



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 9, 2021 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fill us with your Spirit that we might remain in you and you in us.

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



Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers! Thanks, Mom, for the gift of life. Let each of us take time this weekend to call or visit our mother if she is still living. Whether she is living in this world or the next, let us remember our mother, pray for her, and honor her today. God Bless You, Mom!

Archbishop Hebda will visit our parish on Sunday, May 16 to celebrate our 10:30 AM Mass as we begin our parish 75th Anniversary year. Our American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter will be at the Saturday, May 15, 4:30 PM Mass that weekend instead of the 10:30 AM Mass so that the video camera operator can move the camera angle for zooming in/out, panning around the sanctuary, and showing more of the liturgical action at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Congratulations to Nate Pacer, our teaching parish seminarian, who will be ordained as a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Rockford on Saturday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m. A video of the Ordination Mass can be found at: youtube.com/rockforddiocese. If you wish to send Nate a card, his address is: Nate Pacer, St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Nate will return to the seminary and our parish for his fourth (and last) year next Fall.

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 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

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.

Thank You!

St. Pascal's Friends & Family

Thank you for the \$34,667 we raised as of April 27 for our 2021 Friends & Family Facebook Fundraising Event. Because of your generosity, we surpassed our goal of raising \$30,000.00 for the installation of rain gutters and other water remediation solutions on our church building. We are scheduling the preparatory work and installation in the coming weeks.

ASL Mass Time Change

Next weekend, on May 15/16, the ASL interpreter will be at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, May 15 instead of Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 AM. *There will not be an ASL interpreter at the 10:30 AM Mass.*

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Leonard Stuhl

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

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative: Ramsey County HRA Levy - ACTION ALERT

Starting in 2022, Ramsey County will have a property tax levy for its Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to address the longstanding housing crisis that has been exacerbated due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic downturn. St. Paul residents need to act now by writing letters of support to their city council members. Not a St. Paul resident? As a parishioner of St. Pascal's, you can support this levy! Go to stpascals.org/parish-news and click HRA Levy to find more information, a letter template, and a link to find who your council member is, so you can send a letter electronically.

— 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 through 8th grade students. We invite you to take a closer look at St. Pascal Regional Catholic and contact us to learn how your child can be a part of our amazing community! Visit us at stpascalschool.org or email admissions@stpascalschool.org.

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 the St. Pascal's Regional Catholic School.

The 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.

The disbursements to the 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.

Women's Club Fund Disbursements

The Women's Club is now accepting applications for the annual disbursements of their funds. Applications are available starting Monday, May 10, from Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com or from the parish office. We will accept applications until June 1. Applications may be returned to the parish office (Attn: Women's Club) or to Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com. Disbursement requests will be considered at our June Meeting and you will be notified before July 1.

Attention, Young at Heart

As we know, May is a month especially devoted to Our Blessed Mother. We are hoping that members of Young at Heart will join us in praying the Rosary on Wednesdays at 11:15 in the church. How grateful we are that Our Blessed Mother has brought us this far, helping her Son, during these trying times. Please come and join us, whether you are "new" or a "regular". You are most welcome and we would love to have you pray the rosary with us. Any questions, please contact Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comast.net.

St. Pascal's Women's Club Spring Plant Sale—Pick Up Your Orders Next Week!

Spring plants will be available for pick up on May 15 and 16 in Brioschi Hall after all Masses. Any questions please contact Ellen Aeling at ellenaeling@gmail.com or 651.307.8241.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Faith Formation Registration for 2021-2022 is Now Open

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

Registration forms have been 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 now open!

Children in grade 2 and older during the 2021-2022 school year are welcome to prepare for and celebrate First Reconciliation and 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.

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

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

May 9, 2021

Tuesday, May 11

8:00 AM + Keith Cockriel

Wednesday, May 12

8:00 AM Women's Club

Thursday, May 13

8:00 AM + Ralph McDonough

Friday, May 14

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, May 15

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, May 16

8:45 AM + Mary Kachelmyer

10:30 AM + Generosa Limbag

Sunday:

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

Ps 98:1-4

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15

Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34

Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Ps 148:1-2, 11-14

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 16:16-20

Friday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Ps 113:1-8

Jn 15:9-17

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28

Ps 47:2-3, 8-10

Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

Heart Questions

Love for Your Neighbor

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

—John 15:12

Adults: How is love for others connected to love for God?

Kids: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can you show them his love?

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

**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 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 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

Sunday, May 16

After Masses Women's Club flower orders pick-up

Monday, May 17—Feast of St. Pascal Baylon

75th Anniversary Year Begins

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

6:30pm Prebaptism session: Founders Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 18

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

Wednesday, May 19

11:15am Rosary: Church

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

Thursday, May 20

No scheduled events

Friday, May 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 22

8:30am E&A Pentecost decorating: Church

Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday

After Masses Donut Sunday

12:30pm Baptism (Sundsmo family): Church

3:00pm Piano Recital: Church

Calix Society

Do you or a family member or friend need to learn about resources to help with concerns about addiction? Do you just need someone to talk with? Reach out to a member of Calix—an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, (and their family members and friends affected by addiction), who are maintaining their sobriety through their Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. Call 651.779.6828 or 612.383.8232 to speak with a Calix member (you need not provide your name). You can receive information on Calix, meeting times, resources and events.

"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved." — Mother Teresa

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



To Bear Fruit

Father,
you tend to the vine,
caring for it with incredible gentleness.
Each branch is beloved;
each branch is protected;
each branch is filled with your life.
Fill us with your Spirit that we might

remain in you and you in us.
Grant that we bear fruit,
bringing you to others
so that your joy might be in us
and our joy might be complete.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 9, 2021
Bearing Fruit



Today's readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17. Jesus tells his disciples, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.” Today’s Gospel continues last week’s reading about the vine grower and the true vine. As we reflect on the true vine, we might consider our responsibility to bear fruit in our lives.

Throughout Jesus’ earthly life, everything he said and did pointed to the kingdom of God. If we model our lives on him, they also will point to the kingdom. But what does it mean to “go out and bear fruit”? To bear fruit requires turning away from all that is darkness, all that is not God, so that we might participate in the light fully. In the light of God’s

love, we acknowledge our friendship with Jesus and are empowered to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

What is the sign that we have remained in Christ’s love? It is that our joy is complete. Joy is unlike worldly happiness, which can depend on external conditions. Joy endures throughout difficulty, since our hope is in Jesus.

How might we bear fruit and keep Jesus’ commandments? What does he command? Love as I love. How do we do it? We lay down our life. Jesus expresses it simply, yet it is not easy. And so he invites us. He invites us to remain in his love so that his life will be within us and we will be able to love as he does. He invites us into the relationship that gives us the ability to bear fruit.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 10

St. Damien of Molokai

St. Damien ministered to the people of Hawaii, including people who had leprosy. He eventually contracted the disease, realizing he was infected when he did not feel pain when boiling water was poured on his hand. St. Damien is a model of self-sacrifice and service to those at the margins of society. Who is at the margins of our culture? How are you called to step out of your comfort zone to serve them? *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 11

A Living Vine

Placing a living vine in your prayer area may help you reflect on the vine and the branches. Watching the growth, consider how the plant is connected, how the life within it is the same. Imagine all those in heaven and on earth, united through Jesus as part of the true vine. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 12

Paul at the Areopagus

When Paul preaches at the Areopagus, he is participating in the mission that Jesus gave him. He is preaching the Good News to all nations. He is also giving us a model. He sees the shrine to the Unknown God and realizes that the Athenians, though they did not know it, already were called into relationship with the one God, the God of Israel. We too know that God calls all people into relationship. Sometimes when we are in dialogue with people who hold beliefs different from ours or people who profess no belief at all, it is helpful to remember that God is already in relationship with them and to strive for common ground and respectful engagement. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 13

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension is a feast of joy, joy in the Father glorifying Jesus. It is also a feast of anticipation, because we hope that we too will be raised. We hope that by believing in Jesus and by living in imitation of him, we too might be citizens of heaven. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 4:1–13; Mark 16:15–20.*

Our Lady of Fatima

The optional memorial of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated today in dioceses that will observe the Ascension on Sunday. Look up instructions or a video online, and make one or more knotted rosaries. Making rosaries is also a way to interest children in this devotion to the Blessed Mother. *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 14

St. Matthias

In selecting a person to replace Judas, the community wanted to choose from among those who had been present from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan through his passion. Do you think that Matthias felt ready or worthy? Do you always feel ready for what God is calling you to do? Can Matthias' example help you to remember that God gives us what we need to respond in love to our call? *Today's readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.*

Saturday, May 15

Plant a Mary Garden

Consider planting a Mary garden. This garden can be small enough for an apartment or larger for a yard. If plenty of space is available, rose bushes, hydrangeas, and larger plants can be planted. For those with smaller spaces, a container garden or a terracotta bowl can be just as lovely a way to honor Mary. Marigolds, bachelor's buttons, petunias, and pansies are among the plants people have used to honor Mary. *Today's readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



RAMSEY COUNTY HRA LEVY

*Preserving and providing
homes for all.*



Starting in 2022, funds collected would preserve and create affordable housing for Ramsey County residents, providing a long-term resource to combat the existing housing crisis.

Ramsey County is exploring a property tax levy for its Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to address the longstanding housing crisis that has been exacerbated due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic downturn.

Our challenge

Many Ramsey County residents live in poverty and struggle to find or afford stable housing. The current market is not building or preserving enough affordable housing to meet the needs of these residents, including seniors, low-wage workers and others who make less than \$25,000 annually. This challenge is anticipated to grow, placing further strain on the housing market and county services for all households.



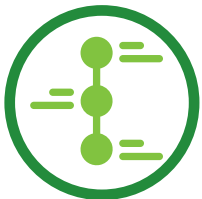
Housing and redevelopment authorities

To help solve these challenges, many local units of government levy for affordable housing through their Housing Redevelopment Authorities – public entities that specifically focus on housing and redevelopment. While Ramsey County has an HRA, it is the only county in the Twin Cities metropolitan area that does not actively levy for affordable housing.



What will the levy fund?

Funds collected through a Ramsey County HRA Levy would support the preservation of existing and creation of new affordable housing developments and build community wealth by creating pathways to homeownership. This would be done by offering gap financing and land acquisition funds as well as allocating resources to increase the competitiveness of local community housing projects in Ramsey County applying for state grants.



Timeline

Ramsey County's HRA plans to begin levying in 2022. However, communities that had active HRA levy authorities prior to 1971 are statutorily required to pass a resolution to participate in Ramsey County's levy as well. This currently applies to the cities of Saint Paul and North St. Paul.



Learn more at ramseycounty.us/HRA

Contact: Kari Collins, Community and Economic Development Director
Kari.Collins@ramseycounty.us | 651-266-8010

Additional information



RAMSEY COUNTY



65,000 households
in Ramsey County pay
more than 30%
of their income on housing.

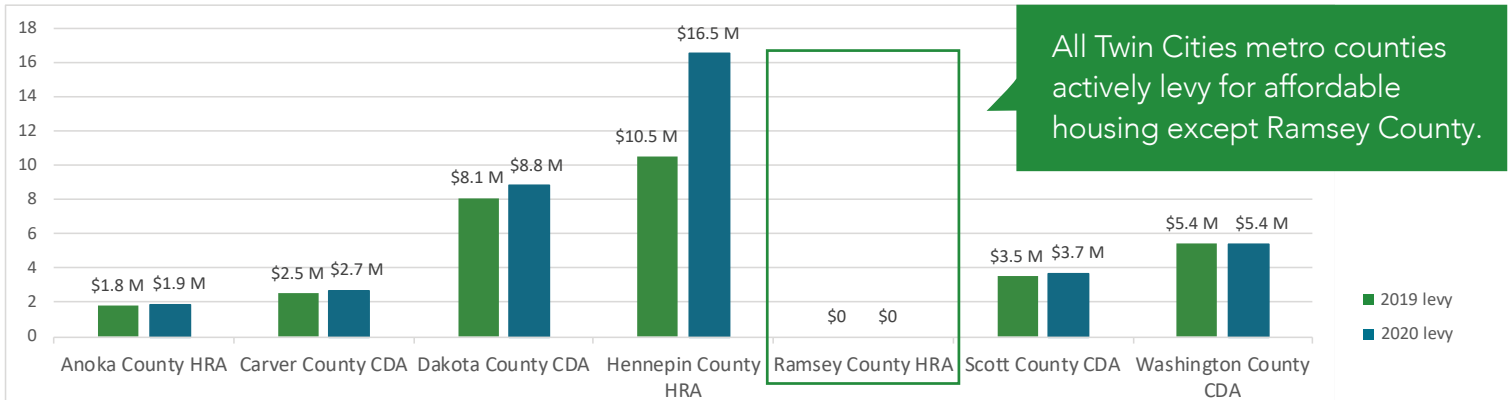
There are 209,000 households in Ramsey County.*

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019.

An HRA levy in Ramsey County
**could raise up to
\$11.6 million a year**
to fund affordable housing.



HRA Levies by Metro County (2019 and 2020)



**There is currently a shortage of
15,000+ homes** that are affordable
for Ramsey County households making
between \$30,000-\$50,000 per year and
50,000+ homes that are affordable
for households making less than
\$30,000 per year.



New construction would take
20-50 years
to meet the current need, and
would still require subsidies.

The proposed HRA Levy
would increase annual taxes on a
median value residential property
by about \$45.

“ **THE COST OF INACTION IS TOO GREAT.**

If we wish to chart a path toward recovery and create a more resilient future,
then we must ensure our commitment to our most vulnerable residents.

When our most vulnerable residents thrive, we all thrive. ”

– Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan participant



Learn more: ramseycounty.us/HRA

Dear Council Member _____:

My name is _____ I'm a constituent and write also as a member of St. Pascal Baylon Parish which is part of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, a nonprofit developer of deeply affordable housing that advocates for greater public investment in housing, specifically for those with the lowest incomes and most barriers.

It has come to our attention that the city is considering a resolution regarding Ramsey County's proposed HRA levy, and I'm writing to encourage you to support that resolution. In order for the levy to achieve maximum impact, St. Paul should swiftly confirm its approval.

As you know, we have a crisis of homelessness and a lack of affordable housing that precedes the pandemic and is only getting worse.

Ramsey County found that we are short 15,000 units just to meet the immediate need county-wide. As you're also aware, the legacy and presence of systemic racism means that this issue disproportionately impacts BIPOC community members; we believe that housing justice and racial justice are inextricably linked and that this moment calls all of us to act boldly and persistently on both fronts.

While we understand concern about raising taxes, we also believe that a small property tax that will primarily impact people with wealth and housing stability is a decent, humane and necessary tool to address our current crisis. Certainly, we must use all the tools at our disposal.

Thanks very much for your consideration,

Name _____

Address _____

Please mail your completed letter to the address below by **Wednesday, May 19.**

City Clerk's Office
15 Kellogg Boulevard West, 310 City Hall
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Completed letters also may be left at the parish office no later than Monday, May 17.