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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.

MARCH 14, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Culver's Night is back! On Monday, March 15, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, you are invited to the Culver's Restaurant at 2065 Old Hudson Rd, St. Paul, near Sun Ray Shopping Center, to purchase food and beverages for dine-in, take-out or drive-thru. Culver's will donate a percentage of all sales between 4:00-7:00 PM to St. Pascal Baylon Church. Thank you to Culver's owner Doug Swalboski and Family for their generosity in sponsoring Culver's Night.

Global Solidarity Sunday, March 13-14, is an opportunity to share with our struggling brothers and sisters around the world during Lent. We observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "For God so loved the world..." (Jn. 3:16). A special Lenten collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. You can give to this collection through these options:

- through the March 28 special envelope in your Sunday packet
- through our parish website at the "GIVE" drop-down menu
- by writing a check payable to St. Pascal Baylon Church with your donation amount and "Global Solidarity Collection" in the Memo Line and placing it in an envelope and sending it to the parish office or placing it in the collection box by the baptismal font.

Thank you!

Food Distribution Event, Saturday, March 27, 9:00 - 10:30 AM. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities invites any person suffering hardship to receive the food they need to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. The Vinnie's Hope Food Program is hosting a Holy Week food distribution event on Saturday, March 27, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Food boxes containing 6-8 meals (for a family of 4) including produce, dairy and meat/fish products will be distributed to cars via drive-up at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parking lot, 840 6th Street East, St. Paul, and at the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church parking lot, 1938 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul. Drive-up distribution locations will comply with CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of Covid-19, including wearing a mask.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign at Merrick Community Services. The 2021 March Food Drive is here, and we invite you to participate. It is important to walk alongside our East Side Saint Paul neighbors facing hunger. Each March, Minnesotans rally together to support food shelves and help those who are hungry. Merrick's Food Shelf relies on strong food and cash donations in March to keep the shelves stocked throughout the year.

When: March 1 - April 12

Drop off times: Mondays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Fridays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Merrick Community Service Food Shelf, 1669 Arcade Street N, St. Paul

Items needed: Any donations are appreciated, but the top five food-appropriate items are:

cooking oils and vinegar | spices | cooking sauces | proteins and grains

Questions: Contact Joshua Bau, Food Services Manager at jbau@merrickcs.org, or 651.219.5535.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2021: *Sacrament of Reconciliation.* Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— ADULT FAITH FORMATION —

Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege

Small Group Study via Zoom

Tuesdays, April 7-May 25 6:30-9:00 PM

After laying the groundwork for understanding power and privilege, *Faith and Racial Equity* takes a deeper dive into specific issues related to power and privilege, including affirmative action, the school-to-prison pipeline, the criminal justice system, and powerful biases in media representation. Participants will explore how their faith should inform their response to their learning, as well as discern action steps for working toward racial equity in their own communities.

A suggested donation of \$39/person to cover the cost of materials, but individuals are welcome to participate even if they cannot donate. **Registration is open until March 26.** Please contact Kim Roering at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org if you would like to participate. Questions regarding the content of the program can be directed to Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.

Spring Booya!

Sunday, April 11 in the church parking lot from 10:00 AM until gone.

St. Pascal's Men's Club is hosting a spring booya—drive-thru only. No dine-in or personal containers.

One size—48 oz. containers are \$17. We accept cash, check, or card.

Come early—it goes fast.

Proceeds towards equipment/supplies for the K-8 Phy Ed program and other regional school/parish needs.

Friends & Family 2021

An Evening at the Horse Races!

We will have a virtual Friends & Family on the evening of April 17.

Mark your calendar, pick your derby attire, study your race cards, and dig out your recipe for mint juleps. There will be horse races and other games. Our Fund-a-Need this year is the installation of rain gutters and other water remediation solutions on the church building. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Harold Brioschi

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 —

'ELEVATE' Thank You and Sainly Service Update

We want to thank everyone who joined in and participated in our ELEVATE event! We had a fantastic time showcasing our school, sharing how we will be utilizing our amazing half-million-dollar gift, and celebrating Mass. We are so grateful for your support and prayers!

We also want to recognize our February Sainly Service winner: Maggie LeMay. Ms. LeMay is our middle school humanities teacher and has done a wonderful job fostering a culture of joy in the spirit of Pope St. John XXIII in her classroom. She makes middle school so much fun for those students who are in-person as well as those who are learning online. On top of that, she has started a school Instagram page and increased our followers significantly because of the posts she curates. Lastly, she had a hand in creating all of the fun and engaging activities during Catholic schools week. We appreciate the positivity and energy Ms. LeMay brings to school every day. During the month of March, school staff will work to embody St. Joan of Arc in taking action and initiative.

St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens Spring Plant Sale

The Women's Club spring fundraiser will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards. Lots of hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials will be available. This coming week, the order forms and plant brochures will be available on the parish website. The forms can be downloaded, filled out and delivered to the parish office with payment. Please address to the Women's Club. Also, Women's Club members will be taking plant orders after all Masses on April 10 & 11 and 17 & 18. All orders are due with payment by April 19. If ordering using the forms on the parish website or placing your order on April 10 & 11 and 17 & 18 does not work for you, contact Ellen Aeling and other arrangements can be made. Spring plants will be available for pick up on May 15 and 16 in Brioschi Hall. Any questions please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com.

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 CRS Rice Bowl from in the gathering space. 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.

TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Wondering how to turn in your donations to Rice Bowl? Here are 3 options:

1. Bring your CRS Rice Bowl to St. Pascal's during Holy Week or Easter Week.
2. Convert your Rice Bowl gifts to a check made out to St. Pascal Baylon. Be sure to note it is for CRS Rice Bowl and then drop it off or mail to the parish.
3. Donate directly to Catholic Relief Services online at crsricebowl.org/give

— FAITH FORMATION —

Vacation Bible School 2021— *Input Requested*

Vacation Bible School has been a hallmark of recent summers at St. Pascal's, and the decision to cancel last summer amid COVID was difficult. ***Input is needed to help make the best decisions in terms of moving forward with VBS 2021.*** VBS is scheduled for the week of June 21-25 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon. Masks will be required and other COVID related precautions will be in place. At the moment there will be a limit of 50 participants. In order for VBS to take place, there needs to be enough interest from families as well as enough volunteers who are comfortable facilitating the activities. If your family is interested in participating, or you are a high schooler or adult willing and available to help, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office by March 31 so appropriate plans can be made.

"Living in the communion of saints means that we can take ourselves very seriously (we are part of a Great Whole) and not take ourselves too seriously at all (we are just a part of the Great Whole) at the very same time."

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings March 14, 2021

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 AM + Hildegard Davis

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 AM + Stephen Flottmeyer

Thursday, March 18

8:00 AM + Kathleen Minder

Friday, March 19

8:00 AM + Dorothy Petersen

Saturday, March 20

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, March 21

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

Heart Questions

Through the Eyes of Faith

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

—John 3:17

Adults: Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

Kids: Where do you see goodness in God's world?

Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

Monday:

Is 65:17-21

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20

Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12

Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

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, March 14—Lent 4

Daylight Saving Time starts—remember to turn your clocks forward one hour at bedtime on Saturday!

No scheduled events

Monday, March 15

4:00pm Culver's Night (Parish Fundraiser): Sun Ray Culver's

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

Tuesday, March 16

6:30pm Open Wide Our Hearts: Zoom

Wednesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

Thursday, March 18

No scheduled events

Friday, March 19

6:30pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 20

10:00am Palm Sunday Proclaimer Practice: Church

11:00am Easter Vigil Proclaimer Practice: Church

Sunday, March 21—Lent 5

12:00pm Confirmation I: Brioschi Hall

Monday, March 22

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

Tuesday, March 23

No scheduled events

Wednesday, March 24

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

6:30pm RCIA: Zoom

Thursday, March 25

12:00pm Young at Heart: Rosary at Home

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, March 26

6:30pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 27

8:30am E&A Palm Sunday decorating: Church

9:30am Holy Thursday Liturgy Practice: Church

11:00am Easter Vigil Liturgy Practice: Church

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

No scheduled events

Dear Young at Heart Members—

Again, we are reminding you to pray the Rosary at noon on March 25 in your homes. We will be united in spirit. It is great to hear how many of you have received the vaccine! Hopefully, we will all keep following the guidelines which will eventually lead us to gather face to face sometime in the future. Isn't that a heart-warming thought! Our life goes on, thanks be to God, even when we are just together in spirit. Any questions call Betty Hensel 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net.

We send congratulations to Leona and Vince Arceno who celebrated their 78th anniversary in February and we congratulate Rose Gatto who is celebrating her 99th Birthday in March—all of whom have perfect attendance at our Young at Heart meetings!

Stewardship of Giving

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

	February	Year to Date
Sunday Giving	\$ 48,582.87	\$ 522,012.04
Budget	\$ 65,697.92	\$ 525,583.32
Deficit	\$ -17,115.05	\$ -3,571.28

Mortgage Reduction

Mortgage Balance (as of March 7) \$ 3,273,197.44

Year to Date

Collected Donations	\$ 180,289.43
Payment	\$ 195,118.72
Deficit	\$ -14,829.29

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Live in the Light

Loving Father,
in love you created the world,
and in love you sent its redeemer.
Early and often you called
to our ancestors.
Early and often you call to us too.
Be merciful to us.
We were made in your image
and likeness.
You saw that we were very good.
We had all that we needed, yet you
wanted to give us more.
This gift, which we cannot merit,
is the gift of your Son's life.
Help us to live in your light.
Guide us away from the darkness,
that we, new creations, might do the
good works to which we are called.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Called to the Light



Today's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23; Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” This Scripture’s beauty, simplicity, and truth inspire people to answer the call of Jesus to spread the Good News.

Though we know that God made the world and everything in it and saw that it was good, we also see that the world is filled with darkness and difficulty. How can this be? Each of us can think of world events that break our hearts. We do not want to think about how our actions contribute to what breaks the hearts of others. In Chronicles, we hear that

God sent messengers early and often to call the people away from their destructive decisions. In the Gospel, we hear that the people preferred darkness to light.

A bright light can dazzle our eyes. It can reveal things that were not visible in the dark. We might prefer to sit in the dark. But because of God’s great love, Ephesians states, we have been given a gift we do not deserve. Brought to life in Christ Jesus, we might live. We must turn away from our discomfort, our feelings of exposure and vulnerability, and go forth to do the work that we have been called to through our baptism. Is there something in your life that makes you prefer the darkness? How can you take away its power by exposing it to the light?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 15

Life-Giving Word

Jesus' second sign in Galilee, the healing of the official's child, occurs from a distance. Jesus' word provides healing and life to the boy, who is near death. We even hear that the fever left him at the time Jesus spoke. Jesus' word gives new life. We hear in Isaiah the prophecy of the new heavens and the new earth. "No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there." How is this healing word of Jesus a sign of what is to come? What do you think the coming kingdom will be like? *Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54.*

Tuesday, March 16

Take Up Your Mat

Once again, Jesus' word brings healing and life. After encountering the healing word of Jesus, a man who has been ill for many years is able to pick up his mat and walk, with all the possibilities this new life suggests. Jesus' word gives life. It has power. Choose a phrase that Jesus states in Scripture and copy it three times. How is Jesus' word inviting you to new life today? *Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.*

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick

St. Patrick was a bishop in Ireland in the fifth century. He was responsible for the peaceful conversion of Ireland to Christianity. Kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland, he returned as a missionary to use his knowledge of Irish language and culture to evangelize. Celebrate St. Patrick, patron of Ireland, by living as a loving witness to Jesus, so that others might be brought to Christ through your love. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

Thursday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop and a Doctor of the Church who lived in the fourth century. He wrote for those who were in the process of becoming Christians and also against heresies that were causing divisions within the Church. St. Cyril was a great catechist. Is there an opportunity for you to teach others about the faith? *Today's readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

Friday, March 19

St. Joseph

St. Joseph's vocation was one of the most important in history. God speaks to St. Joseph in dreams, but Joseph has no trouble distinguishing God's voice from other voices. He acts in accordance with the words he receives. And in so doing, he protects Mary and Jesus from the forces that wish to harm them. We can surmise that his awareness of God's voice might originate in a lifetime of attentiveness to God's presence and action in his life. In our time, just as in St. Joseph's, other voices vie for our attention and response. Ask St. Joseph to intercede for you, to ask God to help you to listen as he does. Then spend some time listening for God's voice in silent prayer, with Scripture, or in the voice of a trusted friend. *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.*

Saturday, March 20

Who Are You, Jesus?

As Jesus taught about the kingdom of God and did many signs, people who listened were divided about his identity. If Jesus is the messiah, raised from the dead, there is a reason for our hope. The ground of all reality is a love stronger than death. Yet often hope and trust are put in other things, and decisions are based on fear rather than love. How can you reorient your life so that your choices are guided by love, not fear? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*

