



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.

MAY 2, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS...

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

Megan Marie Castona

Aminde Favour Kulu

Michel Moue Kulu

Quinn Connemara Larkin

Joshua Thomas McMahon

Lily Ann Napiorkowski

Ayva Lynne Podobinski

Halston Mary Schueler

Tala Abrielle Valle

Charlotte Eileen Wewers



“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 children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. We extend our prayers and best wishes to you. As we see your joy and excitement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, we are renewed in our love of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Eucharist. Through our reception of the Eucharist, we are more closely united to Christ, and Christ unites us more closely to one another in the Mystical Body of Christ (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1396). As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to love one another. As St. Paul wrote, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Archbishop Hebda will visit our parish on Sunday, May 16 to celebrate our 10:30 AM Mass. The weekend of May 15-16 is the beginning of the 75th Anniversary Year (1946-2021) of St. Pascal Baylon Parish. Looking back at our history, on May 28, 1946, Archbishop John Gregory Murray assigned Father John Vincent Ryan as the first pastor of the Church of Saint Pascal Baylon. Therefore, the year 2021 marks our 75th anniversary. As pandemic protocols allow during the year ahead, we will celebrate our parish history and parish life through worship, service and social activities

Who was St. Pascal Baylon? Saint Pascal Baylon was born in 1540 and died in 1592 in Spain. He was a peasant, a shepherd and a lay Franciscan Brother. Pope Alexander VIII canonized him in 1690. His chief loves in life were Christ in the Eucharist and Christ's poor.

Job Opening for Pastoral Associate for Liturgy at St. Pascal Baylon Church.
Part-time: 24 hours/week.

Application deadline: May 15, 2021. **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 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

First Eucharist Celebrations

Our second weekend of First Eucharist celebrations will take place with 1-4 families celebrating at each Mass. Families are encouraged to limit guests as much as possible, but this is an important celebration for the children and their families—please know that we will do our best to accommodate as many people in the worship space as possible.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Summer Schedule

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Many thanks to those of you who feel comfortable continuing this ministry. If you opted out of the previous schedule, but now feel ready to be back serving, please note that we have three stations for Holy Communion at each Mass, and need two lay ministers in addition to Father John. Please check your calendars for June, July and August, and let Joann know of your availability. She needs those dates by May 16. If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at 651.735.2762 or joann.bertini@gmail.com.

Candle Cup Cleaners Needed

Can you help clean the candle cups used during our Easter Vigil liturgy? This is a simple—but very helpful—ministry you can do in your home. Instructions are provided. Please contact Keri Mader if you can help at 651.431.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

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. You can come as often as your schedule allows. On May 10 we will discuss Tara Westover's *Educated* and on June 14 we'll share our thoughts about *Swede Hollow* by Larsmo. Contact Toni Baker toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the 2021 selections, Zoom information, etc.

Weekly Rosary

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—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.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into our community of faith...

Kinsley Therese Flanagan

child of Kathryn & Connor

...who was recently Baptized in our church.
May God bless this household of faith.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Diane Piechowski

...who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Final Sainly Service Award Update for the Year!

We are proud to announce that the entire faculty and staff at St. Pascal Regional were the winners of the April Sainly Service award. Throughout this school year, every staff member has taken to heart the message of Saint Francis of Assisi and worked towards "being the change they wish to see" at school and in the world. Principal Collier Paske wrote about the school staff saying, "I would like all of my staff to receive an award this month for being flexible and going above and beyond their job descriptions to pull off in-person learning all year during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year has been so successful because they have all been so loving, patient, and hard working. I just want them all to know how proud I am and what an honor it is to work with them all!" We are so blessed to have such a dedicated faculty and staff at St. Pascal Regional!

Thank You

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Executive Board would like to thank its members, volunteers and parishioners who supported and patronized our fundraising events this past year including Booya and Christmas Tree sales.

Even without our annual Lenten Fish Fry, the results of that support and patronage allowed the Men's Club to disburse over \$32,000 to the parish community and to St. Pascal's Regional Catholic School.

Disbursements to the parish community included \$3,500 to the St. Pascal Baylon Endowment Fund, \$13,000 for the parish to upgrade all the lighting in the school classrooms and gym and \$2,000 for other parish group requests.

Disbursements to St. Pascal's Regional Catholic School included \$10,000 for school financial aid, \$600 for school athletics and \$3,500 to help with school field trips (buses, fees and expenses) next year.

Again, Thank You for all of your support in these events.

Ramsey Family Service Center Meal Services—Volunteers Needed

Dinner volunteers (5:00-7:00 PM) on the 4th Monday of even months, 3rd Monday of odd months, 4th Monday of odd months, and the 1st Wednesday of even months.

We also need lunch volunteers (11:30 AM -1:00 PM) on the 4th Monday of odd months.

Substitutes are often needed if you can't commit to a schedule and some groups need someone to call a few days before the team is scheduled to work.

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

— FAITH FORMATION —

Faith Formation Registration for 2021-2022 is Now Open

After a year of virtual Faith Formation for grades 1-8, we are looking forward to a return to in-person Faith Formation for the 2021-2022 year. Our parish team will continue to monitor guidance from the CDC, MDH, and the Archdiocese regarding room capacities and safety protocols.

Wednesday evening Faith Formation is open to all children of St. Pascal's who attend public schools.

Registration forms are being mailed to families from this past year. Forms are also available on the parish website. Note that there are 3 forms to be completed:

- FAMILY INFORMATION FORM—
1 per family
- INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM—
1 per child enrolling
- SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PERMISSION—
1 per child enrolling

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE AUGUST 1! However, as we need to allocate appropriate space for each group, it is essential to have a clear picture of our faith formation numbers sooner rather than later. Early registration is appreciated. Note: Fees will not be collected until after August 1.

For more information, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist (for children in grade 2 and older)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Children in grade 2 and older during the 2021-2022 school year are welcome to prepare for and to celebrate First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Registration forms and information are now available on the parish website. Registrations are due by August 1. For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

"We have to learn to listen to Scripture. And we have to learn to listen to life around us."

— Joan Chittister

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

May 2, 2021

Tuesday, May 04

8:00 AM + George & Forence Rieschl

Wednesday, May 05

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, May 06

8:00 AM + Michael Kuehn

Friday, May 07

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, May 08

4:30 PM + Edward Graw

Sunday, May 09

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

Heart Questions

Strengthening Your Faith

[The vine grower] removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

—John 15:2

Adults: When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

Kids: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-28, 30-32

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

Monday:

1 Cor 15:1-8

Ps 19:2-5

Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13b, 21

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122:1-5

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21

Ps 96:1-3, 10

Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31

Ps 57:8-10, 12

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1b-3, 5

Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps 98:1-4

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

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.**

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, 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: Staff Lounge

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 & Luncheon for Leonard Stuhl

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

Monday, May 10

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Zoom

Tuesday, May 11

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

Wednesday, May 12

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Cub Scout parent meeting: Zoom

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

Thursday, May 13

No scheduled events

Friday, May 14

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 15

After Mass Women's Club flower orders pick-up: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, May 16

After Masses Women's Club flower orders pick-up: Brioschi Hall

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will? Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a will. You will be doing your family a huge service by taking the time to complete a will. Please consider naming St. Pascal's and other charitable organizations you care about as bequest beneficiaries when you complete your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 651.774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen & Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

"There is the music of Heaven in all things."

—Hildegard of Bingen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Help Us Remain

Father,
you are the vine grower, who cultivates
the true vine,
nourishing it and pruning it
and keeping it in good health.
You graft us onto the vine
on the day of our baptism,
and you sustain us.

Help us to keep the commandment to remain
in your love.

Bring about much fruit in us.

And united by the divine love we receive,
bring us more deeply into relationship with
you and one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 2, 2021
Bearing Fruit



Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8. “Remain in me as I remain in you.” These words from the Gospel relay that the same life that flows through the vine is also in the branches.

Through the sacraments we receive the gift of God's own life. The image of the branches, sustained by the life of the vine, enables us to meditate more deeply on what that life means. Nourished by grace, we bear fruit. The healthier the vine, the more fruit it will bear. Yet none of us is in isolation. Each of us is intimately close to Jesus and to one another. What happens to one affects all.

When we build up the vine, the Body of Christ, we are doing what Jesus has asked: we are remaining in his love. The key question is how to do so.

When one part of the vine is suffering, all parts suffer. When one person among us is without food or medical care or companionship, all are affected. When one person rejects participation in the life of the vine, the vine itself is lacking. When we love, we create space for the other person to grow. When we love self-sacrificially, as Jesus does, we are like the grain of wheat that dies to itself so as to bear fruit.

Meditate on the image of the vine and the branches. Consider what it means to be so closely connected to one another as a vine is to its branches. Does that change your image of your relationship with Christ and other members of the Body of Christ? Perhaps you might choose to copy the Scripture or to draw the vine. This may help you consider what it might mean for your life to bear fruit.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 3

Feast of Sts. Philip and James

Sts. Philip and James were apostles, and in their example we see what it means to follow Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus' response to Philip's statements help us come to a greater understanding of our discipleship. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and commissioned them to go out to spread the Good News. How can your life, like theirs, be a witness to the Gospel? *Today's readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.*

Tuesday, May 4

A Path of Love

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” These words of Jesus seem particularly relevant to our world, where there appear to be dangers everywhere. When decisions are based on fear rather than love, we often find ourselves led to places we do not want to go. Jesus' life was guided by love. He instructs us that this is the map for us as well. *Today's readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

Wednesday, May 5

There with Us

Consider the words of Jesus: “ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.” Does this mean that we will always get our heart's desire? In Psalm 23, we hear that, because the Lord is our shepherd, there is nothing that we lack. Do you have everything you need? Be assured, God will be there whenever a person turns to him in their trouble. How can you accompany others in their time of trouble, as Jesus accompanies us? *Today's readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

Thursday, May 6

Remain in My Love

Jesus invites us into relationship. He invites us to remain in his love, and he tells us how: keep his commandments. By doing this, he says, “your joy will be complete.” Joy is different than happiness. Joy endures while happiness is fleeting. Our joy will be complete when we choose the way of love. *Today's readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

Friday, May 7

Love One Another

How can we love as Jesus loves? Jesus tells us what we must do: lay down our lives. Do you think he means this literally? Some might be called to martyrdom, but many will not be. Jesus tells us that self-sacrifice is at the heart of what it means to love. When we turn away from selfishness and self-centeredness, even in small ways, when we act with mercy and forgiveness, we are loving as Jesus loves. *Today's readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

Saturday, May 8

Challenging the World's Values

Jesus predicts that his way of love will challenge those who place first the things the world values. Christianity is countercultural. How can you help others to make decisions based on love, not fear? Supporting women in crises pregnancies is a way for love to cast out fear. Standing up for the rights of immigrants also rejects fear because it says that the goods of creation are intended for all. We do not have to worry that there will not be enough. We do not need to be afraid of people different from us. *Today's readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*

