



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 18, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Help us to see your work in the world in the countless ways you transform every dark thing
and bring it into the light of your love.*

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

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) conducts an Annual Appeal to fund 20 Designated Ministries within the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis that no one parish can support on its own. The CSAF ministries are: Abria Pregnancy Resources, American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Campus Ministry (Newman Center), Campus Ministry (St. Paul's Outreach), Catholic Charities, Deaf Ministry, Elementary Catholic School Funding, Elementary Catholic School Scholarships, Evangelization, Catholic High School Scholarships, Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry, Marriage, Family and Life, Prison Ministry, Rachel's Vineyard, Seminarian Tuition, Room and Board, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Venezuelan Mission, and Youth Ministry. I invite you to support the Appeal. You can give online at csafspm.org or by contacting The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation office which is located at 12805 Highway 55, Suite 210, Plymouth, MN 55441, office hours Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, phone: 612.294.6622.

Here is an update on our progress towards our Parish goal as of April 9, 2021:

St. Pascal Parish Goal:	\$ 41,935.00
Total Pledged:	\$ 18,053.75
% of Goal Pledged:	43%
Total Received:	\$ 14,423.88
% of Goal Received:	34%

Job Opening for Pastoral Associate for Liturgy at St. Pascal Baylon Church. Part-time: 24 hours/week. Application deadline: May 15. Starting date: June 1, 2021. How to apply: Please email resume and cover letter to theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org. Job description: Coordinate and train liturgical ministers, be present for most weekend Masses, work with Music Director to coordinate American Sign Language (ASL) ministers, work with Faith Formation Director on liturgical sacramental celebrations, meet with those preparing for marriage, help plan and be present for funeral liturgies, oversee seasonal ritual celebrations, promote liturgical education for the entire community, plan and oversee seasonal environment, monitor and order liturgical supplies, prepare weekly presider sheets, prepare funeral worship aids using Microsoft Publisher software. Job Qualifications: BA in Theology or equivalent experience, proficiency in Microsoft software, must be a practicing Catholic.

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

Attention, Young at Heart!

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

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!

Upcoming 1st Eucharist Celebrations

On the weekends of April 24/25 and May 1/2, First Eucharist celebrations will take place at all of the weekend Masses, with 1-4 families celebrating at each Mass. Families have been encouraged to limit guests as much as possible, but we realize this is an important celebration. Know that the number of guests at each Mass will affect how many parishioners are able to be in the worship space. We will do our best to accommodate as many as possible.

Booya for Sale

Did you miss last weekend's Booya or do you need some more? St. Pascal's Men's Club will be selling BOOYA in Brioschi Hall after all Masses on the weekends of April 17/18 and 24/25. A 48 oz. container is \$10.00 each.

Donuts Return!

Mark April 25 on your calendars for donuts after both Sunday Masses.

We will be adhering to our COVID-19 protocols—no more than 6 people per table, and we will be serving individually wrapped pastries and juice. Coffee will be served by volunteers. Space is limited to 80 in Brioschi Hall.

If all goes well for the April donut gathering, we will offer donuts on the fourth Sunday of the month through the summer.

Many thanks to the volunteers who make this happen. We hope to remain safe while enjoying a small return to the new "normal."

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!

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Join us!

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School has proudly been serving the East Side of Saint Paul since 1950. This year, despite the pandemic, our students have been learning in person, on campus, each and every day! We have seen amazing growth in our 3 year old - 8th grade students. We invite you to take a closer look at St. Pascal and contact us to learn how your child can be a part of our amazing community!

www.stpascalschool.org
admissions@stpascalschool.org

Can You Help Those Who Are Hungry?

St. Pascals parish and Progressive Baptist Church have a long history of cooperation. Years ago, several We Care collections were donated to Progressive. The donations were retained in a special fund until there was enough money to buy a freezer. The freezer was used to support Progressive's food distribution for people experiencing food insufficiency. Weekly food distribution to all in need, including our parishioners, continues to this day supported by four freezers and dedicated volunteers from Progressive and St. Pascal's. More volunteers are needed Friday mornings from 9:30-noon. Covid precautions are followed. If you can help, even occasionally, contact Ann Karner for more details at akarner24@gmail.com or 651.330.0024.

Random Act of Kindness

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

Even as more and more seniors are vaccinated, Marian Center residents remain pretty isolated—so any day-brightener is great! If you would like to send a card or note to those at Marian, know that they are always welcomed!

Send to:

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

— 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 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.

Pre-Baptism Session

Monday, May 17 at 6:30 PM

Parents interested in having their child baptized at St. Pascal's are asked to participate in one formation session prior to baptism. Pre-registration is required. To register for a session or schedule the celebration of a baptism, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

NOTE: While pre-baptism is scheduled to take place in person at the parish, there is an option to use Zoom as well.

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

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

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

This is the last weekend to place your order.

Place your order today after all Masses in Brioschi Hall! Check out the great selection of beautiful plants and support the St. Pascal's Women's Club. There are hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials available.

All orders must be in the St. Pascal parish office with payment by Monday, April 19. Any questions please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com.

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

April 18, 2021

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 AM + Fr. Jim Kaston

Wednesday, April 21

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, April 22

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, April 23

8:00 AM + Florence & John Krupich

Saturday, April 24

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, April 25

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Carlos & Emilia Calubayan

Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a

Ps 31:3cd-4

Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-7a

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc, 2

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17

Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,

26, 28-29

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Heart Questions

The Living Christ

Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself."

Luke 24:38-39

Adults: What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

Kids: What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

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

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 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

Monday, April 26

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, April 27

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

Wednesday, April 28

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

Thursday, April 29

11:00am Young at Heart Mass (no lunch): Church

Friday, April 30

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 1—1st Eucharist Weekend

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 2—1st Eucharist Weekend

12:00pm Confirmation I: Brioschi Hall

12:30pm Baptism (Flanagan family): Church

Bring It Home Minnesota—Housing Stability For All Minnesotans

St. Pascal's continues to work with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, for the homeless crises in Minnesota. The legislature is currently working on budgets in the House and Senate. We continue to remind our legislators of our support budgeting for rental subsidies. We are looking for more parishioners to continue this effort.

- People in Ramsey County working fulltime at minimum wage, have to pay more than 50% of their income towards housing.
- It is also estimated that we have about 425 homeless Seniors living somewhere in St. Paul, many outside on the streets.

Interested? Contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com or 651.330.0024 or Julie Moore at 0109jmm@gmail.com or 651.247.9129.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Resurrection

Loving Father,
you raised Jesus from the dead
and in that moment offered new life
to the whole world.
Creation was made anew in you.
Help us to see your work in the world

in the countless ways you transform every
dark thing
and bring it into the light of your love.
Transform our hearts,
enlighten our minds,
and help us to hope in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 18, 2021

Always Hope



Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. In Jesus, the Scripture texts about the suffering messiah are fulfilled. The people expected a different kind of messiah, a ruler who would overthrow the Romans, so many were not sure what to make of Jesus. After his death, many were no longer interested in him. Yet his disciples continued to proclaim his death and resurrection.

It is interesting that the disciples continued to emphasize Jesus' death. In today's world, people are uncomfortable with suffering and prefer that others overcome theirs quickly. An individual who has undergone a difficult experience might be told to "get over it" as quickly as possible. They might begin to understand that others do not want to share in their pain, leaving them to process the grief and

deal with their troubles in isolation. When suffering is something to get over and forget about, it has no possibility of being redeemed. No chance for hope is offered.

The Church has a tremendous gift to offer our culture. She offers the knowledge that suffering does not have the last word—that pain and death, and any darkness can be transformed. That suffering can be transformed does not diminish the pain. Imagine the terrible pain Jesus experienced on the cross. Nothing about that was okay. But we believe that pain can be transformed. That is the essence of resurrection. When we unite our sufferings to Jesus, when we invite him into them with us, we realize the possibility of resurrections in our lives.

Always there is hope.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 19

Stephen Speaks the Truth

One way to carry the Easter season forward is to look at the life of the early Christian community. In Acts, we hear how St. Stephen, the first martyr, was in conflict with the religious leaders because of his work in the name of Jesus. This story would be wonderful for children to turn into a play or for adults to journal as a first-person account, envisioning themselves as participants in the story. *Today's readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 20

Saul

By Saul's presence at the stoning of Stephen, Saul gave his consent to the first martyr's execution. Saul, however, allowed God to transform him. As an apostle, Paul used his gifts to build up the Body of Christ. Think of the ways he brought the light of Christ to others. He was initially one of the Church's persecutors. No matter what we have done, God is always ready with mercy and forgiveness. God is always ready to call us to do his work in the world. *Today's readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 21

The Bread of Life

Jesus is the Bread of Life, and in him is our hope. He shares his very self with us in the Eucharist, that we might have eternal life. When you attend Mass, receive this gift, listening for what God is calling you to do as you are given food for your journey. The Eucharist is called the source and summit of our faith. How can you make it more central in your life? *Today's readings: Acts: 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 22

Bread from Heaven

Jesus shows the people that God has been preparing them for him. As he explains that life comes through eating the bread that is his Body, his very self, he recalls the manna that brought life to the people of Israel in the desert. When Catholics read Scripture, we look at the law and the prophets and the whole of salvation history in light of what has happened in Jesus. Read Exodus 16. Think about how it enriches your understanding of Jesus' words. Then bake a loaf of bread. Think about what it might mean for Jesus to be such a fundamental food. *Today's readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9; 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, April 23

Saul, Why Do You Persecute Me?

St. Paul's conversion story is frequently depicted in art. Read Acts 9:1–20 aloud. Spend an hour with your family, each drawing or painting what you hear and sharing your art reflection with one another. You could also choose to act out the scene. Search online for other depictions of this moment in history, and see how your reflection is similar to those of other artists. *Today's readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, April 24

Trusting the One Who Gives Life

In today's Gospel, many turn away from Jesus because his teachings are difficult. Peter says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." I personally have often found comfort in Peter's words. It is not always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes his teachings are difficult. How can Peter's words become your words? How can they become your prayer? *Today's readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*

