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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.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A large rectangular image with a dark, textured background of orange and red fibers, resembling straw or hay. The word "Confirmation" is written in a large, orange, cursive font across the top. Below it, the word "CELEBRATION" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, with each letter spaced out.

Confirmation

CELEBRATION

Edwin Casanova-Garcia
Regina Therese Head
Natalynn Teria House
Malia Marie Kenney
William John Kenney
Luke Robert Malec
Isabelle Louise Adongo Odhiambo

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

Is your life a drudgery? Does your life feel dull, irksome and filled with fatiguing, uninspiring, menial work? If yes, then you know what Job is talking about in the first reading this weekend when he says, "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me" (Job 7:1-4). We have all probably felt that way at times in our life and maybe many of us feel that way right now. If so, it helps to know that we are not alone, and that our life experience is something people of ancient times felt as well. Even though Job's words in our first reading this weekend (chapter 7, 1-4, 6-7) end on a sad note, take hope and encouragement from the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 147) which contains this refrain, "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted". The Gospel reading also takes on the hopeful account of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law and curing many people who came seeking his help. Yes, the Lord heals our hearts when they are broken and when our life is a drudgery. The Lord reaches into our life to tell us we are not alone, that he is with us, and he heals us with his love, mercy and presence.

Congratulations to our high school Confirmation candidates who were confirmed Saturday, February 6 at our parish. I was honored to celebrate this sacrament with them and to confirm them. In this time of the pandemic, Archbishop Hebda has given permission for parishes to celebrate Confirmation in their own parish and for pastors to confirm those being prepared by their parish. God bless all of you newly confirmed brothers and sisters.

Join us for the Open Wide Our Hearts: Lent 2021 Study Opportunity. We will read and discuss the November 2018 Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter Against Racism via Zoom. There will be four sessions: *February 23, March 2, 9 and 16 from 6:30-7:30 PM.* Join us on your computer, tablet or smart phone. Sign up through our parish website at stpascals.org/adult-faith-formation, or contact Kim Roering in the parish office, 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org. If you prefer, you can do a self-study or study with a group of family/friends using the free materials located on the parish website or at www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism.

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. Go to www.popesprayerusa.net for more information.

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 heeded.*

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Archdiocesan Annual World Day of the Sick 2021

Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:00 AM—Join us via Livestream: CuratioApostolate.com/WDS2021
All are invited to attend Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hebda via livestream, especially the sick, caregivers, chaplains and health workers. St. John Paul II established World Day of the Sick in 1992 on the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year we will especially pray for all those affected by Covid19 and for healthcare workers during this pandemic. For questions, please email curatioevent@gmail.com.

Winter Clothing Needed—Thank you for your generosity!

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

Drop off items at Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave—just blocks from St. Pascal's—on Friday, February 19 from 10:00-11:00 AM only.

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. *Absolutely no items are to be left at St. Pascal's.*

Eucharistic Ministers

Spring 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 previous 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 March, April and May, and let Joann know of your availability. She needs those dates by February 15. If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at 216.735.2762 or joann.bertini@gmail.com

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 at toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the 2021 selections, Zoom information, etc.

Women's Club News

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The bakeless bake sale raised \$995. In addition, \$100 was specifically donated to Matre Dei Africa. We also received close to 26 membership dues.

The women's club recently sponsored the Picture Trivia for the parish. We look forward to a spring plant sale and eventually hosting a summer social. The Women's Club Board meets via zoom on the Second Tuesday evening of the month. If you would like to join us, please contact Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

Pray the Rosary

Every Wednesday at 11:15 AM in the church

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Join us any Wednesday to pray the Rosary together.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Ralph McDonough

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

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

We had a great time celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2021! The highlights were playing bingo over Zoom with Fr. John calling the numbers, donating canned goods to the food shelf, and writing thank you cards for the first responders. Students also loved watching themselves in the school choice week dance video. Head over to our school's Facebook page to watch it and see other photo highlights!

We are also happy to announce that the winner for January's Saintry Service award is our Phy. Ed. teacher, Dana Ekenstedt. This whole month she has taken to heart St. Therese of Lisieux's spirituality of doing the ordinary with extraordinary love. Our school community (and the school choice dance video) wouldn't be the same without Ms. Ekenstadt's care and attention to the 'little things.'

The staff looks forward to learning about St. John XXIII and how he fostered a culture of joy with those around him in the month of February. We will work on incorporating being warm and inviting, leading with humility instead of authority, having good humor in challenging moments, and creating a fun-filled environment for families, staff, and students.

Calix Society

Do you, a family member or friend need to learn about resources to help with an addiction concern? Do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of Calix. Help is one call away.

Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, and drug addicts who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12-Step program and their family members and friends who are affected by addiction.

Call 651.779.6828 or 612.383.8232 to speak to a Calix member confidentially. You can receive information on Calix, meeting times, resources and events.

Franciscan John Duns Scotus (1266–1308) believed we could speak “with one voice” (univocality) of the being of waters, plants, animals, humans, angels, and God. God is one (Deuteronomy 6:4), and thus reality is one too (Ephesians 4:3–5). We are all part of The Story of Being.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

Lent Rice Bowls—Supporting Catholic Relief Services

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from in the gathering space beginning February 7. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the parish office. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

— ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD —

Synod at Home: Tips and Tools for Growing in Faith

Dates: New sessions posted weekly
February 18 – March 18

Location: Online (archspm.org/synod)

In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive. The *Synod at Home* series pairs helpful videos, tips and tools for growing in faith with family-friendly activities based on four pillars:

- Prayer & Sacraments
- Lifelong Learning
- Generosity & Service
- Traditions & Fun

Individuals, couples and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by *Synod at Home*.

Find weekly videos and materials at archspm.org/synod, sign up for emails (archspm.org/synod/updates) or access through the Synod app (offered through myParish): text APP to 88202, download, then in the app under “Find my Parish” search for Archdiocesan Synod.

Freedom House Donations Needed

296 7th Street W, St. Paul (at the corner of Ramsey Street and West 7th, near Irvine Park)

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 7 days a week during operating hours, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Their phone number is 651.789.8875.

Thank you for your generosity. *Please do not drop off items at St. Pascal's.*

CONTACT US

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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings February 7, 2021

Tuesday, February 09

8:00 AM + Georgine Misukanis

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 AM Women's Club

Thursday, February 11

8:00 AM + Gregory Mondry

Friday, February 12

8:00 AM + Mary Tauber

Saturday, February 13

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, February 14

8:45 AM The people of the parish Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30

10:30 AM + Don Hensel

Heart Questions

Comfort the Sorrowful

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.

Mark 1:32-34a

Adults: When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?

Kids: What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

Kindness in the Time of Covid-19

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

Marian Center residents have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic and are even more isolated right now—any day-brighteners are great! Anyone who would like to send a card or note to those at Marian, they are always welcomed! Send to:

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

Mental Health Resources

Times like these can be difficult for adults, children and families. Ramsey County Mental Health Resources are available for those struggling with the stressors of COVID-19. Their 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

"Darkness deserves gratitude. It is the alleluia point at which we learn to understand that all growth does not take place in the sunlight."

—Joan Chittister

Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 147:1-6

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

Monday:

Gn 1:1-19

Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10,12,

24, 35c

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a

Ps 8:4-9

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

Gn 2:18-25

Ps 128:1-5

Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

Gn 3:1-8

Ps 32:1-2, 5-7

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

Gn 3:9-24

Ps 90:2-4c, 5-6, 12-13

Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Mk 1:40-45

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, February 8

No scheduled events

Monday, February 8

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

6:30pm Virtual Parish Retreat: Zoom

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Zoom

Tuesday, February 9

6:30pm Virtual Parish Retreat: Zoom

Wednesday, February 10

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

Thursday, February 11

No scheduled events

Friday, February 12

No scheduled events

Saturday, February 13

No scheduled events

Sunday, February 14

1:00pm Baptism (Conley family): Church

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will? Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a will. You will be doing your family a huge service by taking the time to complete a will. Please consider naming St. Pascal's and other charitable organizations you care about as bequest beneficiaries when you complete your estate plan.

If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger in 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.

Stewardship of Giving

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

	January	Year to Date
Sunday Giving	\$ 87,991.50	\$ 473,429.37
Budget	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>	\$ <u>459,885.40</u>
Surplus/Shortfall	\$ 22,293.58	\$ 13,543.97

Mortgage Reduction

Mortgage Balance

(as of January 7) \$ 3,299,039.11

Year to Date

Collected Donations \$ 160,286.85

Payment \$ 158,610.40

Surplus \$ 1,676.45

**Many thanks for your overwhelming financial generosity.
We look forward to the day you all return to worship.**



open wide our hearts

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

Racism and Employment

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 equal employment opportunities for many persons of color.



Saint John Paul II [reminded us](#) that due to every person being created in the image and likeness of God, everyone who is willing and able should have access to opportunities for fair employment. Unfortunately, this was not the case for Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and many immigrants throughout the nation’s history—and fair access to employment remains a challenge today.

For Native Americans, [colonial and later U.S. policies](#) led to the loss of land,

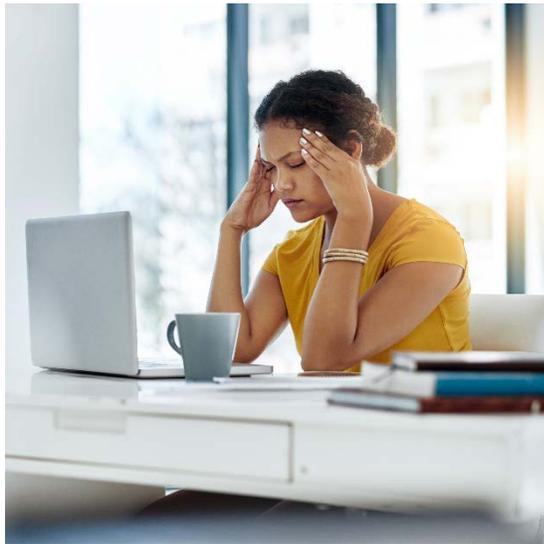
“All too often, Hispanics and African Americans ... face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration.”

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

restrictions in self-governance, and economic devastation that left a legacy of low educational attainment and [unemployment rates](#) which remain among the highest in the country. Throughout its history, the United States has, especially during times of economic stress, [discriminated against and placed legal restrictions on newly arrived groups of immigrants](#) and blamed them for social ills. The blame, discrimination and legal restrictions were detrimental to the impacted groups and led to restricted access to employment opportunities and other means of advancement.

After the end of slavery until the First World War, [90% of African Americans lived in the South](#), the great majority toiling as sharecroppers. This entailed back-breaking labor in white landowners’ fields for a small share of the crop and often substandard housing. In addition, the imposition of [Jim Crow](#), which guaranteed segregation and disenfranchisement, [was ample impetus to leave the South for good](#). With the start of WWI in 1916, the [Great Migration](#) brought black laborers north to work in factories.

However, they faced many challenges. Many white residents in northern cities resented the new black residents, [and tensions could spill over into violence and riots](#). Despite higher available salaries than those in the South, black migrants to the North were typically relegated to lower paying jobs. The Great Depression further eroded job possibilities. Even with post-Depression economic recovery, [many labor unions that secured just wages were closed to African Americans](#), as were many professions. Even college-educated African Americans often found limited entry-level employment. Unemployment, under-employment, and discrimination in the workplace were the norm.



Part of the Civil Rights agenda in the 1960s was focused on jobs with dignity and job training opportunities. The U.S. Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was created in 1964 to protect against illegal discrimination in the workplace, which unfortunately has continued. In 2016 and 2017, for example, the EEOC investigated tens of thousands of [racial discrimination cases](#). Employment disparities among college graduates of different races [persist](#).

In 2017 the Harvard University Business School Review [documented](#) that hiring discrimination against African Americans was still a reality—and did not decline in the past 25 years. The authors note that despite a growing concern with diversity, “subtle forms of racial stereotypes” in the workplace and “unconscious bias” have shown little change: support for more affirmative action policies and stronger enforcement of antidiscrimination legislation is critical because this pattern “will not diminish on its own.” The unemployment rate among African American workers and Hispanic workers is still higher than for whites, and [in 14 states and the District of Columbia, black unemployment is at least twice as high as white unemployment](#). Native American communities often have [vastly higher unemployment](#) than the national average. Unequal opportunity still remains a concern.

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” ()

