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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.

APRIL 25, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS...

to our beautiful parish children who celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend:

Logan George Berghoff

Jarren Edward Burger-Starr

Angel Antonio Corona Chacon

Everardo Gabriel Corona Chacon

Yonny Alexander Corona

Lorelei Marie Godel

Henry Owen Hamilton

Evan Alan Corona Hernandez

Isla Rae Kocian

Esteban Emmanuel Lopez-Munoz

Samuel John St. Ores

Alexander Troy Peeler

Camilla Julianne Peeler

Liam Edward Westenhofer



“Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we ‘possess,’ but a gift to him and to others.”

~POPE FRANCIS (May 2013)

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

Welcome to our 24 children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend (April 24-25) and next weekend (May 1-2). We extend our prayers and best wishes to you and your families. As we witness the joy and faith of our children when they receive their First Communion, let us be renewed in our appreciation of the Eucharist. Depending on our age, we celebrated our First Communion years ago. Maybe you can remember various details and feelings of your First Communion day. I remember being nervous as I approached the priest to receive the Eucharist, and I remember walking on air as I returned to my pew to pray. I felt that Jesus became a much closer presence in my life from that day forward. Approaching each experience of Holy Communion as if we were receiving our First Communion might be a tall order because we can easily slip into habits or distractions at Mass. We can ask God to strengthen our faith and awareness of the beautiful gift of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. As we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (paragraph 1324).

Thank you for your support of our Virtual Friends and Family Event last weekend. A video of the evening event is available on our Parish YouTube channel and our Parish Facebook page. I am grateful for your financial support to help us reach our goal of \$30,000.00 for the installation of rain gutters and other water remediation solutions on our church building. We will keep you updated on our total amount raised.

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.

Pope's Intention for May 2021: *The World of Finance.* Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

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.

Donuts Return—What's Next?

We are blessed with many wonderful volunteers that make this ministry a vital part of our community. Hospitality is scheduled for the 4th Sunday of the month through the summer and we may move towards more frequent weekends as the pandemic restrictions ease.

Moving forward, Roman and Kathy Meyer will continue to be the lead volunteers after the 8:45 Mass, but a point person/couple/family is needed after the 10:45 Mass. Coffee will already be made and donuts and supplies are ordered. This lead job will involve finding volunteers to help after the later Mass only.

We hope to continue this ministry; the future rests on members of the community stepping forward to fill the need. Contact Theresa in the parish office if interested. Thanks for your consideration.

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.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Florence Rieschl

Larry Herickhoff

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

St. Pascal's Famous Booya for Sale!

Did you miss the recent Booya sale or do you need some more?

St. Pascal's Men's Club will be selling BOOYA in Brioschi Hall after all Masses this weekend, April 24/25. A 48 oz. container is \$10.00 each.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

In religion class, the first graders are learning about the church building and all its different parts. This week they learned about stained glass windows and how they can tell stories about our Catholic faith through the symbols and pictures represented in the colorful windows. In their lessons, the first graders got the opportunity to make their own stained-glass windows using colorful tissue paper. They also took an in-school field trip to the Church to look at the stained-glass window there. It was an exciting time because Fr. John met the first graders and explained to them all about the different symbols and stories found in the stained-glass window at St. Pascal Baylon.

Attention, Young at Heart!

Young at Heart Mass: 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 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 will be wonderful to see you!*

The core message of the incarnation of God in Jesus is that the Divine Presence is here, in us and in all of creation, and not only "over there" in some far-off realm.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

Ramsey Family Service Center Meal Services

Starting in March of 1983, Grace Lutheran and St. Pascal volunteers have served meals to those who often go without. First it was done at the Neighborhood House on St. Paul's Westside; then it moved to the Lowry Family Shelter in downtown St. Paul; now it is up at the Ramsey Family Service Center, located near Aldrich Arena. Some volunteers serve an evening weekday meal from 5:00 - 7:00 PM; some serve a weekday lunch 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. All are every other month assignments (6 times a year). We need:

- 2-4 volunteers on the 4th Monday of even months, dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Starts April 26
- 1-2 volunteers on the 3rd Monday of odd months, dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Starts May 17
- 1-2 volunteers on the 4th Monday of odd months, lunch 11:30 AM -1:00 PM, Starts May 24
- 1-2 volunteers on the 4th Monday of odd months, dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Starts May 24
- 1-4 volunteers for the 1st Wednesday of even months, dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Starts June 9

Substitutes are often needed. Simply provide your email address for the Ramsey Family Service volunteer list if you'd like to be notified of openings.

Some of our groups need callers. Could you make 2-4 calls to remind the volunteers of their lunch/dinner service? Calls are made a few days before the team is scheduled to work. It's an easy volunteer job that can be done from home!

Contact Toni Baker at 651.731.7763 or toni@bakers.us for more information, to volunteer, to change your service time, etc.

— FAITH FORMATION —

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.

Funeral Expense Help Available

Under the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021* and the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Reimbursement is up to \$9,000. Consult with your funeral home for eligibility and information about the application process.

To get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives please call:

844.684.6333 | TTY: 800.462.7585

MON - FRI, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eastern Time. Multilingual services will be available.

Get answers to frequently asked questions about the application process at fema.gov and search "funeral assistance".

Many of us are aware of a family that has experienced a death due to COVID-19. Please share this information with those who may benefit.

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 25, 2021

Tuesday, April 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, April 28

8:00 AM + Sue Korf

Thursday, April 29

8:00 AM The people of the parish

11:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, April 30

8:00 AM + Caleb Herrera Shanley

Saturday, May 01

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, May 02

8:45 AM + Larry Herickhoff

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Heart Questions***Called to be Shepherds***

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11

Adults: Whom do you shepherd in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

Kids: Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12

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

26, 28-29

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1b-7

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-11b

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22:26-28, 30, 31-32

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

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 25—1st Eucharist Weekend

After Masses Donut Sunday

12:30pm Baptism (Flanagan family): Church

Monday, April 26

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

Monday, May 3

1:00pm Bloodmobile: Brioschi Hall

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts: TBD

Tuesday, May 4

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, May 5

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Catechist Meeting: Staff Lounge

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, May 6

10:30am Funeral & lunch for Leonard Stuhl: Church, Brioschi

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

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

Friday, May 7

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 8

3:00pm Baptism (Wasmundt family): Church

Sunday, May 9—Mother's Day

No scheduled events

Stewardship of Giving*Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021*

	March	Year to Date
Sunday Giving	\$ 63,742.23	\$ 585,882.27
Budget	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>	\$ <u>591,281.24</u>
Deficit	\$ -1,955.69	\$ -5,398.97

Mortgage Reduction

Mortgage Balance (as of April 7) \$ 3,260,786.60

Year to Date

Collected Donations	\$ 207,256.65
Payment	\$ <u>222,490.86</u>
Deficit	\$ -15,234.21

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

St. Pascal's Legacy Society***Tax Efficient Legacy of Faith***

Gifts of life insurance policies to St. Pascal's can yield substantial tax savings to you while maximizing your Legacy gift. Consult with your tax adviser.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I lack.
In green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters he leads me;
he restores my soul.
He guides me along right paths

for the sake of his name.
Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me. Amen

April 25, 2021 The Good Shepherd



Today's readings: Acts 4:8–12; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18. Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd.” The image of the Good Shepherd is one that shows a love that is protective and a love that shows complete concern for the other. This love is most fully expressed when the shepherd lays down his life on the cross for the sheep.

For Jesus’ listeners, the image of a shepherd would have been familiar. The community lived closer to the land than many do today and knew what the work of shepherding entails. In addition, alive in their memory was David, the shepherd king, the ruler of their ancestors from whom the messiah was to come. Jesus’ listeners also would have known of the bad shepherds, shepherds that the prophet Ezekiel had referenced. Jesus himself contrasts the Good

Shepherd with the hired man who works for pay. The Good Shepherd watches over the sheep with love. As Psalm 23 states, the shepherd cares for his sheep, leading them to “still waters” and guiding them “along right paths.” Both Jews and Christians draw consolation from this prayer’s depiction of God as a shepherd, with a rod and staff that provide comfort.

Copy the words of Psalm 23. Which word or phrase stands out most for you? What strikes you most fully? Use pencils, pastels, or markers to illuminate your copied psalm. Choose to draw or shade impressions or work on a less abstract illustration. While you are working, ponder the great gift of the Shepherd’s protective love. Reflect on what it means to be the Lord’s sheep.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 26

Listening for His Voice

The sheep hear the Good Shepherd's voice and recognize it. When do you hear the shepherd's voice most clearly? It is difficult to hear amid the noise of the world. Take five to ten minutes for silent listening. If calming your thoughts is difficult, walking may help to quiet your mind. Another tool for contemplation is to journal by drawing or writing. The movement we engage in can help to quiet our thoughts so that we can hear God calling to us. *Today's readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3, 43:3–4; John 10:1–10.*

Tuesday, April 27

Making Sheep, Being Sheep

Mold sheep out of clay or make them from cardstock, toothpicks, and cotton balls. Each family member can make his or her own sheep. Then add them to your prayer area to help you reflect on your identity as a sheep of the Good Shepherd. How does the shepherd restore your strength? How is it that you lack nothing? Reflecting on these questions together as a family is a great way to form young children in the faith. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, April 28

New Life

As spring comes and new life spreads throughout the world, it is as though the natural world is reminding us about resurrection. Make a small hanging planter of spring flowers, and bring it to a neighbor who is homebound or someone who is lonely. Sit and visit, seeking connection. This too is a way to bring new life. You might choose to do this for several neighbors. The planting and visiting is a great way for families to build relationships with people in their community. *Today's readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6 and 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was an Italian woman who was not afraid to speak the truth, even when it was not what people wanted to hear. Read more about the life of this woman who had mystical experiences in prayer. Is God calling you to speak the truth in difficult circumstances? In St. Catherine's day, the Church was undergoing difficulties, much like today. How can we use her life and her writings to inspire us in both prayer and action? *Today's readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

Friday, April 30

Paul's Preaching

St. Paul preaches, showing Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of God to Israel. When Christians read Scripture, we too look at what happened earlier in salvation history in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Does your parish have a Scripture study you can attend? Reading the Word together in community is a way to guide our interpretations. *Today's readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

When we think about St. Joseph, we often meditate on what is called the hidden life of Jesus. These are the many days when the Holy Family was at home in Nazareth. In terms of the time spent and the love that existed, these days were not too different from time with our families. Mary and Joseph were observant of the customs of Jews of their day, and hospitality would have been important to them. Perhaps you could invite someone to your home for dinner in imitation of their practice. It would be especially good if you invite a person who might be having a difficult time or someone who is not a regular guest in your home. *Today's readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14. Proper Gospel for Joseph: Matthew 13:54–58.*

