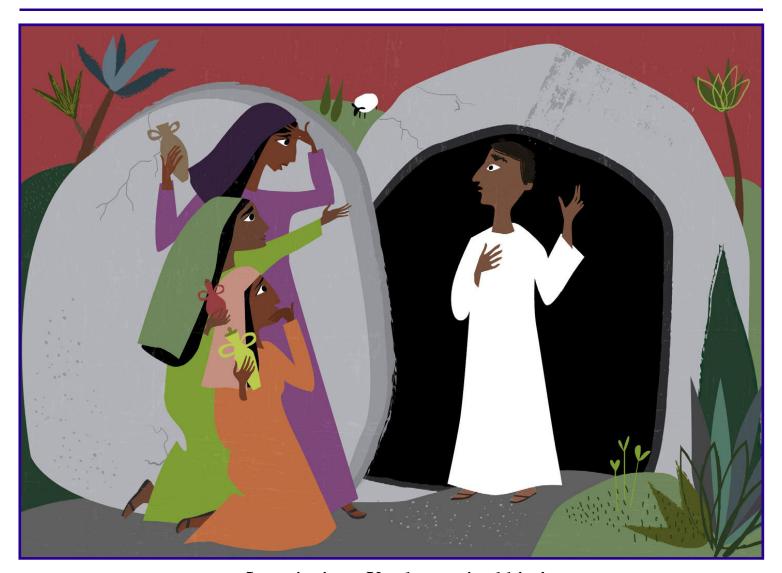


#### God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.

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.

#### APRIL 4, 2021 | EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus is risen. You have raised him! We receive this life!

#### **Mass Times**

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Happy Easter!** On behalf of all of us here at St. Pascal Baylon Church, I wish you and your family a joyful Easter Sunday and a wonderful Easter Season. As I wrote this bulletin article for Easter Sunday 2021, I looked back at my bulletin article from Easter Sunday one year ago:

Father John's Bulletin Article from April 12, 2020: Our experience of Easter this year is unique. Looking back over the last four weeks, it was on March 12 that Archbishop Hebda dispensed all Catholics in the Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. As concern for public health and safety grew, on March 19, the Archbishop suspended all public Masses for at least two weeks until April 2. On March 25, the Archbishop extended the suspension until at least April 10 (Good Friday) to cooperate with the Minnesota Stay-at-Home order issued by Governor Walz. Then on April 1, the Archbishop extended the suspension of public Masses through the Octave of Easter (April 19), and he wrote that the suspension could possibly last longer. It is difficult to not gather for Mass, but we need to support the Archbishop in these decisions to suspend public Masses. We need to do all we can to slow the spread of the Coronavirus by practicing social-distancing. Even though we cannot gather physically with each other for Mass, I have been celebrating and recording Masses here at church and sending them out via social media. I know many of you have been watching. I will continue to celebrate Mass privately here at St. Pascal's and record it for you, and I very much look forward to the day when we are gathered together again. Like nothing I have seen in my lifetime, our world is now united in prayer, in helping the sick and dying, and in the working to find a vaccine for the Coronavirus. For those of you who have lost a loved one through death, we are praying for you and asking God to grant you comfort and peace.

Now here we are in 2021. I think about how far we have come. I am so happy that we can gather this year publicly for Easter Sunday Masses, and I am pleased to see an increase over the past month of people returning to public Mass. I am sure this slow return is being fueled by the growing number of people receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations. At the same time, I also know that some of our parishioners are still worshipping remotely through virtual Masses our YouTube channel because I see how many "views" we have for each Mass. I think this is evidence that some people are hesitant to return to public Mass, and we must not forget them. Maybe you can give a phone call to someone you have not seen in a while and say "Hello! How are you doing?"

Despite how far we have come in one year, there is no denying the disrespect for human life that continues in our world today. As much as I think our world was united one year ago in prayer, in helping the sick and dying, and in working cooperatively to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, we seem to be drifting apart once again. Have we not learned over the past year that each human life is precious? We continue to see real life examples of racism, violence, prejudice, poverty, homelessness, and people seeking a safe place to live in our country. Despite all this darkness and pain, is there hope? I say, yes! I have hope because many people of good will are still working for good. Many people are standing up and speaking out and taking action for what it true and just. I have hope because I believe most people act in loving, self-giving ways to their neighbor. I have hope because we have journeyed the 40 days of Lent, and now we celebrate the 50 days of Easter. We are invited to see the face of the risen Christ in one another. I have hope because of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. He is risen, He is truly risen! Alleluia!

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April 2021:** *Fundamental Rights.* We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

#### ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

#### Seeking Facilitators and Scribes for Parish Small Groups

This fall our parish, along with all the parishes of the Archdiocese, will be hosting Synod small groups as part of the Parish Consultation Process. The small groups will meet for 6 sessions/weeks on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings between September 20 and October 27. Archdiocese will provide the materials which will allow small group members to dig deeper into the focus areas by considering Scripture, Church teaching, and today's cultural context, along with discussion and feedback the Archdiocese.

We will need facilitators and scribes for each small group. If you are willing and able, or know someone who might be good for this kind of work, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office. The expectations for facilitators and scribes are noted below.

# Small Group Facilitator and Scribe Expectations

- Attend Fall Training: Attend 1
  training. Trainings will be offered by
  the Archdiocese late August and early
  September, 2021, and will cover (i)
  Synod Small Group material use and
  reporting feedback, and (ii) facilitator
  and scribe training.
- Faithful: Be a faithful practicing Catholic who desires to help others grow in their faith through the Synod small group process.
- Prepare: Be prepared for the weekly lessons. Arrive on time and welcome members.
- **(Facilitators) Encourage:** Encourage and joyfully support the members as you guide the discussion. Let them know you care about them and value their input. Be a good listener.
- **(Scribes) Document:** Be attentive to the discussion and document the group's feedback on the focus

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

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. During COVID we meet via Zoom. This month, April 12, we will discuss Delia Owens' Where the Crawdads Sing and next month, on May 10, we'll share thoughts about Tara Westover's Educated.

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

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

# Easter Blessings from St. Pascal Regional family to yours!

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies."

-- Jn 11:25-26

As this Easter season begins and we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior remembering all that he has done for us, we want to remember and give thanks for all of the blessings he has brought to us this school year so far. We cannot express how thankful we are that our students are able to learn in person. It is a blessing that students are able to get the support, instruction, and human connections that they so greatly need to grow academically, socially, and spiritually. We are also thankful for the fact that all of our staff have either been fully vaccinated or are going to be fully vaccinated soon. Lastly, we are grateful for all of our community supporters who give us unwavering support through their time, money, and prayers. We are especially grateful for the large anonymous donation we received in December. Needless to say, we couldn't do what we do every day without all of these blessings!

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

See the insert in this bulletin for dates, and product and ordering details.

#### FAITH FORMATION —

#### Vacation Bible School 2021 Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

June 21-25, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Rocky Railway is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings®.

\$40/child or \$100/family by May 28 \$50/child or \$130/family after May 28

- For children ages 4 (by 9/1/21) through Grade 5
- Youth in grades 6-12 and adults welcome as leader and assistants

Registration forms will be available by calling the Kim Roering at the parish office and having one mailed to you or online at www.stpascals.org beginning April 5. *There will be a limit of 50 participants*. At this time masks will be required.

NOTE: Fees for VBS will not be collected until VBS begins in case something happens that we are not able to hold it (i.e. change in COVID, too few participants and leaders). We continue to monitor guidance from the state and the Archdiocese, and will follow all necessary safety protocols.

#### Bring It Home Minnesota—Housing Stability for All Minnesotans

A group of St. Pascal's community continues to work for knowledge and legislation of the current homeless crises in Minnesota. There are bills in both the House and Senate that would offer rent subsidies to those low-income Minnesotans who are working, but struggle every month to pay their rent. Minnesotans need rent subsidies to ensure housing stability for families in need. Interested? Contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com or 651.330.0024 or Julie Moore at 0109jmm@gmail.com or 651.247.9129.

#### Friends & Family 2021—An Evening at the Horse Races!

Join us for a virtual Friends & Family Event on April 17 at 6:00 PM.

Watch your mail. Information is being mailed out to all parishioners about this event! Join us via Facebook live for horse races and Plinko. This event is a great community builder for our parish, a fantastic fun event, and free to participate in games! Be sure to return your horse race picks and Plinko score prediction via mail or email. We will be asking for donations for our 2021 Fund-A-Need project—the installation of rain gutters and other water remediation solutions on the church building. This Fund-A-Need is vital because we are experiencing water damage to our church building.

#### St. Pascal's Men's Club Spring Booya—Drive-thru only!

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

Don't miss St. Pascal's Men's Club spring booya drive-thru—no dine-in or personal containers. Come early—it goes fast!

48 oz. containers (one size) are \$17. We accept cash, check, or card.

Proceeds towards equipment/supplies for the K-8 Phy Ed program and other regional school/parish needs. PLEASE NOTE: Parking for Masses in the Flandrau lot will be limited on April 11. Check out the Drive-thru map on the Parish News page at www.stpascals.org.

## 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 April 4, 2021

#### Tuesday, April 06

8:00 AM + Ralph McDonough

#### Wednesday, April 07

8:00 AM The people of the parish

#### Thursday, April 08

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#### Friday, April 09

8:00 AM Men's Club

#### Saturday, April 10

4:30 PM + Richard & Rose McCabe

#### Sunday, April 11

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

#### **Heart Questions** Made New by Christ

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

—1 Corinthians 5:7

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Kids: What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

#### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4

#### Jn 20:1-9 Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday:

Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27 Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-21 Mk 16:9-15

#### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

#### Mass Sign-ups Are No Longer Necessary!

The Minnesota Department of Health is no longer requiring churches to keep track of attendance for contact tracing; therefore, beginning April 10, St. Pascal's will no longer ask that everyone sign in at the door for Masses, and you will not need to sign up in advance online or by calling the parish office to let us know which Mass you are planning to attend.

In addition, based upon the number of families and couples we have in our assembly, we believe we can increase our Mass capacity to 125 per Mass and still keep everyone safely distanced. Ushers will be counting people at the doors and overflow seating will be available in Brioschi Hall, if needed.

#### **Catholic Relief Services Lent Rice Bowls**

HAPPY EASTER! We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. You can still turn in your Rice Bowl to the parish office, or write a check for your gift (made out to St. Pascal Baylon and noted it is for CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

#### 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, April 4—EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 & 10:30am Mass: Church

12:00pm Baptism (Ujuagu family): Church

#### Monday, April 5—Parish office closed

No scheduled events

#### Tuesday, April 6

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom 6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

#### Wednesday, April 7

11:15am Rosary: Church 6:30pm RCIA: Zoom 6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

#### Thursday, April 8

No scheduled events

#### Friday, April 9

No scheduled events

#### Saturday, April 10

8:00am Men's Club Spring Booya Prep: Kitchen

#### Sunday, April 11

10:30am Men's Club Spring Booya Drive-thru: Flandrau lot

#### Monday, April 12

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Zoom

#### Tuesday, April 13

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

7:00pm Men's Club Board meeting: Brioschi Hall

#### Wednesday, April 14

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Cub Scout parent meeting: Zoom 6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

6:30pm First Eucharist Parent/Child Session: Brioschi Hall

#### Thursday, April 15

7:00pm Men's Club Membership meeting: Brioschi Hall

#### Friday, April 16

8:00am Friends & Family set-up: Brioschi Hall

#### Saturday, April 17

6:00pm Friends & Family Event

#### Sunday, April 18

12:00pm Confirmation I: Brioschi Hall

#### Stewardship of Giving

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

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| Sunday Giving | \$ 48,582.87        | \$ 522,012.04        |
| Budget        | \$ <u>65,697.92</u> | \$ <u>525,583.32</u> |
| Deficit       | \$ -17,115.05       | \$ -3,571.28         |

#### Mortgage Reduction

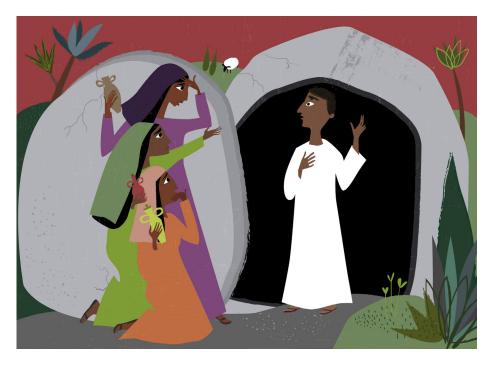
Mortgage Balance (as of March 7) \$3,273,197.44

#### 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.

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



#### Alleluia! He Is Risen!

Alleluia! He is risen!
Father, you make all things new,
beginning with your work in creation,
making us in your image and likeness,
giving us all good gifts.
And now, you give more.

Jesus is risen. You have raised him!
We receive this life!
Help us to respond.
Help us to offer our lives as pure gift in imitation of the one who first loved us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# April 4, 2021 He Is Not Here! He Is Risen!

Today's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1–9 or Mark 16:1–7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13–35. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. We can picture them, walking, carrying their spices, wondering about how they would move the stone. Perhaps these grieving women were thinking about Jesus' life and telling stories about him. They were probably raw with the emotions of the past few days.

In an instant, everything has changed. The stone is rolled back. The man in white tells them Jesus is not there, that he is risen. They are the first witnesses, the first ones to see the completely new thing God was doing. What must it have been like to see this? The Gospel of Mark says that they were amazed. They did not understand that this was good news. News that would change all of history.

Imagine that you are with the women. What do you see, smell, and hear? Write a first-person account, recording your reaction as the meaning of what you have seen comes over you, as your mind comes to the realization that Jesus is risen. Does it seem like a light has been turned on? Reread the Gospel account aloud, and invite those you are with to illustrate the story. Discuss how it feels to have this good news proclaimed. How will your life reflect the joy of this good news to all you encounter?



# THIS WEEK AT HOME

# Monday, April 5 God Raised This Jesus

"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses." Peter's speech summarizes the whole of the paschal mystery: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. During the Octave of Easter, the first eight days of our season of celebration, the Church celebrates as fully as she does on Easter Sunday. Each day is a solemnity. How can you continue your celebration? *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.* 

# **Tuesday, April 6** Secret Eggs

A fun activity to carry the celebration forward makes use of watercolor paints, a white crayon, and paper to make Easter eggs with hidden messages or pictures. Cut out an egg shape from paper. Use a white crayon to draw designs, and write messages such as "Alleluia!" "Jesus is Lord!" or "He is risen!" You might draw a cross, lilies, or other traditional Christian symbols. Paint over the designs with watercolors to reveal the words and pictures. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.* 

# Wednesday, April 7

#### On the Road

The road to Emmaus is an image frequently depicted in Christian art and literature as an image of discipleship. People have long reflected on the Eucharistic image, recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and of their hearts burning as they opened the Scriptures. Engage the text for yourself. Copy the Scripture, in its entirety or just a phrase that stands out, such as "their eyes were opened" or "were not our hearts burning within us?" You might also choose to illustrate your image or to decorate the Scripture you copied with a beautiful border. *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.* 

# Thursday, April 8

#### Witnesses

In these resurrection appearances, Jesus helps the disciples to understand what has happened with both words and actions. When he eats and invites human touch, he is showing them that he is not a ghost. He is sharing his resurrected body. When he opens the Scriptures, he is explaining how God has been working in the world throughout salvation history, culminating in this moment. Jesus is forming them as witnesses. *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.* 

# Friday, April 9 All of the World

Peter proclaims, "There is no salvation through anyone else." In the vastness of the catch at the sea of Tiberias, we also see illustrated the universal nature of the Gospel imperative. They really are to go out to all of the world and spread the good news. We are too. What can you do today to share in this mission of bringing all to Christ? *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.* 

# Saturday, April 10

## What We Have Seen and Heard

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." We know that God is calling all people into relationship, creating a new heavens and new earth, bringing about a kingdom of peace and justice. Set a timer for five to ten minutes, and silently reflect on what this kingdom will be like. Ponder what God may have planned for you in this kingdom. *Today's readings:* Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.

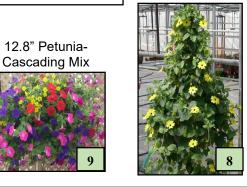






### St Pascal's Women's Club Plant Sale

12" Thunbergia Yellow



12.8" Geranium Dark Red (Sun)



13" Dragon Wing Begonia - Red

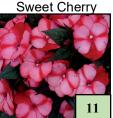


Rose Mega Splash

12.8" Geranium -



12.8" New Guinea 12.8" New Guinea Mixed



12.8" Rieger Begonia



12" Impatiens (Shade)





16" Awesome Combo



12" Geranium 13" Mix Geranium Patio Tubs (Sun)



16" Begonia Reiger -Mixed



14" Square Whopper Begonia Combo Tub





Questions, please contact Ellen Aeling at 651 307-8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com

# St Pascal's Women's Club **Spring Plant Sale**

There are a couple of different ways to order plants, but we will be using order forms for ordering.

#### WE have 2 different order forms.

1) Our short form or Favorites which is on the other side of this flier and on the parish web site. 2) Or for all of you Gardeners we have a 4-page

Gertens brochure with a large selection of annuals, perennials, and so much more – on the parish web site or you can get a paper copy by contacting Ellen Aeling at 651 307 8241.

# So, in these days of COVID-19 how can you get the orders to the Women's club?

Go to the church website to see plant sale information, brochure, and order forms. You can download the order form, fill it out and drop it off (with payment) at the parish office.

Members of the St Pascal's Women's Club will be available at all masses on April 10, 11, 17 and 18 to take your orders.

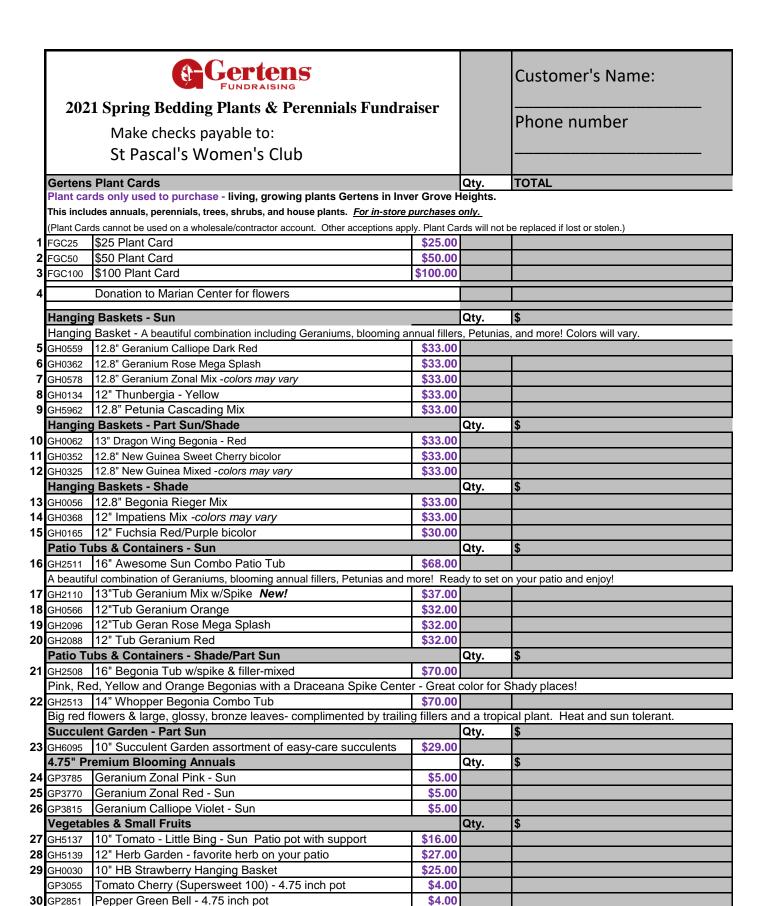
If these methods do not work for you, please contact Ellen Aeling.

All Orders are due by April 19th. Payment is due with order.

Plants will be available for pick up at St Pascal's in Brioschi Hall on May 15 and 16.

Spread the JOY!! - Please consider making a donation to buy plants for the residents of the Marion Center

We will deliver the plants to the residents.



Total \$:

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