a stable home. You can join the meeting through Zoom on your smart phone, tablet or computer, or you can call in with telephone only. To receive the Zoom link for the meeting, send an email to me (john.mitchell@stpascals.org), or you can click on the SignUpGenius link on the parish website (stpascals.org) under "Parish News". You can also call the parish office at 651.774.1585 for more information about using your telephone to call into the meeting.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD: Faith and Culture Series

Four sessions, January 21 – February 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM

Virtual Event – Registration Required to Participate Live

Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. Registration is required to participate live. Dates and topics are listed below; all events begin at 7:00 PM.

- Thursday, January 21: *Sources of Catholic teaching (Scripture, tradition and magisterium)*
- Thursday, January 28: *The Church's teaching on sexual morality and the family*
- Thursday, February 4: *The Church's understanding on the dignity of women*
- Tuesday, February 9: *The priesthood (both baptized and ordained)*

Register online at <https://www.archspm.org/registration-for-the-archdiocesan-synod-faith-and-culture-series/> to participate and submit your questions! Zoom links will be sent to registrants prior to each event.

Mass Times & Intentions**Readings**

January 03, 2021

Tuesday, January 05, 2021

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, January 06, 2021

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, January 07, 2021

8:00 AM + Fr. Patrick Griffin

Friday, January 08, 2021

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, January 09, 2021

4:30 PM + Dorothy Pretzki

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + George Misukanis

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Betty Welter
Dorothy LeClair
Gene Randall
Hildegard Davis

who recently died and were buried.
We extend our sincere sympathy to
their families and friends, and pray
for their souls' eternal peace.

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14-15c, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6a, 9b
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mk 1:7-11

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, January 3, 2021

No scheduled events

Monday, January 4, 2021

No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

11:00am Rosary: Church
6:30pm Faith Formation: At-home session

Thursday, January 7, 2021

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom
7:00pm Men's Club Board meeting: Zoom

Friday, January 8, 2021

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 9, 2021

10:00am First Reconciliation: St. John's Chapel

Sunday, January 10, 2021

12:00pm Confirmation II: Zoom

Women's Book Club

Time to make a new Year's Resolution to read more! Join the St. Pascal Women's Book Club. During COVID we meet via Zoom on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. You can join us as often as your schedule allows. On January 11, we will discuss *Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. It's historical fiction set in 1911 and 2011. On February 8 we will share thoughts on *This Tender Land* by Minnesota's own William Kent Kruger.

For more information or a list of the twelve 2021 selections, contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 29 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

FREE Picture Trivia Night! Celebrate the Winter Carnival with this fun event from the St. Pascal's Women's Club. Watch the bulletin and the *Pascal's Pulse* for more details.

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School**Happy New Year from the St. Pascal Regional family to yours!**

As we reflect on this past year of 2020, we, at the school, are feeling many emotions. It was a challenging year learning how to navigate school during a pandemic; however, we are also feeling very fortunate for all of the support, resources, and donations that were bestowed upon us in 2020. We are truly a stronger, better equipped, and more resilient school because of it. We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who has supported us throughout this year. We are especially thankful for the major gift that we received right before Christmas.

Our staff is also growing in 2021. Ms. Jessica Hughs is joining our team as the third grade teacher. Furthermore, we have hired an emergency substitute teacher, Mr. Mike Kosidowski. Having Mr. Kosidowski in the building will give us much needed flexibility in the event a regular teacher is out. When not needed for substitute teaching, Mr. Kosidowski will be mentoring and tutoring students who need it.

Stewardship of Giving*Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021***November**

Sunday Giving	\$	56,543.07
Budget	\$	63,031.25
Shortfall	\$	(6,488.18)

Year to Date

Sunday Giving	\$	282,075.84
Budget	\$	315,156.25
Shortfall	\$	(33,080.41)

Mortgage Reduction**Mortgage Balance**

(as of December 7)	\$	3,311,310.47
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Year to Date

Collected Donations	\$	105,850.20
Payments	\$	121,949.20
Shortfall	\$	(16,099.00)

(taken from Reserve)

Thank you for your generosity!

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



At Our Rising

God of glory,
at its rising, the star drew Magi
who traveled to Jerusalem
bearing gifts for your Son.
At his rising, your Son appeared
to his followers,
who traveled to distant lands
bearing the gift of salvation for everyone.
At our rising each day may we, your people,

move forward in faith and hope.
May we become gifts for each other,
gifts that enrich, that guide, heal, console,
and uplift
so that at our rising from the dead
you may receive us into the light of your
eternal glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

One God, One People



Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.
When God led his people out of Egypt, they believed in the existence of many gods. In the centuries that followed, they would come to know that there was only one God, the Lord of heaven and earth. The First Reading reveals that not only the Jews but all people come to believe in the Lord alone. People from all across the world bring gifts and sacrifices to Jerusalem to pay homage to the one true God.

The arrival of the Magi in Jerusalem fulfills Isaiah's prophecy. By undertaking the long journey to pay homage to the newborn king, these Gentiles venerate the God of Israel. They reveal that "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the

same body." In Christ, God invites all people to share in his divine life and glory.

The revelation we celebrate today is thus not only about who God is, it is also about the people God empowers us to become. The images in Isaiah's prophecy portray people acting in unity, in harmony, and with a common purpose. They praise God, which means they acknowledge all that God is and embrace all that God stands for: kindness, patience, compassion, truth, mercy, justice. As we pay homage to the newborn king and strive to imitate his selfless love, we become part of this epiphany, part of God's great love, and we help others who are lost in the darkness to find and follow the light.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 4 Still Shining

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, whom we celebrate today, was the first person from the United States to be canonized. She also founded the first Catholic school for girls and the Sisters of Charity. St. Elizabeth found ways to participate in the ministry of Jesus, spread God's kingdom, and keep the light of Christ shining. Learn more about St. Elizabeth. Ask for her intercession as you discern how you can more fully receive and share the light of Christ. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.

Tuesday, January 5 This Is Love

God's love is boundless and tireless. God loved us into existence. God incarnated his love in Jesus, who revealed God's love in every aspect of his ministry, from urging love for our enemies to healing and feeding people. Through Christ, God loves us into eternal life. If we have received this love, our lives will overflow with love for others. Share God's love today by volunteering at a soup kitchen or visiting someone who is sick or homebound. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:34–44.

Wednesday, January 6 Perfecting Love

We're told that "there is no fear in love," and yet the disciples are terrified of Jesus as he strides toward them on the surface of the sea. We love God, and yet we are frightened of his power, his greatness, and even his love. The more we encounter God's love, the more imperfect we feel. Our fears will fade only when we accept God's love, when we welcome that love and remain in it every day, every hour, every moment of our lives. Meditate on a crucifix or other image of God's love. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.

Thursday, January 7 Look Around

St. John insists that our love for God, whom we do not see, must overflow into love for others, whom we do see. Too often, however, we don't see the people who most need our love. Jesus points them out in today's Gospel passage: they are people in prisons, homeless shelters, treatment centers, orphanages, and nursing homes. They live in the poorest part of town, the places we never see, the places we won't go. Look at a map of where you live. Who are all the "hidden" people in your area? *Today's Readings:* 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22a.

Friday, January 8 Sharing in the Victory

Eternal life flows from God the Father through his Son to the world. The leper who met Jesus experienced this new life. All that he suffered—physical pain, loneliness, hunger, sorrow—was lifted from him at the word and gentle touch of Jesus. What in your life needs to be healed, cleansed, and restored? Pray Psalm 130, and imitate the leper by prostrating yourself before the Lord. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.

Saturday, January 9 Belong to God

As we conclude our reading of the First Letter of John, we are reminded that sin and evil persist in our world. God's Son became human and shares his light and life with us, yet even we who are baptized in his name sometimes fall back into sin. We continue to need his light, his word, his Church. During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, celebrate all the ways God has incarnated his love in your life. Ask forgiveness for those times when you have failed to receive and to share this love. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5 and 6a and 9b; John 3:22–30.

