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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.

OCTOBER 17, 2021 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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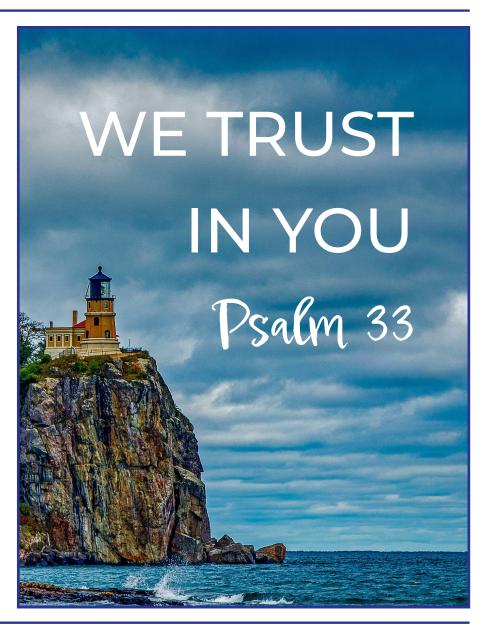
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

How do you feel when others get ahead of you? There is a prayer method created by St. Ignatius of Loyola called Ignatian Contemplation where a person imaginatively places themselves in a particular Gospel passage and engages in the sights, sounds, smells, emotions and energy of the Scripture passage. When I imaginatively place myself in the Gospel reading this weekend from Mark 10:35-45, I am sitting within ten feet of Jesus along with the other ten Apostles when James and John say to Jesus, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you". I feel myself getting irritated with James and John. Why? I feel like James and John are getting ahead of me. It is a similar feeling I had as a child whenever my older brother or older sister asked our parents for something that I had not thought to ask for myself, and I felt I was going to miss out on something good. Thus, when I read in this Gospel passage how the other ten Apostles became indignant (feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment), I find myself feeling that same way. How wise it was of Jesus to use this situation as a teaching moment about service and humility. The Christian disciple is called to put other people first and to serve with humility because Jesus did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Each year the Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. The papal encyclical Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. (respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary)

You are invited to my 25th Priesthood Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 24 in Brioschi Hall after the 8:45 and 10:30 AM Masses. We will have coffee and donuts after the 8:45 AM Mass. After the 10:30 AM Mass, we will have food and beverages and an Open House from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. All are welcome!

You are invited to a parish meeting on Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 PM in Brioschi Hall to discuss options for Father John Ryan Field. From our 2002 parish building project, we currently owe \$3,166,168.61 on our mortgage. At our current pace of mortgage payments, it will take approximately 16 more years to retire our mortgage. An option to consider is reducing our mortgage by selling the 2.25 acres of property owned by our parish across White Bear Avenue from our church and making an advance payment on our mortgage. This property is known as Father John Ryan Field. It has served as a ballfield, school playground, Christmas tree lot, a location for dumping excess winter snow from our parking lots and sidewalks, and it is currently the location of a small garage for our Men's Club to store various items. As you ponder this option, you can assume the property would be put to good use and utilized for something in accord with our values or at least not offensive to us or disagreeable to the neighborhood.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for October 2021: *Missionary Disciples*. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

We Care Campaign

Social Justice and Caring Committee

On the weekend of October 30 - 31, 2021, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's next We Care Campaign. The three options chosen by the committee for its fall Campaign are:

1. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is an organization working to end homelessness and advance equitable housing in the Twin Cities.

2. Catholic Charities U.S.A. Hurricane Ida Relief

Money donated to this option will be given to Catholic Charities U.S.A. to be used to assist those impacted by Hurricane Ida.

3. UNICEF U.S.A. Aid to Afghanistan

Money donated to this option will be given to UNICEF U.S.A. to assist those affected by the recent strife in Afghanistan.

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located near the entrances to the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Women's Club Poinsettia Sale

LAST CHANCE! This is the last weekend to order Gertens Christmas flowers and plant cards. These beautiful and classic flowers will brighten your Christmas season and plant cards make great Christmas gifts! St. Pascal's Women's Club is taking orders and payment after all Masses this weekend. PLEASE consider donating toward flowers for the residents of the Marian Center to brighten their Christmas! All orders and payment are due by Monday, October 18.

Pick up your order the weekend of November 21 and 22—just in time to give out at your Thanksgiving family gathering. Questions? Contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241.

Baptized in Christ -

We welcome into our community of faith

Hayden James Oster child of Adam and Jennifer

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

REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

Enroll in Preschool at St. Pascal **Regional Catholic School**

Do you have a little one in need of a new or different preschool? We are still accepting applications for our preschool and pre-k programs. Our preschool program is open year-round and preschool families can also take part in our before and after school care program. This way families who need more care and/or care throughout the summer do not have to find alternatives. Little ones will continue in the same high-quality program they are in during the school day and school year. Our preschool rooms also have updated air conditioning, carpet, and classroom decor as of summer 2021. Visit our website, stpascalschool.org, for more information.

Young At Heart Mass & Luncheon

Thursday, October 28 at 11:00 AM

Welcome, Seniors 55-plus as we again join together, observing all protocols to keep us healthy with loving concern for one another. Father John will celebrate the Eucharist with us and then, after a short meeting, we will enjoy a Tinucci's sliced pot roast dinner. Our entertainment for the day will be Song and Stories of the Music Legends of 1940s, 50s, 60s, and 70s provided by Jim Berner. We ask a \$12.00 donation, payable on the day of the meeting, to help defray the expenses of the meal and entertainment. Please RSVP by Monday, October 25 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net or to Linda Spence at 651.730.9061. If you are a newcomer, you are most welcome!

"If one completes the journey to one's own heart, one will find oneself in the heart of everyone else."

—Thomas Keating

FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation | Registration

Registration for Confirmation Preparation will be opening soon. Our process is open to those in 9th grade and older, with sessions beginning in January 2022. If you would like to receive registration forms or want more information, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Winter Warmth Clothing Drive

Friday, November 5 from 7:30-9:30 AM Cerenity Marian Senior Care 200 Earl Street, St. Paul

Cerenity Marian will be collecting NEW winter clothing items for those in need. Adult items will be donated to Guild—an organization that empowers those living with mental illness and/or experiencing long-term homelessness by helping them find the tools they need to lead stable, fulfilling lives in communities of their choosing. Children's items will be given to American Indian Magnet School. Items accepted include NEW hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, boots, snow pants, Drive up for coffee, hot and jackets. chocolate, treats, and a dessert sample from Meals on Wheels! Can't make it on November 5? A donation box will be located just inside the main entrance to Cerenity Marian at 200 Earl Street. Donations accepted from October 15 through November 15. Please do not drop off items at St. Pascal's.

October: Month of the Rosary Celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary

We all have many petitions to send for help during these trying times. A small group comes to pray the rosary together every Wednesday at 11:15 AM in the church. We would love to have more people join us. If you have any questions, contact Betty Hensel 651.714.8958.

Help Requested for Fr. John's Anniversary Celebration

Could you help serve at Fr. John's Anniversary Celebration on Sunday October 24? We will work in two shifts. The first shift will be 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM and the second shift will be 12:30 until 2:15 PM. Please call Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937 or email jjreisdorf00@msn.com. Come join the celebration!

Men's Club Fall Booya Sale and Drive-thru

Sunday, October 17 at 10:00 AM in the Flandrau lot and Brioschi Hall

The cost is \$18 per 4-scoop container (48 oz.)

The fall Booya sale will once again be a drive thru event unless you pre-purchased your Booya tickets. For everyone that pre-purchased their Booya: Please pick up your containers in Brioschi Hall beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday. This will mean you don't need to wait in the line of cars outside. To pick up inside, you must have pre-ordered.

The drive-thru event will also take place for the public and for anyone who did not prepurchase their Booya.

CONTACT

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

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

651.776.0092 Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetinas 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM Mike Aeling, Chair

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

651.774.3248 4:00 - 6:00 PM 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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Readings October 17, 2021

Tuesday, October 19

8:00 AM + Marian Koenig

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, October 21

8:00 AM + Vern Blomgren

Friday, October 22

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, October 23

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, October 24

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Heart Questions Quiet Sacrifice

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."

Mark 10:44

Adults: Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?

Kids: Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?

Sunday:

Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

Monday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

Ramsey Family Service Center Meal Services.

Grace Lutheran and St. Pascal volunteers have a long history serving weekday meals to those who often go without. Since March of 1983, they have served at Neighborhood House on St. Paul's West Side, the Lowry Family Shelter in downtown St. Paul and now at the Ramsey Family Service Center, located near Aldrich arena.

Some volunteers serve dinner from 5:00-7:00 PM; others serve lunch from 11:30 AM-1:00PM. All volunteer assignments are scheduled every other month—6 times a year.

- 1-2 dinner volunteers on the 3rd Monday of odd months
- 1-2 lunch volunteers on the 4th Monday of odd months
- 1-2 dinner volunteers on the 4th Monday of odd months
- 1-4 dinner volunteers for the 1st Wednesday of even months
- 2-4 dinner volunteers on 4th Mondays of even months
- substitutes are often needed—give us your email address if you'd like to be notified of openings.

Some teams need callers to remind them a few days before they are scheduled to work. Could you make 2-4 calls to remind the team? It's an easy volunteer job that can be done from home!

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

THE WEEK AHEAD -

Sunday, October 17

After Masses Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space After Masses Women's Club Poinsettia orders: Gathering Space 10:00am Men's Club Booya Sales: Drive-thru, Brioschi Hall

Monday, October 18

6:30pm Synod Small Group: Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, October 19

10:00am Synod Small Group: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, October 20

11:15am Rosary: Church 6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, October 21

6:00pm Cub Scouts: Old Church 6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

Friday, October 22

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 23

After Mass Veterans Dinner ticket sales

Sunday, October 24

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space

11:30am 25th Ordination Celebration for Fr. John: Brioschi Hall

Monday, October 25

6:30pm Synod Small Group: Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, October 26

10:00am Synod Small Group: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, October 27

11:15am Rosary: Church 6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, October 28

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

6:30pm All Parish Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, October 29

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 30—We Care Campaign

9:00am Confirmation Retreat: Brioschi Hall

After Mass Veterans Dinner ticket sales: Gathering Space

Sunday, October 31—We Care Campaign

After Masses Veterans Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Planned Giving—Options for leaving a legacy to St Pascal's

One particularly tax-efficient way to make a bequest is to donate part or all of your regular individual retirement account to charity by designating a charity as a beneficiary. Consult with your tax advisor. Leave a legacy of faith.

If you want more information on the St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please contact Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 651.774.1585 or Theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org, or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

Rent Stabilization



Rent Should be Affordable for All of Us

The Problem: Rents Are Not Affordable

All Minnesotans deserve to have a home they can afford. The current out of control rental market has made that impossible for the majority of Minneapolis and St. Paul renters. Nearly half of Minneapolis and St. Paul Renters pay over 30% of their income towards housing and a quarter, one in four, pay over half of their income to rent. The main housing safety net, rent subsidy, which helps families pay their rent, is severely underfunded and only one in four who qualify are able to receive it.

Let's give renters a fair chance and vote YES on or before Tuesday, November 2nd to stabilize the rent.

What is Rent Stabilization?

Rent stabilization is a policy that caps the rise in rents to a reasonable rate, allowing renters the security of incremental rent increases while allowing landlords to charge a fair price. Most policies allow landlords exceptions for capital costs, so the landlord can maintain quality housing.

The Facts

Rent and Wages in Minneapolis and St. Paul

- Rents have increased 14% over the last decade; wages for the average renter have increased 1%
- Wage to Pay for a 2-Bedroom: \$25.15
- Estimated Mean Renters Wage: \$18.70
- You would have to work 100 hrs. a week if you earned minimum wage to pay for a 2-bedroom apartment

Rent Stabilization Advances Equity & Fairness

- Rent Stabilization prevents price gouging, eviction, and displacement. Landlords cannot take advantage of the market to unfairly push families out of their home.
- Research shows that rent stabilization policies effectively increase housing stability and affordability for current tenants and protect low-wealth households from displacement while not discouraging development.
- Extreme rent hikes disproportionately impact BIPOC and low income renters, the people who have historically been locked out of the stability of home. This is part of a pattern that created, sustains, and grows racial injustice and disparities in housing

WHAT ARE YOU VOTING ON:

In Minneapolis, a "yes" vote authorizes the City Council to create a rent stabilization policy.

In St. Paul, a "yes" vote creates a rent stabilization law, capping the rise in rents to 3% annually, with exceptions.

Learn more about the campaigns Beacon is supporting by visiting www.hometostaympls.com and www.housingequitystp.org

Rent Stabilization is a steppingstone to achieving a Minnesota where rents are affordable.

The next major step is rent subsidy for all.

Join Beacon in the Bring it Home, MN campaign to work for this goal!