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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.

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**MAY 23, 2021 | PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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**WE WELCOME INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH:**

*Mary Kay O'Brien and Chrissy Borgstrom*

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**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 Pentecost and Happy Birthday!** People sometimes refer to the Feast of Pentecost as the “birthday of the Church” because Jesus promised his Apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit to them, and these words were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. On that day, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit which “appeared to them as tongues of fire which parted and came to rest on each one of them” (Acts 2:3). Then Peter preached his first sermon to the large crowd of Jews gathered from various countries staying in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Passover, and “those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day” (Acts 2:41). A birthday is a time to celebrate the beginning of life, to give thanks for the gift of each day and to look forward with hope to future days. We are reminded by Paul that “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit” (1 Cor 12:4-7). Let us give thanks for the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit gave to us at our Baptism, and which were strengthened on the day of our Confirmation. Let us use those spiritual gifts for the benefit of all our brothers and sisters in the mystical Body of Christ.

**Last weekend, Archbishop Hebda told all of us at 10:30 AM Mass that he enjoyed his visit** to celebrate the beginning of our parish’s 75th Anniversary Year. The Archbishop Hebda congratulated our parish for all the good work, liturgy and ministry we have done and are doing here at St. Pascal Baylon. People at 10:30 AM Mass last weekend also enjoyed a cookie on the way out of Mass as they chatted with each other and the Archbishop outside on the sidewalk area. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful day. You can watch the video of the 10:30 AM Mass with the Archbishop on our parish YouTube channel under category, “Sunday Masses”, or find a convenient link on the home page of the parish website.

**Congratulations to Mary Kay O’Brien (8:45 AM) and Chrissy Borgstrom (10:30 AM)** who will be confirmed this weekend at Sunday Mass. Mary Kay and Chrissy participated in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program this year.

**The following thank you** comes from Sister Lynore Girmscheid, SSND, the Coordinator of the Retirement Fund for Religious in our Archdiocese. “Dear Members of St. Pascal Baylon Parish: Since 1987, Archdiocesan parishes have supported the needs of retired Women Religious, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests through generous contributions to the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal. On their behalf, I thank you for your 2020-21 parish contribution of \$ 2,235.00 which will enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs and retirement planning. With sincere gratitude, Sister Lynore Girmscheid.”

**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.

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for June 2021: *The Beauty of Marriage.*** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

## Donation Closet Update

We are not currently taking donations for Merrick, Listening House, Brittany’s Place, or Joseph’s Coat as the parish team and SJCC consider how this ministry functions post-COVID. It is not going away—just on a pause! For the time being we encourage you to drop off items at those individual locations. Please watch the parish website, bulletin, and Pulse for information about collections taking place later this summer. Dates when Progressive Baptist is accepting clothing will also be communicated.

**NOTE: *Calendars, greeting cards, religious medals, and rosaries will no longer be accepted in the Donation Closet, effective May 14, 2021.***

## Clothing Donations

### ***Progressive Baptist Church***

Progressive Baptist Church at 1505 Burns Avenue will be accepting donations of new and gently used clean spring and summer clothing on Friday, May 28, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Clothing for men, women and children accepted. The clothing will then be distributed to unsheltered people living in tents and guests of Freedom House located on East Seventh Street. Please do not leave any clothing at St. Pascals. Direct questions to Ann Karner 651.330.0024.

### **Young at Heart—May Rosary**

May is a month especially devoted to Our Blessed Mother. How grateful we are that Our Blessed Mother has brought us this far, helping her Son, during these trying times. Young at Heart—please come and join us, whether you are “new” or a “regular”. We would love to have you pray the rosary with us. All are welcome!

### **Deliver a Meal & a Smile to an Elder!**

MOW helps to keep elders independent in their own homes! Drive for 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. MOW routes are available on the Eastside, South Maplewood and Woodbury. Drivers are NEEDED—one person can do it but it works best with a driver and navigator/runner.

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 works with your schedule and finds the subs when you travel, are sick, or have other obligations.

Contact Larissa Little at 651.287.2092 or [llittle@merrickcs.org](mailto: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 —

**Spring NWEA MAP Testing Update**

We have said it many times, but we have been truly blessed and are extremely proud that we have been able to teach and learn in person throughout this whole school year. This blessing was clearly documented during our recent NWEA MAP Growth testing. NWEA MAP Growth testing helps schools and teachers know what each individual student has learned during the school year as well as what they are ready to learn next. This is a way for schools to monitor the progress of a grade level and the entire school. We are proud to announce that 71% of our students are above the 50th percentile in both reading and math. This is up from fall testing where 51% of students scored above the 50th percentile in math and 60% of students scored above the 50th percentile in reading. Also, 78% of our students met or exceeded their projected growth for math, and 68% of our students met or exceeded their projected growth for reading. We couldn't be prouder for our teachers' hard work and how well students learned this year!

*"God for us, God alongside us, God within us."*

— Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*

**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 bjhsenel@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](http://www.stpascals.org). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org)

**Mass Announcements**

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday  
[keri.mader@stpascals.org](mailto:keri.mader@stpascals.org)

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## Mass Times & Intentions

## Readings

May 23, 2021

### Tuesday, May 25

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Wednesday, May 26

8:00 AM + Larry Herrickhoff

### Thursday, May 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

11:00 AM + Florence Reischl

### Friday, May 28

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Saturday, May 29

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

### Sunday, May 30

8:45 AM + Jim Brown

10:30 AM The people of the parish

## Heart Questions

### Descent of the Holy Spirit

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.*

—Acts 2:4

**Adults:** When have you felt filled with the Spirit and emboldened to act with courage?

**Kids:** When have you felt strength from outside of yourself to do what was right?

### Pentecost Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

### Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 87:1-3 and 5-7  
Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12  
Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23  
Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday:

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17  
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13  
Mk 10:32-45

### Thursday:

Sir 42:15-25  
Ps 33:2-9  
Mk 10:46-52

### Friday:

Sir 44:1, 9-13  
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Mk 11:11-26

### Saturday:

Sir 51:12cd-20  
Ps 19:8-11  
Mk 11:27-33

### Next Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

## Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

	April	Year to Date
Sunday Giving	\$ 66,448.59	\$ 652,327.86
Budget	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>	\$ <u>659,976.16</u>
Deficit	\$ 750.67	\$ -7,648.30

## Mortgage Reduction

Mortgage Balance (as of April 30)	\$ 3,244,786.60
Mortgage Reserve Balance (as of April 30)	\$ 217,017.32

### Year to Date

Collected Donations	\$ 245,315.05
Payment	\$ <u>259,898.40*</u>
Deficit	\$ -14,583.35

\*includes principal payments totaling \$17,000 \$

**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 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](http://www.stpascals.org) for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

### 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

### Monday, May 31—Memorial Day

Parish office closed

### Tuesday, June 1

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

### Wednesday, June 2

11:15am Rosary: Church  
7:30pm Men's Club Softball: Brioschi Hall

### Thursday, June 3

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

### Friday, June 4

No scheduled event

### Saturday, June 5—We Care Campaign

No scheduled event

### Sunday, June 6—We Care Campaign

No scheduled event

## 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](http://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.

*"Where am I? Where am I in relation to God, to myself, and to others? These are the basic questions of human life."*

—Thomas Keating, *The Human Condition: Contemplation and Transformation*

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## Send Us Your Spirit

O God,  
throughout the ages you are mighty,  
and when your Spirit came upon  
the apostles,  
they ceased to be afraid.  
Out they went, into the world, filled  
with your love.  
Send us your Spirit,  
renew the earth,

make all fear cease.  
The world hungers for wisdom  
and knowledge,  
for understanding,  
for fear of the Lord, for counsel,  
for piety, for fortitude.  
Send these gifts in abundance,  
that we might do your work in the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 23, 2021

## The Mighty Acts of God



*Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Galatians 5:16–25; Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19–23 or John 15:26–27; 16:12–15.* Imagine yourself gathered in the locked upper room with your friends, all who share your fear. And then in an instant, a driving wind comes through the room and tongues of fire descend on each one of you. Suddenly, you are no longer afraid. Leaving the room, you speak of the mighty acts of God, and all who hear you understand the language you speak.

Today's reading from Acts depicts the change that comes over the apostles when the Holy Spirit entered their lives. They now have what they need to preach the Gospel to all nations, as Jesus had commanded them.

Each one of us received the gifts of the Spirit in our baptism and later, in their fullness, when confirmed. Throughout our lives, we are able to ask the Spirit to strengthen these gifts in us, so that we might have what we need to do the work God has called us to in the world. Take some time to consider how you see people use the gifts of the Spirit: fortitude, knowledge, counsel, understanding, wisdom, piety, and fear of the Lord. The lives of the saints may be looked to for an embodiment of these gifts, but saints also dwell around you.

For Pentecost, pray to the Holy Spirit for a strengthening of your gifts. Celebrate, too, this solemnity of the Church. The event in the upper room affected the whole world for all time.





## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Monday, May 24

#### Experience Pentecost

Read Acts 2:1–11 aloud, either to yourself or with your family. What do you notice in the Scripture? Which words or phrases stand out for you? What emotions would the disciples feel? Meditate by writing about or drawing the events of Pentecost. If you have children, act out the reading as a family activity. Consider using special effects, such as fans for the “driving wind.”

### Tuesday, May 25

#### Piety and Fear of the Lord

Reflect on the Spirit’s gifts of piety and fear of the Lord. Piety involves respect for what is holy, but also delight. What would it mean to delight in God? Fear of the Lord is harder to grasp. This gift allows us to regard God with reverence because of his place in our lives. Practice these gifts by seeking to spend the day in a spirit of humility.

### Wednesday, May 26

#### Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding

The gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding may seem to be similar gifts, but they are not identical. Wisdom helps us to see rightly with our hearts. Wisdom also helps us to see ourselves and others accurately, recognizing our limitations and our dependence on God. Knowledge is knowledge of God. Understanding is about perspective. Choose a saint to read about and consider how that person used these gifts. Read Matthew 22:37–39. Do you think this passage tells us what it might mean to have these gifts?

### Thursday, May 27

#### Counsel and Fortitude

Counsel helps us to judge things rightly and to discern, while fortitude helps us to do what is right even when it is difficult. We can all think of times when we have needed these gifts. Sometimes it can be so hard to know what the right thing is. Practice becoming quiet and sitting in a posture of listening. As you consider a problem or decision, invite God into it. Then envision all the possibilities. Where do you feel the most peace and consolation? This is counsel. As for fortitude, even St. Paul had trouble following through with what he knew to be right sometimes, doing instead, he tells us, “what I hate.” Virtue is a habit of acting rightly. Research the virtues and see which ones you might practice to help you build strength in your spiritual life so that you might be more capable of accepting the gift of fortitude.

### Friday, May 28

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

Copy the prayer, “Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Hang the prayer in your home throughout Ordinary Time, and allow it to remind you of the Spirit’s presence in your life and the nudgings from God in your heart.

### Saturday, May 29

#### Celebrating Ordinary Time

Ready yourself and your home for Ordinary Time by changing your prayer area to green. Throughout this season, we are able to contemplate the mysteries we have celebrated as we are invited into deeper engagement with the entire life of Jesus. Ordinary Time is so named because we count the weeks, using ordinal numbers (first, second, third). In the secular world, we are entering summer, when many people’s lives settle into a calmer routine. During this season, take time to be present in the moment, whether in prayer, with your family, or during the course of your day.

