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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.

JUNE 20, 2021 | TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

The Minnesota Catholic Bishops have announced that the Sunday Mass obligation will return the weekend of July 3-4. See the Statement from the Minnesota Catholic Bishops that is inserted in the bulletin this weekend. For more information, please refer to the online resource at backtomassmn.org. Although the general dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will no longer be available starting July 3-4, there are circumstances that can excuse a person from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, such as:

1. You have reason to believe your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (for example, you have underlying health conditions or are in a high-risk category).
2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms or you are sick.
3. You care for the sick, home bound or infirm.
4. You are pregnant or you are 65 years of age or older (per the Center for Disease Control's recommendation for high-risk individuals). "The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age. This is why the CDC recommends that adults 65 years and older are one of the first groups to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step to help prevent getting sick from COVID-19." (COVID-19 Guidance for Older Adults, www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19-guidance.html.)
5. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (for example, no Mass is offered, or the person driving you to church did not show up).
6. You have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

The faithful who do not attend Mass in person are asked to find a Mass on television, radio or online. Where that is not an option, a person could pray the Liturgy of the Hours, read and meditate on the Sunday Gospel reading, or pray the Rosary.

During Monday-Thursday, June 21-24, I will be attending the Presbyteral Assembly in Winona, MN and there will be no weekday Mass here on June 22-24. The Presbyteral Assembly is the gathering every other year for all the priests of the Archdiocese along with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens. We discuss various topics of ministry, priesthood and spirituality. We have time together for prayer and social time to build up our fraternal spirit.

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

Attention, Young at Heart, 55 and Over!

As we said at our May meeting, (attended by 55 of you—thank you!) we are not meeting in June. On July 22, we will celebrate the Eucharist with Father John, have a delicious meatloaf lunch and be entertained by the Ross McLeod Show which we have enjoyed in the past. We will observe all the protocols to keep us healthy and happy. Please put this next Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon on your calendars—whether you are new or a long-time member, you are welcome! Any questions, call Betty Hensel 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net.

Don't forget to mark your calendar... Bingo Night for our Parish on the evening of July 23. Parishioners are invited to come to a fun, family-friendly social event in Brioschi Hall. This event is sponsored by The St Pascal's Women's Club. Stay tuned for more information.

Save Your Books!

The Women's Club will be having a book, puzzle and media sale in August. Please save your books and puzzles (for adults, youth and children) used during Covid-19. We will also take CDs and DVDs. *We will not accept VHS tapes or vinyl records.* The Women's Club will begin collecting them in August. Watch the bulletin and *Pascal's Pulse* for more details. For more information, please contact Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

Volunteer This Summer

Deliver a Meal and a Smile to an Elder!

Merrick Community Services, 1669 Arcade Street N – Ste 4, St. Paul (Gustavus Adolphus Church building)

Would you consider driving Meals on Wheels (MOW) a day or two a month? You can help keep elders independent in their own homes. Merrick Community Services has routes 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. Delivery usually takes less than an hour. We accommodate your schedule for your convenience, but you must provide your own car. Contact Larissa Little at Merrick Community Services at 651.287.2092 or llittle@merrickcs.org if you can help with this important work. It's a great way to visit with a friend or grandchild!

Hospitality Weekend

Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27

Be sure to join us in Brioschi Hall for coffee, donuts and juice after both Masses on Sunday—sit down and visit a while or take yours to go. For the Saturday night crowd, we will have pretzels to go to show our appreciation and esteem!

"Western civilization has failed to learn how to carry the shadow side. We did not teach our people how to carry the paschal mystery—with its suffering, death, and resurrection—within ourselves, and it is now coming back to haunt us. Christians have little ability to carry the shadow side of themselves, of the church, of history, or of reality itself. It is much easier to see things as all-good or all-bad, rather than both crucified and resurrected at the same time, as Christ is."

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Congratulations Eighth Grade Graduates!

On the evening of June 8, 2021, we celebrated the graduation of our 8th grade class with a Mass, ceremony, and reception. We are so very proud of each of our graduates and all that they have accomplished throughout their school careers at St. Pascal Regional. At school, they were given the opportunities to achieve their academic goals, to develop a relationship with Christ, and to become leaders in our community. Each and everyone of them has done that and more! Now is the time for them to shine their light on the world! Blessings and prayers for their bright futures!

"Our role in life is to bring the light of our own souls to the dim places around us."

— Joan Chittister

— ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD —

If you do one thing this fall, join a Synod small group at St. Pascal's!

Why should I participate in a Synod small group?

In his August 13, 2020 article for *The Catholic Spirit*, Archbishop Hebda unpacked each of the focus areas with hard-hitting questions such as:

1. What can we do to make parishes more welcoming and accessible?
2. How can we offer meaningful life-long formation for discipleship?
3. How can we better assist parents in forming children as disciples who know and love Jesus and his Church?

See archspm.org/synod to read Archbishop Hebda's August 13 2020 article in *The Catholic Spirit* for more details.

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 Summer Hours

Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
and by appointment.

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
john.mitchell@stpascals.org

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FAITH FORMATION: SUMMER 2021 AND BEYOND

Rocky Railway VBS Begins June 21!

This is the week! Children, youth and adults are gathering for VBS each morning this week for "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!" Through stories, games, songs, and activities they will be reminded of Jesus' power in our lives. Please pray for all involved in VBS.

Daily Themes, Scripture Stories, and Saints for VBS

Monday: *Jesus' Power Helps Us Do Hard Things*

Ananias helps Saul--Acts 9: 1-19
St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Tuesday: *Jesus' Power Gives Us Hope*

Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck--Acts 27
St. Jude

Wednesday: *Jesus' Power Helps Us Be Bold*

Peter and John teach about Jesus--Acts 3:1-4:31
St. José Sanchez del Rio

Thursday: *Jesus' Power Lets Us Live Forever*

Jesus dies and rises to new life--Matthew 26:17-28:10
St. Mary

Friday: *Jesus' Power Helps Us Be Good Friends*

The Church is united--Acts 2: 42-47; 4:32-35
Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

June 20, 2021

Tuesday, June 22

No Mass

Wednesday, June 23

No Mass

Thursday, June 24

No Mass

Friday, June 25

8:00 AM + Florence Rieschl

Saturday, June 26

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, June 27

8:45 AM + Bill Olsen

10:30 AM + Caleb Herrera Shanley

Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11

Ps 107:23-26, 28-31

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9

Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22

Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Gn 13:2, 5-18

Ps 15:2-4b, 5

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18

Ps 105:1-4, 6-9

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

Nativity of John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6

Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday:

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22

Ps 128:1-5

Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15

(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55

Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43

Heart Questions

Gift of Peace

Jesus said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Mark 4:39-40

Adults: When has the Lord calmed the stormy seas of your life?

Kids: What fear would you like the Lord to help you overcome?

Stewardship of Giving

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

	May	Year to Date
Sunday Giving	\$ 63,238.67	\$ 715,566.53
Budget	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>	\$ <u>722,677.08</u>
Deficit	\$ -2,459.25	\$ -7,110.55

Mortgage Reduction

Mortgage Balance (as of May 31)	\$ 3,215,960.78
Mortgage Reserve Balance (as of May 31)	\$ 208,791.96

Year to Date

Collected Donations	\$ 278,000.96
Payment	\$ <u>286,841.75*</u>
Deficit	\$ -8,840.79

*includes principal payments totaling \$17,500

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

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, June 20—Father's Day

No scheduled events

Monday, June 21

9:00am Vacation Bible School: Campus

Tuesday, June 22

NO MASS

9:00am Vacation Bible School: Campus

Wednesday, June 23

NO MASS

9:00am Vacation Bible School: Campus

11:15am Rosary: Church

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

Thursday, June 24

NO MASS

9:00am Vacation Bible School: Campus

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, June 25

9:00am Vacation Bible School: Campus

Saturday, June 26

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 27

After Masses—Hospitality Sunday

Monday, June 28

1:00pm Bloodmobile: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm AFF Committee meeting: Zoom

Tuesday, June 29

No scheduled events

Wednesday, June 30

11:15am Rosary: Church

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

Thursday, July 1

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

Friday, July 2

No scheduled events

Saturday, July 3

No scheduled events

Sunday, July 4—Independence Day

Have a fun and safe holiday!

No scheduled events

Monday, July 5

Parish office closed

Calix Society

Do you, 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 The Calix Society—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 just talk to friendly, understanding individual or receive information on Calix, meeting times, resources and events.



Returning to Mass: July 1 Marks End of Dispensation in Minnesota

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a painful time of separation that necessitated, for a short while, suspension of public Masses and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Nonetheless, since May 2020, Minnesota's bishops have made available the public celebration of Mass to those who wished to attend. Parishes have done an amazing job creating safe spaces for worship and the sacraments during the past year.

Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are lifted, it is time to gather as the Body of Christ once again. Therefore, the bishops and diocesan administrators of the Minnesota Catholic Conference have decided to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning the weekend of July 3-4, 2021.

Why is attending Mass in-person so important?

St. John Chrysostom reminds us, "You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests" (CCC 2179).

Attending the in-person celebration of Sunday Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist are vital to our lives as Catholic Christians. We were created for Communion. Whether you are returning to your home parish, or seeking a local parish on vacation, your participation in the Mass unites you with the Church — the Body of Christ. This communion transforms us as persons and enables us to make manifest the Kingdom of God in our world. The celebration of the Eucharist truly is the source and summit of our faith.

Pope Francis, in his homily on the Feast of Corpus Christi in 2018, said, "Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven."

Does this mean there will no longer be any dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligations?

Although the general dispensation will no longer be available, the Church has always recognized that certain circumstances can excuse a person from the requirement to observe the obligation. Persons are excused from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days under the following circumstances:

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1. You have reason to believe your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category).
2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID-19 or influenza).
4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
5. You are pregnant or you are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation for high-risk individuals).
6. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered; you are infirm; or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control, such as your ride did not show up).
7. You have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

If situations 1 through 3 apply to you, prudent concern for your neighbor should lead you to stay home. If you fall within situations 4-7, please exercise good judgment, consider the common good, and know you would not be held to the obligation of attending Mass. For further questions about the application of any of these situations, please contact your pastor. These categories will be reviewed in due course and revised as needed.

Those within the categories enumerated above must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection; an excellent way to do this is by praying the Liturgy of the Hours and participating in a broadcast/livestream of the Sunday Mass.

More information, answers to frequently asked questions, and a portal to each diocese's protocols can be found at the website backtomassmn.org.

The return of our faith family to Mass is a joyous occasion. With that in mind, we also encourage the faithful to post on social media about their return-to-Mass worship experiences using the hashtag #backtomassmn. Wherever you may be, welcome home!

Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Most Rev. John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona-Rochester

Most Rev. Donald J. Kettler, Bishop of St. Cloud

Most Rev. Daniel J. Felton, Bishop of Duluth

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator of Crookston

Very Rev. Douglas L. Grams, Diocesan Administrator of New Ulm