



**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.

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**JANUARY 31, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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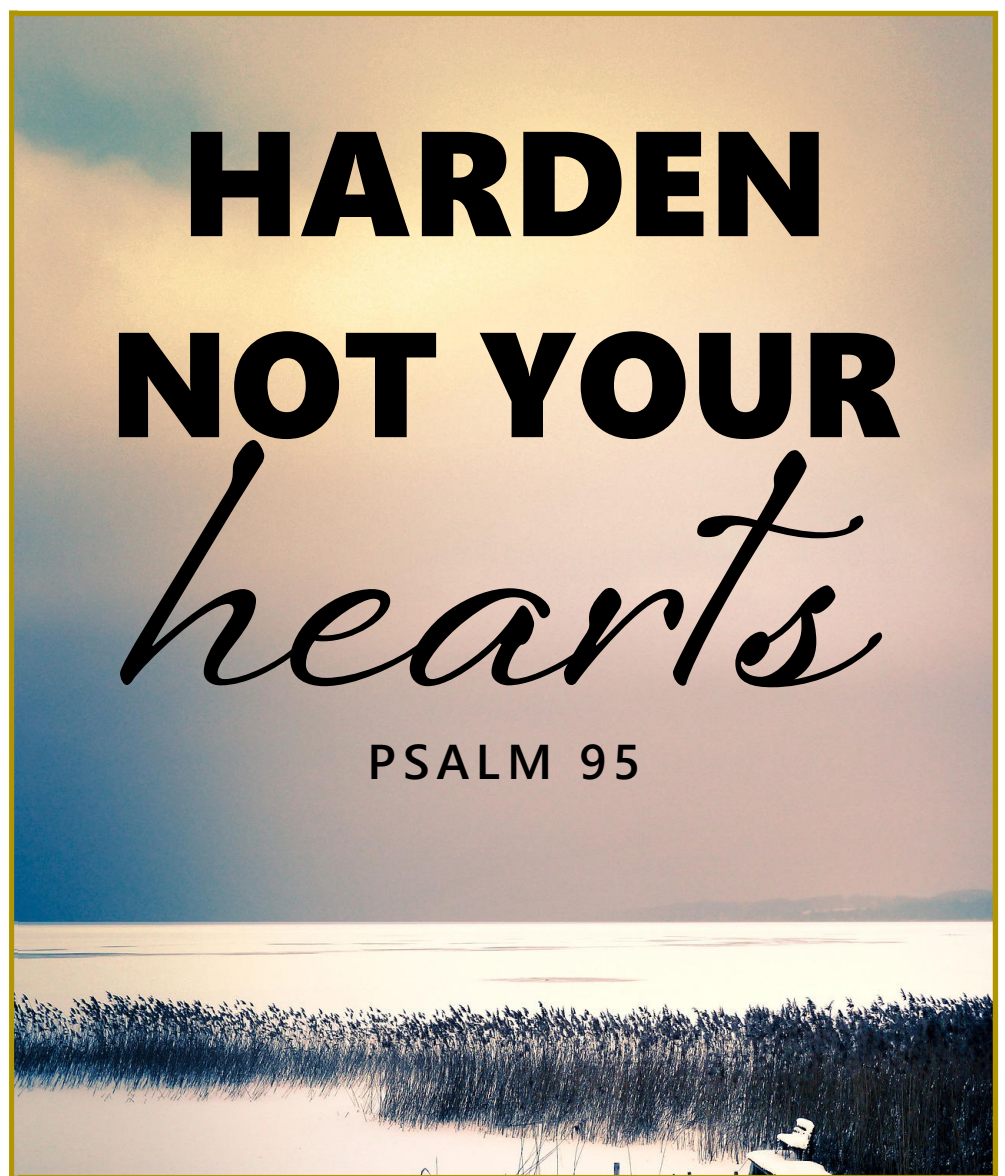
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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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



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## **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  
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

### 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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*St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**January 31 - February 6 is National Catholic Schools Week (CSW).** Now entering its 47th anniversary year, CSW is a celebration of Catholic education in the United States. St. Pascal Baylon Parish was established in 1946, and St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School opened in 1950. In 2019, Archbishop Hebda gave approval for St. Pascal Baylon School to become an Archdiocesan Regional Catholic School. St. Pascal Regional Catholic School opened with the 2019-20 school year serving the families of St. Pascal Baylon Parish and the East Side of St. Paul and beyond. Ms. Inna Collier serves as the Principal of St. Pascal Regional Catholic School. I am the canonical administrator of the school and oversee the school's Catholic education and faith life. Catholic schools share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children throughout the entire school day. Catholic schools give students a chance to incorporate their faith into all facets of their studies, social interactions, recreation, and daily activities. After school, children bring home faith practices and prayers that they have learned in their Catholic school. I believe a strong Catholic school and a strong Catholic parish enhance one another. Thank you for supporting Catholic education. To arrange a student or family visit to St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, please call or email as follows: St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, school office phone: 651-776-0092; school website: [www.stpascalschool.org](http://www.stpascalschool.org).

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2021.** Each year, Pope Francis asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. Pope Francis has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. To find more information, go to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network website: [www.popesprayerusa.net](http://www.popesprayerusa.net).

***Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January 2021: Human Fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.***

***Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for February 2021: Violence Against Women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and beeded.***

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

### Freedom House Donations Needed

***Items may be dropped off at 296 7th Street W, St. Paul (at the corner of Ramsey Street and West 7th, near Irvine Park), phone: 651.789.8875***

Freedom House, an expansion of Listening House, is in need of twin sheets, pillows and blankets in new or good condition. Freedom House has semi-private sleeping alcoves where people can rest the entire day if needed. It offers similar services to Listening House with the addition of laundry, showers, and the sleeping alcoves. Donations are accepted during their operating hours of 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM, 7 days a week.

*Please do not drop off items at St. Pascal's.*

### Winter Clothing Needed

***Items may be dropped off at Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Avenue—just blocks from St. Pascal's***

*"Lord when did we see You naked and we gave You no clothing?"*

People who lack appropriate housing this winter are in desperate need of warm winter clothing, including jackets, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, warm socks, etc. Respecting the dignity of others, please donate only clean items you yourself would wear. Donation deliveries are accepted only on the following Fridays: February 5 and February 19 from 10:00-11:00 AM only. Thank you for your generosity.

**ABSOLUTELY NO DONATIONS ARE TO BE LEFT AT ST. PASCALS.**

**Mass Times & Intentions****Tuesday, February 02**

8:00 AM + Maura Rivera

**Wednesday, February 03**

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

**Thursday, February 04**

8:00 AM + Jim Fratto

**Friday, February 05**

8:00 AM + Men's Club

**Saturday, February 06**

4:30 PM The people of the parish

**Sunday, February 07**

8:45 AM + Gert Blomgren

10:30 AM + Clem Kachelmyer

**Heart Questions****Sharing Good News**

*They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Mark 1:22

**Adults:** What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

**Kids:** What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?

**Readings**

January 31, 2021

**Sunday:**

Dt 18:15-20

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

**Monday:**

Heb 11:32-40

Ps 31:20-24

Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:**

Mal 3:1-4

Ps 24:7-10

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

**Wednesday:**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a

Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:**

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Ps 48:2-4, 9-11

Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:**

Heb 13:1-8

Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c

Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:**

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Ps 23:1-6

Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 147:1-6

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

**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](http://www.stpascals.org) for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

**Sunday, January 31**

6:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting: Zoom

**Monday, February 1**

1:00pm Bloodmobile: Brioschi Hall

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

**Tuesday, February 2**

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

**Wednesday, February 3**

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

6:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting: Brioschi Hall

**Thursday, February 4**

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

7:00pm Men's Club Board meeting: Zoom

**Friday, February 5**

No scheduled events

**Saturday, February 6**

10:00am Confirmation: Church

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

	<b>December</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Sunday Giving	\$ 100,827.03	\$ 385,437.87
Budget	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>	\$ <u>394,187.48</u>
Surplus/Shortfall	\$ 35,129.11	\$ -8,749.61

**Mortgage Reduction****Mortgage Balance***(as of January 7)* \$ 3,299,039.11**Year to Date**

Collected Donations \$ 123,258.92

Payment \$ 146,339.04

Shortfall \$ -23,080.12

*(taken from Mortgage Reserve)***Thank you for your generosity!****Faith Formation****Confirmation**

On Saturday, February 6 there will be seven candidates from St. Pascal's receiving the sacrament of confirmation. This year confirmation celebrations are taking place in the parishes rather than the Cathedral out of an abundance of caution around COVID-19. Please pray for our candidates as they open themselves to the gift of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**St. Pascal's Women's Book Club**

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? Do it in February! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. During COVID we meet via Zoom. You can join us as often as your schedule allows. This month, February 8, we will discuss *This Tender Land* by Minnesota author William Kent Kruger and next month, March 8, we will share thoughts on Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. Contact Toni Baker [toni@bakers.us](mailto:toni@bakers.us) or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2021 selections, Zoom information, etc.

*The transformed person finds freedom in the service of Life and Love. Your life is not about you. You are about life!*

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations***St. Pascal Regional Catholic School****Celebrating Catholic Schools Week**

We are thrilled to be celebrating Catholic Schools Week; a week where we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our communities. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.' We are looking forward to spending some time being out of uniform and partaking in faith-filled, fun school-wide events--mostly virtual due to COVID-19. We will start the week with a virtual prayer service from Archbishop Hebda. Throughout the week, we will play bingo via Zoom, make thank you cards for frontline workers, collect food for the food shelf, attend Mass, and end the week with a surprise treat in our classrooms. Last but not least, there will be the unveiling of the School Choice Week dance. Each class has filmed a portion of the dance, and it has been made into one cohesive dance music video by our Phy. Ed. teacher, Ms. Ekenstedt. Look out for it on the school's Facebook and Instagram pages as well as for other pictures from the many Catholic Schools Week activities!!

# ST. PASCAL BAYLON CATHOLIC CHURCH

## HOPE IN THE CROSS

*A Retreat to Boost Your Mind  
and Spirit for Lent*



To participate in this retreat,  
sign up on the parish  
website at  
[www.stpascals.org/  
parish-news](http://www.stpascals.org/parish-news).

Sponsored by the  
Adult Faith Formation Team

Plan to join us for a pre-Lent retreat focusing on the virtue of hope, the way that hope makes us more resilient, compassionate, and faithful, and how the Cross is a symbol of hope for us.

Hope is something we can actively exercise to be happier, grounded and successful people. It is the one virtue that both faith and scientific research agree is key to overcoming life's challenges. There is a reason hope is called the *anchor for the soul*. We'll explore this together in the context of preparing for the Lenten season.



Monday & Tuesday  
February 8 & 9, 2021  
6:30 - 8:00 pm via ZOOM  
*Facilitator: Erin O'Leary*

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Erin O'Leary, M.A.Ed., Ed.S. is a Hope-filled Catholic who has worked in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis for 30+ years as a Director of Faith Formation, Catholic school teacher, and administrator and curriculum developer. Her degrees are from the University of St. Thomas and St. Catherine University. Erin has given presentations and retreats both nationally and locally. She was named an NCEA Distinguished Teacher of the Year and has received a number of other awards. Erin serves as a board member of the Association of Coordinators and Religious Educators in the Twin Cities. She currently works at the Church of the Holy Name in Minneapolis where she is Director of Faith Formation and is also an educational consultant, presenter and contributing writer for Our Sunday Visitor Publishers.





# open wide our hearts

the enduring call to love *a pastoral letter against racism*

## Racism and Education

In the November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the Catholic bishops of the United States urge all Catholics to acknowledge “the scourge of racism” that still exists in our hearts, words, actions, and institutions. Racism can be individual, when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies treat certain groups of people unjustly. One area of systemic racism is lack of access to quality education for persons of color.



As children of God, all persons have a God-given right to flourish and develop their potential, so they may lead lives of dignity and contribute to the common good. The right to education has been cited in Papal encyclicals for over a century.

Unfortunately, millions in the U.S. were denied that right. Before Emancipation in 1863, teaching enslaved black people to read

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*“The poverty experienced by many . . . communities has its roots in racist policies that continue to impede the ability of people to find affordable housing, meaningful work, adequate education, and social mobility.”*

– U.S. bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts*

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and write was illegal. After slavery ended, for the next century, almost every school in the U.S. was segregated. Further, public schools for minorities were given limited resources. By the 1960s, the great majority of African-Americans, Native Americans, and Latino students, were educated in segregated and underfunded schools. Most colleges had few, if any, minority students.

During the Civil Rights Movement of the late 1950s and the 60s, school desegregation was a major issue, [causing bitter, sometimes violent, struggles](#). In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka* that all U.S. schools be integrated.

Regrettably, [recent studies](#) have shown that after initial gains, [schools are now as segregated](#) as they were before the *Brown* decision. [Today](#) in schools located in high-poverty areas, the majority of the students are African American, Hispanic and Latino. Because public schools chiefly [depend on local real estate taxes](#) for funding, [schools in](#)

areas with high housing values can offer more to students, often leaving many minority students out of the equation.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has studied the critical gaps of these inequitable funding structures. The recent data from that office shows consistent problems for minority students, such as limited access to early learning, lack of teacher equity, limited access to courses and programs that lead to college and career readiness, and low rates of teacher retention. Schools on Native American reservations face a host of additional barriers to student success.

Without quality pre-school programs, many minority students start grade school at a disadvantage. Inexperienced teachers and teachers with limited professional development opportunities are twice as likely to teach in minority public schools. Many African Americans and Latinos attend schools that do not offer the intensive writing classes and upper level math courses needed for college admission, and these schools do not offer adequate college and career counseling. Without resources, consistent support and mentoring, minority students drop out of school at much higher rates than white students—recent statistics show that while 62% of white students get a

college degree in 4-6 years, only 38% of Black students, 45% of Latino students and 13% of Native Americans do.



Catholic schools, in fulfillment of their mission on behalf of all children of God, must strive to increase enrollment of underserved populations, including Hispanic/Latino and African American students, in order to ensure that high-quality educational opportunity is available to all students. We must work together as people of faith to improve educational opportunities for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Pray with St. John Paul II

“Lord God, our Father, you created the human being, man and women, in your image and likeness, and you willed the diversity of peoples within the unity of the human family. At times, however, the equality of your sons and daughters has not been acknowledged, and Christians have been guilty of attitudes of rejection and exclusion, consenting to acts of discrimination on the basis of racial and ethnic difference. Forgive us and grant us the grace to heal the wounds still present in your community on account of sin, so that we will all feel ourselves to be your sons and daughters.” (Universal Prayer on the Day of Pardon)



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