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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.

MAY 16, 2021 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We welcome Archbishop Hebda this weekend to celebrate our 10:30 AM Mass. This weekend is the beginning of the 75th Anniversary Year (1946-2021) of our parish. On May 28, 1946, Archbishop John Gregory Murray assigned Father John Vincent Ryan as the first pastor of the Church of Saint Pascal Baylon. In addition, the feast day of St. Pascal Baylon (1540-1592) is May 17. In the year ahead, we will celebrate our parish history and parish life through worship, service and social activities.

St. Pascal's Parish Endowment Fund provided \$9,000+ towards our Friends and Family Fundraiser. We raised \$34,667 for our 2021 Friends and Family Event to install rain gutters on our church, to clean the discoloration on our parish building, and to reduce future damage to our beautiful worship space. Of that, more than \$9,000 came from the annual interest earned from our St. Pascal Parish Endowment Fund at the Catholic Community Foundation (ccf-mn.org). Financial gifts invested with an endowment fund like the one St. Pascal Baylon Parish has set up at Catholic Community Foundation provide annual grants to our parish. Each new gift to the endowment adds greater financial support and security for our long-term mission. We ask our parishioners to remember St. Pascal Baylon Parish in your wills or other planned giving and to consider a bequest to the St. Pascal's Endowment Fund. If you have questions or want to learn more information, please contact Theresa Ruttger at the parish office (651.774.1585) or talk to a member of the St. Pascal Legacy Committee: Ellen & Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, Brigid O'Malley.

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 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, phone: 612.294.6622. Here is an update on our progress towards our Parish goal as of May 7, 2021:

St. Pascal Parish Goal:	\$ 41,935.00
Total Pledged:	\$ 20,083.75
% of Goal Pledged:	48%
Total Received:	\$16,479.88
% of Goal Received:	39%

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

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

Spring plants will be available for pick up on May 15 and 16 in Brioschi Hall after all Masses. When possible, please pick up your orders before the 10:30 AM Mass—although you may pick your order afterwards as well. Any questions please contact Ellen Aeling at ellenoaeling@gmail.com or 651.307.8241.

Celebration of Confirmation

Sunday, May 23

Over the last several months, two women from St. Pascal's have been participating in RCIA sessions as they prepare to complete their sacraments of initiation. Both will be confirmed on Sunday, May 23. Mary Kay O'Brien will be confirmed during the 8:45 AM Mass, and Chrissy Borgstrom will be confirmed during the 10:30 AM Mass. Please hold them in prayer as they celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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 jreisdorf00@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 jreisdorf00@msn.com. Disbursement requests will be considered at our June Meeting and you will be notified before July 1.

Young at Heart: May Rosary

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—you are most welcome and we would love to have you pray the rosary with us.

"The big and hidden secret is this: an infinite God seeks and desires intimacy with the human soul."

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Richard Cole

Rudolph Aguilar

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

— Baptized in Christ —

We welcome into our community of faith

Joshua James Haugen

child of Joshua and Cassandra

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

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

We have almost made it to the end of this challenging, but blessed school year! We want to thank all of our teachers and staff for all of their hard work and dedication to our students. We want to thank our families for all of the support and prayers. And, finally, we want to thank all of our community supporters and donors. With their generous support we were able to raise money through the Give MN SpringForward campaign to help off-set tuition costs for some of our families. The Catholic School Center of Excellence was also able to reach their goal of \$500,000 at their Bash last weekend and this money will go a long way to help St. Pascal Regional as well as the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese continue to educate the hearts and minds of all students. God is doing great things with Catholic education in the Twin Cities and we are so blessed to benefit from it all!

If you are interested in joining our community, please visit stpascalschool.org to apply today!

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

— Joan Chittister

Wednesday Evening Faith Formation Registration for 2021-2022 Now Open

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 1st! 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. Fees will not be collected until after August 1.

First Reconciliation and 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 1st. For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon—Thursday, May 27 at 11:00 AM

Attention, Young at Heart...Men and Women 55-plus

With the help of many, we are planning to bloom again with our Young at Heart meetings! Join us at St. Pascal's at 11:00 AM to celebrate the Eucharist with Father John. Following a short meeting, we will enjoy a baked chicken dinner catered by Tinucci's Restaurant! Because we will be celebrating "a grand re-union", we are asking for only a small \$5.00 donation to help defray the cost of the meal. Then, adding to our enjoyment, we will be blessed to enjoy the musical talent of our Father John who will entertain us. You must make a reservation by **Monday, May 24**. Following the current Covid-19 safety protocols, we may need to limit attendance, so respond early! Contact Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net, or call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

— 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.

Registrations are still being accepted! 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: We are currently in need of a volunteer to lead games. If you are available and interested, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

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 16, 2021

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 AM + Caleb Herrera Shanley

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Thursday, May 20

8:00 AM The people of the parish

11:00 AM + Florence Rieschl

Friday, May 21

8:00 AM + Steven Flottmeyer

Saturday, May 22

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost Sunday

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Heart Questions

The Ascension

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Eph 1:17

Adults: Who do you know who has passed away yet whose spirit is still alive and making an impact on others?

Kids: Who do you know in heaven? How might they still be helping us?

Sunday:

The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8

Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27

Ps 68:10-11, 20-21

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38

Ps 68: 29-30, 33-36b

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21

Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Ps 11:4, 5, 7

Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

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 16

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

10:30am 75th Anniversary Kick-off Mass

Monday, May 17—Feast of St. Pascal Baylon

6:30pm Prebaptism session: Founders Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 18

Parish office closed from 9:30 am-2:00pm

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

Monday, May 24

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 25

10:00am E&A Summer decorating: Church

11:00am E&A crew lunch: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Faith and Racial Equity: Zoom

Wednesday, May 26

11:15am Rosary: Church

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

Thursday, May 27

11:00 Young at Heart Mass & Lunch: Church, Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, May 28

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 29

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 30

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

**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

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.

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Make Us a Gift

Loving Father,
you sent your Son into the world
that we might see you by seeing him.
He offered his life as a gift
for the life of the world.
On the third day, you raised him to life,
a life so powerful it could never again die.
Grant us the grace to offer our lives
as a gift for the life of the world,
so that, dying with Jesus, we might
rise with him.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, May 16, 2021
We Hope to Follow



Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 4:1–13; Mark 16:15–20. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared again and again over a forty-day period. He explained the Scriptures to his disciples, they touched him, and they shared meals together. Often it took them time to recognize him.

On the fortieth day, Jesus commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all creatures and to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes it seems that these first witnesses were the lucky ones. They saw Jesus, heard his voice and teachings, and perhaps even touched his wounds. Having seen, how could they have done anything but believe? And yet until the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, they were afraid. They had seen what had happened to him, and even though he had

risen, they could not have been eager to face persecution themselves. But even though Jesus was gone, he had not abandoned them.

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, that we too will be taken up to Jesus because we belong to him. We hope that by believing in Jesus and by living in imitation of him, we too might be citizens of heaven, raised up by the Father.

Our lives become gifts to God when we die to ourselves and unite ourselves to Jesus. May our prayer be one of offering our whole lives to the Father so that dying with the Lord, we might rise with him. Where he has gone, we hope to follow.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 17

Transformed by the Spirit

In the reading from Acts, the men begin to speak in tongues after Paul lays hands on them. Our lives should also look markedly different because the Holy Spirit is within us. Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life? When making big decisions, do you rely on the guidance of the Spirit? How can you invite God to be part of your process of discerning your best way forward? *Today's readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 18

Bearing Witness

As Paul looks at the possibility of his future martyrdom, his words echo the words of Jesus before the passion. Both focused on the people they served, the people who were their mission. Jesus, sent by God, and Paul, sent by the risen Christ, both call all people into the light so that the plan of God might be fulfilled. God is always sending us too. How are you called to “bear witness to the gospel of God’s grace”? *Today's readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.*

Wednesday, May 19

Spring and New Life

As spring progresses in the northern hemisphere, the natural world abounds with beauty. Take some time to walk in nature and experience the beauty of God’s creation. Is this a time when it is easy for you to experience God’s presence? How can you take more time for listening in this way? Care of creation is one of our duties as human beings, to whom God entrusted the natural world. Is there something simple you can do to care for God’s creation today? *Today's readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, May 20

Peacemakers

The reading from Acts portrays an event in which religious people react to Paul’s actions out of their conviction. So stirred up are the factions that they have a difficult time responding peacefully. Sometimes people who love the Church can be like this. Strong emotions arise when people become defensive, when it seems like their ways of being in relationship with God are challenged. Yet we are called to be peacemakers, even as we are called to speak the truth and give prophetic witness. Christ’s peace is received in the Eucharist. How can you live out this call to make peace within the Church? *Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, May 21

Our Lives as a Gift

The number of times Peter declares his love for Jesus corresponds to his three denials of the Lord before the crucifixion. With these affirmations, Jesus tells Peter to “feed my sheep.” No matter what we have done in the past, God is waiting to redeem it. Everyone’s life can be offered as a gift to God, the giver of life. *Today's readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, May 22

Preparing for Pentecost

Consider planning a celebration for Pentecost. Gather party supplies in red, the liturgical color of the day. The celebration could be a birthday party, since Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. Decorate with doves or tongues of fire. Prayer cards could highlight the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fear of the Lord, piety, and fortitude. *Today's readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*

