



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 11, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



***In the incarnation, you broke into history in a new way, doing a new thing.
You give us your life.***

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

Would you like to be notified via Email about funerals at St. Pascal's?

We send out email notifications about upcoming funerals at St. Pascal Baylon Church to people who have subscribed to our Funeral Email e-notification list. To subscribe, go to: www.stpascals.org/e-newsletters. Or go to our parish website (stpascals.org), then go to the "Church" drop down menu, click on "E-Newsletters", click on "Funeral Notices", and fill in your contact information.

Would you like to receive our Pascal's Pulse Weekly E-newsletter? Get the latest news and event reminders (exclusive content, too!) delivered every Thursday to your inbox. We will never share your email address, and you may unsubscribe at any time. To subscribe, go to: www.stpascals.org/e-newsletters. Or go to our parish website (stpascals.org), then go to the "Church" drop down menu, click on "E-Newsletters", click on "Weekly Parish E-newsletter", and fill in your contact information.

I was happy to see how many people joined us in person and virtually for the Easter Triduum liturgies. There were close to, or more than, 125 people joining us in church and Brioschi Hall for each liturgy on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and the two Masses on Easter Sunday.

According to statistics from our YouTube channel, a good number of people joined us virtually for these liturgies:

Holy Thursday Mass: 240 views

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: 144 views

Easter Vigil Mass: 195 views

Easter Sunday (10:30 AM Mass): 189 views

We have found that the Funeral Masses that are livestreamed on our parish YouTube channel are also a big help to people who are not able to attend the Funeral Mass or located in various parts of the country or world. As more people are being vaccinated against COVID-19, we are seeing more people attend Mass in our church, and we continue to see a steady online viewership of our liturgies. When people feel safe and ready to return to in-person Mass at St. Pascal's, we are here to welcome them. Over the next year, we plan to continue broadcasting Masses on YouTube. Beyond that, I think there will still be a need for us to offer online options for people to virtually celebrate Mass, funerals, weddings and other liturgies. Beyond COVID-19, I imagine people will appreciate seeing and celebrating Mass virtually with us, especially people who are homebound, sick, searching, curious, travelling, and more.

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

Young at Heart Mass—April 29 at 11:00 AM

Attention, Young at Heart! Men and women 55 plus—whether you have been a frequent attendee or are someone new to the group—you are all most welcome.

We have plans, depending on the safety of the community in coming weeks, to gather for a celebration of the Eucharist at St. Pascal's Church on April 29 at 11:00. We will carefully follow the parish recommended protocols for safely coming together in a group. Next month, we hope to meet on May 27 for Mass and a box lunch!

If you plan to come on April 29, please respond to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net or the parish office at 651.774.1585. It would be wonderful to see you!

Deliver a Meal & a Smile to an Elder!

Would you consider driving Meals on Wheels (MOW) a day or two a month? Merrick Community Services has served the Eastside of St. Paul for more than 100 years. It has MOW routes not only on the Eastside, but also in South Maplewood and Woodbury. Drivers are NEEDED—one person can do it but it works best with a driver and navigator/runner.

MOW helps to keep elders independent in their own homes! Deliveries are made five days a week. You can deliver meals once a week or once a month—whatever works for you and your schedule. Delivery usually takes less than an hour. Merrick is GRRReat about accommodating your schedule; they find the subs when you travel, are sick, or have other obligations.

Meals are picked up at Merrick Community Services (1669 Arcade Street North – Suite 4, St. Paul) in the Gustavus Adolphus Church building. Contact Larissa Little, Merrick Community Services, at 651.287.2092 or llittle@merrickcs.org if you can help with this important work. It's a great way to visit with a friend or grandchild!

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.

Weekly Rosary

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead us into restful and contemplative prayer and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Join us every Wednesday at 11:15 AM in the church to pray the rosary together.

Joy is that kind of happiness that does not depend on what happens.

—David Steindl-Rast

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Joan Tvedten

and

John Fida

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

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

During the month of March, school staff worked to embody St. Joan of Arc in taking action and initiative. St. Joan lived through a tumultuous time in history during the Hundred Year's War and never shied away from difficulties. Throughout March, staff worked to have the same faith and fearlessness that St. Joan showed during her lifetime. We are proud to announce that the staff member to best emulated Joan of Arc is our Spanish, Art, and STEM teacher, Suzanne Allen. Mrs. Allen deserves this Saintry Service award because she lives and breathes Catholic education. This year, Sue has gone above and beyond teaching Spanish to the whole school as well as Art, Math, and Science to the middle schoolers. She is willing to put in the extra work to see her students succeed and to give them engaging, faith-filled learning opportunities. Her time and effort have truly paid off—there has been high growth in both the 7th and 8th grade math scores and the science fair was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Mrs. Allen, for your dedication to the students of St. Pascal Regional!

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.

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

In-person ordering after all Masses on April 10/11 and 17/18

Spring plants will be available for pick up on May 15 & 16 in Brioschi Hall

Come place an order and get some great plants—and support the St. Pascal's Women's Club. We have hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials are available.

Place your order today! The order forms and plant brochures can be found on the parish website at stpascals.org/parish-news. A convenient link is in the weekly parish e-newsletter, Pascal's Pulse. The forms can be downloaded, filled out and delivered to the payment office with payment. Please address to the Women's Club. All orders with payment must be in the St. Pascal parish office by with payment by Monday, April 19.

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 has been mailed out to all parishioners about this event! Join us via Facebook live for horse races and Plinko. Be sure to return your horse race picks and Plinko score prediction via walk-in, mail or email—the deadline for mail-in or walk-in entries is Monday, April 12. Email entries are due Friday, April 16.

This event is a great community builder for our parish, a fantastic fun event, and free to participate in games! 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.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Vacation Bible School 2021

Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

June 21-25, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

\$40/child or \$100/family (3 or more children)

Registrations due by May 28, 2021

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

At Rocky Railway, kids discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. 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®.

Registration forms are available by calling the Kim Roering at the parish office and having one mailed to you or online at www.stpascals.org. There will be a limit of 50 participants. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!** 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.

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

April 11, 2021

Tuesday, April 13

8:00 AM + Michael Kuehn

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 AM Women's Club

Thursday, April 15

8:00 AM + Stephen Flottmeyer

Friday, April 16

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, April 17

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, April 18

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Larry Senger

Heart Questions

Following the Example of Jesus

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions; everything they owned was held in common.

—Acts 4:32

Adults: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

Kids: What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-3

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31

Ps 2:1-9

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37

Ps 93:1-2, 5

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26

Ps 34:2-9

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33

Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20

Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-4

THE WEEKS 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 11

10:00am 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

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

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: Facebook Live

Sunday, April 18

12:00pm Confirmation I: Brioschi Hall

Monday, April 19

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

6:30pm Adult Faith Formation meeting: Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, April 20

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, April 21

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

Thursday, April 22

11:30am Funeral Mass for Florence Rieschl

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, April 23

10:30am Funeral Mass for Larry Herickhoff

Saturday, April 24—1st Eucharist Weekend

No scheduled events

Sunday, April 25—1st Eucharist Weekend

After Masses Donut Sunday: Brioschi Hall

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Planned Giving—Options for leaving a legacy to St. Pascal's.

One particularly tax-efficient way to make a bequest is to donate part or all of your regular individual retirement account to charity by designating a charity as a beneficiary. Leave a legacy of faith. Consult with your tax advisor.

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

	February	Year to Date
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	\$ <u>195,118.72</u>
Deficit	\$ -14,829.29

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

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

—Luke 6:38

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



That Our Joy Might Be Complete

O God,
from the beginning you prepared us,
making us in your image,
sharing with us every good gift,
revealing yourself to us over the ages,
until in the incarnation, you broke
into history
in a new way, doing a new thing.
You give us your life.

Help us to honor that gift,
that we might use the life we have been
given to serve
and be willing to lay it down with the hope
that we might rise like Jesus,
and that our joy might be complete.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

April 11, 2021
Our Joy Overflows

Today's readings: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31. When Jesus appears in a locked room and says, “Peace be with you,” the apostles rejoice that their Lord is present. Jesus then breathes on them, giving them the Spirit, and commissions them. Their joy in the Resurrection is not theirs alone.

The new life that comes from God, the new life where there was only death, changes the Twelve. Acts tells us that, in the early Church, the needs of all were met. The Christian community was part of the inauguration of the kingdom of justice and peace, and a sign of the kingdom. Therefore in their community, the demands of justice were recognized.

Our Easter joy should bubble up within us and be poured out. The joy should inspire us toward service and self-sacrifice in imitation of Jesus. Whose needs in your community are going unmet? Bring an Easter basket to a homebound member of your parish, and sit and visit for an hour. Pick up a package of diapers on your next trip to the store, and drop them at a center that serves families or women in crisis pregnancies. Volunteer to serve at a soup kitchen, and be present as you smile and greet the guests. Call a person who seems lonely, and set up a time to talk. When you find a need and meet it, others peer through a window into the coming kingdom.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 12

Reading Acts

The first reading each day has been making its way through the Acts of the Apostles, as it does each Easter season. We hear about the early Christians' preaching, teaching, and healing, and what occurred as a result. Acts is filled with drama and adventure. During this Easter season, try to read the entire book. Be inspired by those who "were filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak of God with boldness." *Today's readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.*

Tuesday, April 13

No Needy Person among Us

In the early Christian Church, the community cared for one another. Most homeless shelters have a constant need for basics, such as socks and underwear. Imagine how profound a need this is for those who lack them. Buy a few pairs of socks or underwear, and take them to a place in your community that serves those who are without a home. *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

Wednesday, April 14

We Cannot Help But Proclaim It

"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." The early Christians could not help but proclaim the Good News in word and deed, and we are called to continue to do so. How can you bring those around you into the light of God's love? *Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

Thursday, April 15

Continue the Celebration

One of the beautiful things about Easter is that for fifty days we celebrate our joy. Do something that reflects an Easter custom today. When my children were little, we hid plastic eggs all over the house throughout the Easter season. It was a fun way to keep the joy of the season present for us. You might continue to add flowers to a prayer area in your home, or adorn it with white and gold, to help you to be present in the season and remind those you love that we are still in the season of celebration. Consider also making a lamb cake or getting special Easter treats at the store. *Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

Friday, April 16

Loaves and Fishes

In the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we see the Eucharist. Go to Mass or adoration today. Take this opportunity to thank Jesus for the great gift of himself in the Eucharist. Receive this gift and go out into the world and love as he does. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

Saturday, April 17

Called to Serve

We hear about the apostles choosing assistants and laying their hands on these men, including Stephen, who would be the first Christian martyr. They were called by God to serve the needs of the community so that no one would be left at the margins. God is calling you to use your gifts to serve as well. How is God calling you today? Do you think the path of following that call is always going to be easy? *Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*

