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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ryan Field Update (January 2, 2022)
In my November 7, 2021 parish bulletin article, I wrote: “We had a good meeting in Brioschi Hall on October 28 to discuss options for the future use of Ryan Field. Approximately 60 parishioners attended the meeting which was open to all parishioners and had been announced for several weeks prior to October 28… At the meeting, we discussed various ideas about the field, and no final decisions were made. The majority opinion that I heard at the meeting was an openness to explore the sale of Ryan Field as long as the land is put to a good use that aligns with our mission as a Catholic parish serving the eastside of St. Paul. Some people at the meeting stated we should not sell the land but keep using it as a rental property for Mike’s Auto Repair from which we earn approximately $15,000/year in rental income, the site of the Men’s Club garage, an occasional outdoor exercise space for students from St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, and a site where we place excess snow from plowing our church parking lot. I will take the input and ideas expressed at the meeting and discuss possible next steps with the Parish Council and Finance Council. A possible next step is to organize a discernment process about the future of Ryan Field that allows us to listen to the wisdom within our parish community and from the larger community around us.”

During November and December, I talked with the Parish Council and Finance Council and then formed a Fact Finding Team consisting of: Jim Reisdorf and Kathy Humiston (Parish Trustees), Mike Aeling (Finance Council), Bill Poppert (Parish Council), Pat Stuhl (Parish Council), Chris Malec (Social Justice and Caring Committee), and Theresa Ruttger (Parish Business Administrator). The Team’s purpose was to find initial answers to questions that arose at the October 28 meeting such as: What is the Ryan Field land zoned for? Commercial? Residential? Can the zoning be changed? Are there gas tanks or ground contamination underneath the ground of Mike’s Auto site, and if so, would that need to be cleaned up before a land sale is completed? What uses of the land does the parish like as options? Affordable housing? Market rate housing? Other?

I met with the Fact Finding Team on December 14, and after looking at the questions above, we thought a good next step is for the Team to meet with City of St. Paul Councilmember Jane Prince representing Ward 7 along with someone from the City Planning Department to ask “What is the City of St. Paul’s vision for the east side of St. Paul? How could Ryan Field fit into future plans of the City for this area? Does the City see Ryan Field as part of a larger plan for a transportation hub on the east side of the City or some other community purpose? What does the City think about Ryan Field being developed as affordable housing, market-rate housing, a city park, a non-profit use, or another use?” After we meet with Councilmember Prince, we will update you on what we learn. We currently have no buyer for Ryan Field, we have not sold the land, we have not yet decided to sell the land, we need to have more discussions with our parish community, and we are gathering facts for our next parish meeting. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact me or any of the Fact Finding Team members listed above.

On behalf of all of us here at St. Pascal Baylon Parish, I wish you a Blessed New Year 2022. Making a fresh start with a new year is good thing. We look ahead with eyes of faith to the next 365 days of 2022 knowing that God is with us on our daily journey as individuals and as a parish community. Now, get used to writing the numbers 2022!

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING

January Collection: Brittany’s Place
During the month of January, items will be accepted in the parish donation closet for Brittany’s Place, an emergency shelter in St. Paul for girls and young women who have experienced commercial sex trafficking or are at high risk for sexual exploitation. Brittany’s Place serves BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) girls and strives to provide a culturally relevant experience.

Items most needed at this time are:
• Hygiene/Cosmetic Products: body wash, face mask, pedal and bristle brushes, nail polish and remover, hair binders, Eco Gel, Shea Moisture shampoo/conditioner/leave-in conditioner, Cetaphil face wash and moisturizer
• Clothing: Hoodies, sweatpants, pajamas, socks, bras/sports bras, winter coats, boots, hats, mittens/gloves—all sizes
• Art Supplies: canvases, acrylic paints, colored pencils, markers, crayons, meditative coloring books
• Miscellaneous: board games (Monopoly, Banana Grams, Bop-It, Simon), young adult chapter books, fidgets, gift cards (Caribou, Starbucks, Target, Walmart), large stuffed animals

Items can be placed in the donation closet, located off the coat room, before and after weekend Masses through January 30.

Save the Date
Pray All Ways and Always
Pre-Lent Retreat
February 27, 28 and March 1
6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
What is prayer, and what is God’s part in prayer? Is there a right way to pray? On February 27, Erin O’Leary, who led our virtual retreat on hope last year, will help us to think about multiple intelligences and how they can lead us to explore many different forms of prayer. The next two evenings will provide an opportunity for participants to practice a few different ways of praying. More information will be available in future bulletins and the Pulse.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers…
Mary Ash
who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul’s eternal peace.
Happy New Year from St. Pascal Regional!
As we look back over 2021, we are proud of all that we accomplished. We started the year with the opportunity to utilize the generous donation of half a million dollars to help us continue to provide rigorous and Christ-centered education to all of our students on the East Side of St. Paul. Also, last year, we continued implementing new curriculums in ELA, Math, Religion, Science, and Phy. Ed. Then, at the beginning of this school year, we launched our ‘Four Pillars of St. Pascal Regional’ initiative to celebrate how WE BELIEVE, LEARN, LOVE, and CONNECT each day. AND those are just the big things! We couldn’t have done all of this without the support of donors, the school board, our staff, the families, and other community members. Together, they have all kept the love of learning, both academically and about our faith, alive each day. We cannot wait to see what 2022 has in store for us! Check out our social media or stpascalschool.org to see what we get up to. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank You
Thank you to the St. Pascal’s Men’s Club for all their work with the Christmas Tree Sale this year. The Men’s Club and their volunteers give many hours of work to the Tree Sale every year, and we appreciate all their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. This year, the trees sold out very early—thanks also to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree at our tree lot. We appreciate your support. 100% of all proceeds go right back to St. Pascal’s parish and St. Pascal Regional Catholic School.

Time to make a new Year’s Resolution to read more!
Join the St. Pascal Women’s Book Club! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All parish women are invited to join the group for its monthly discussions. During January and February, we use Zoom. You can join us as often as your schedule allows. This month, on January 10, we will discuss The Bishop’s Wife by Mette Ivie Harrison. Next month, on February 14, we will share thoughts on Murder on the Red River by Marcie Rendon, a Native American playwright, poet, author, and community arts activist based in Minneapolis. Contact Toni Baker toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2022 selections, Zoom information, etc.

Loved the Sunday Homily or Can’t Make it to Mass?
The 10:30 AM Sunday homilies from Father John and Deacon Richard Moore are livestreamed and video recorded, and are available on our parish website at www.stpascals.org/homilies. Replay a favorite homily or catch up on a Sunday you may have missed. Or visit the parish YouTube channel to select past homilies (4:30 PM or 10:30 AM with ASL), Monday prayer services, special events like the Advent Evening of Reflection or past funeral Masses.

RCIA: The Rite of Acceptance
On Sunday, January 9, we will welcome and offer our prayer support to a new RCIA catechumen, Emily Nord, at the 10:30 AM Mass. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for all those who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed consciously and freely, seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. A catechumen is one who has not been baptized in any Christian faith. With God’s help, our catechumen will be strengthened spiritually during her preparation and, at the proper time, will celebrate the sacraments of initiation within our community. This is an opportunity for the catechumen and for us, because we are committing ourselves to walk with her as part of our own ongoing process of conversion. Our spiritual work, therefore, is to be both example and companion for her journey. This rite includes the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, as well as additional rites belonging to the catechumenate as endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The rites will take place at various Masses during the coming weeks. It is the privilege and responsibility of all of us to pray for and support Emily as she journeys forward in faith.

Make ready for the Christ,
Whose smile, like lightning,
Sets free the song of everlasting glory
That now sleeps, in your paper flesh, like dynamite.
—Thomas Merton, “The Victory”

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Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holidays as announced

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School Office Hours
Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parish Councils
Parish Pastoral Council
Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Mary Weyant, Chair

Parish Finance Council
Meetings 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
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

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Bulletin Notices
Due 3:00 PM Monday
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Mass Announcements
Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church
**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Tuesday, January 04**
8:00 AM  The people of the parish

**Wednesday, January 05**
8:00 AM  Robert Cowden

**Thursday, January 06**
8:00 AM  + Charles Kazda

**Friday, January 07**
8:00 AM  Men's Club

**Saturday, January 08**
4:30 PM  + Gertrude & Thomas Rochford

**Sunday, January 09**
8:45 AM  The people of the parish
10:30 AM  + Stephen Flottmeyer

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**Heart Questions**

**Overcoming Jealousy**

Then Herod sent the [magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

Matthew 2:8

**Adults:** When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

**Kids:** When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

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**Readings**

**January 02, 2022**

**Sunday:**

*The Epiphany*

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:**

1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:**

1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:**

1 Jn 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:**

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:**

1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6a, 9b
Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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**Stewardship of Giving**

*Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022*

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**Thank you for your support!**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022—The Epiphany**

No scheduled events

**Monday, January 3, 2022**
7:00pm  Boy Scouts: Briosci Hall

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**
6:30pm  Pastoral Council: Zoom

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**
11:15am  Rosary: Church
6:30pm  Catechist Meeting: Staff Lounge
6:30pm  Choir: Church

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**
6:30pm  Spirit Song: Church
7:00pm  Men’s Club Board: Briosci Hall

**Friday, January 7, 2022**
No scheduled events

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**
No scheduled events

**Sunday, January 9—The Baptism of the Lord**
10:30am  RCIA: Rite of Acceptance: Church
12:00pm  Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

**Monday, January 10**
6:30pm  AFF Committee: Zoom
7:00pm  Men’s Book Club: Zoom
7:00pm  Boy Scouts: Briosci Hall

**Tuesday, January 11**
No Weekday Mass
9:00am  E & A Winter Decorating: Church

**Wednesday, January 12**
No Weekday Mass
11:15am  Rosary: Church
6:30pm  Choir: Church
6:30pm  RCIA: Founders Room
6:30pm  Faith Formation: Campus

**Thursday, January 13**
No Weekday Mass
6:30pm  Spirit Song: Church
6:30pm  SJCC: Zoom
7:00pm  Men’s Club Membership meeting: Briosci Hall

**Friday, January 14**
No Weekday Mass
No scheduled events

**Saturday, January 15**
After Mass  Fellowship: Briosci Hall

**Sunday, January 16**

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**St. Pascal’s Legacy Society**

Grandpa didn’t have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa’s estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will? Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a will. You will be doing your family a huge service by taking the time to complete a will. Please consider naming St. Pascal’s and other charitable organizations you care about as bequest beneficiaries when you complete your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttiger in the parish office at 651.774.1585 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O’Malley.
Today’s readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. “They were overjoyed at seeing the star.” The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Be Our Light

Father, you gave a star as a sign.
Be our light.
Fill us with your light that we might light the way to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 2, 2022
Overjoyed

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy. What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?
**THIS WEEK AT HOME**

**Monday, January 3**  
**A Great Light**

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” Jesus reveals himself as the light when he preaches the kingdom of God and heals those who come to him. One purpose of the healing Jesus performed was to return to the community those who were separated from society because of illness or disability. As Jesus heals, his identity shines forth as clearly as it did in the star of Bethlehem. With each healing, he also enters into the vocation of the messiah. *Today’s readings: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

**Tuesday, January 4**  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. As a young widow and mother of five, she converted to Catholicism. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, and began the first Catholic girls’ school in the United States. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:33–44.*

**Wednesday, January 5**  
**Perfect Love**

“Perfect love drives out fear.” John certainly knew that the world was a broken place when he wrote his first letter. He had witnessed the crowds turning on Jesus and the early persecutions, in addition to the daily worries and anxieties all human beings experience. John knew that there were many dangers in the world. He does not say that perfect love causes fear not to arise. He says perfect love drives it away. This is not about a feeling but about whether we choose to let fear overwhelm us, or whether we choose a different path.

Do not be afraid, God says. How can you choose love today? *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

**Thursday, January 6**  
**Fulfilled in Your Hearing**

Proclaiming the Scripture from Isaiah, Jesus describes the messiah and the era he has come to inaugurate. As Christ’s hands and feet in the world, we too must live this fulfillment. What might it mean to proclaim glad tidings to the poor? How can you proclaim liberty to captives? Where can you heal brokenness? The heartbreak that you feel over conditions is your call to live in the kingdom of God. *Today’s readings: 1 John: 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14, 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22.*

**Friday, January 7**  
**Carrying the Light**

Some people keep their Christmas tree or manger until the traditional date of Epiphany, which was yesterday. There is also a tradition of keeping some decorations until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, or Candlemas, which is celebrated February 2. It can be beautiful to carry the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time by leaving up a few decorations, possibly some lights to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World. *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

**Saturday, January 8**  
**Joy Made Complete**

Human beings are prone to conflict. In today’s Gospel, we hear the disciples of John the Baptist perceiving rivalry between John and Jesus. As a prophet, John knows that God’s project is healing all such divisions. He knows that he was called to prepare the way for the messiah, and now that the messiah is come, he feels nothing but joy. Where in your life has unnecessary conflict and rivalry stolen your joy? How can you be a peacemaker in those situations? John’s joy comes in seeing with God’s eyes. Can you look at a difficult situation with new eyes? *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a, 9b; John 3:22–30.*