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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.

JANUARY 09, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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:

I will be on vacation from January 9-20, and next weekend, January 15-16, Father Bob Hazel will be visiting our parish to preside at the weekend Masses and speak on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which partners with bishops, priests, religious and church workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care, disaster relief and the love of Jesus Christ to the poorest of the poor in over 30 countries around the world. Father Hazel was ordained in 1966 as a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Before his retirement in 2006, his ministry included parish work, chaplaincy at the University of Minnesota, and extended foreign mission service in India and Venezuela. He also works with *Retrouvaille*, a ministry dedicated to helping troubled marriages and for those who are hurting and in need of counseling.

Why was Jesus baptized? This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Some might ask, "Why was Jesus baptized?" The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Jesus' gesture (of submitting to baptism) is a manifestation of self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude to the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his beloved Son" (no. 1224). Thus, Jesus' baptism is a manifestation of who he is, the suffering servant who emptied himself to save us. In his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI offers another facet of the baptism of the Lord. "The retired Pope Benedict sees Jesus' baptism as an expression of His fundamental submission to the will of the Father and His complete identification with sinners... Jesus is already embracing the enormous weight of humanity's sinfulness, just as He will do again in a definitive and final way on the cross - labeled then as a criminal and blasphemer. The mysterious events at the Jordan River already foreshadow the saving acts of Christ's death and resurrection." (simplycatholic.com/what-is-the-meaning-of-jesus-baptism/).

Coming Events:

9 Days for Life, January 19-27, 2022. A novena for the protection for human life is available online at www.respectlife.org. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Prayer Service for Life, January 22, 2022. You are invited to the annual Prayer Service for Life at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January 2022 - For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

God bless you,

Father John Mitchell

"Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world."

- Etty Hillesum

Social Justice and Caring Committee

BEACON NEWS: Beacon Now: What Happens at a Legislative Session

Join Beacon virtually from 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm every Wednesday. In each session, we'll touch on the basics of Beacon's work, and discuss how we can make a difference for Minnesotans now. See what happens at a legislative session and why impacting policy is so important to the mission that *all people have a home*. Everyone is welcome to join us! Register at <https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/beacon-now-1-12-22/>

Questions: Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com or Julie Moore at 0109jmm@gmail.com.

Women's Club News

On the weekend of January 15th and 16th, members of the women's club will be available after masses to answer questions about funeral luncheons. We are in need of women and men to serve and clean up at funeral luncheons. (You choose the days you are available) We are also in need of bakers of desserts. If you could help out with this important ministry of the Women's Club, please stop by the table in Brioschi Hall after mass on January 15th or 16th. Any questions, please email Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com. Or call 651-734-8937.

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.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

We BELIEVE, LEARN, LOVE, and CONNECT in 2022!

We have returned to school in 2022 refreshed and ready to learn! As a school, we will continue to use the four pillars of BELIEVE, LEARN, LOVE, and CONNECT as a guide in creating a prosperous learning environment for our students, their families, our staff, and the greater community. In terms of the BELIEVE pillar, students and teachers will continue using the new Religion curriculum as well as their classroom virtues to learn more about the Catholic faith. In regards to LEARN, teachers will update the Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) after winter NWEA MAP testing to reflect what material students have mastered and what they still need to work on. With the LOVE pillar, teachers, students, and their families will have more opportunities to utilize the resources provided through the Peace of Mind initiative. Finally, we hope to create more opportunities to CONNECT with our families and the greater St. Pascal Regional community in the coming months. Stay tuned!

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy."

- Thomas Merton

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.

— FAITH FORMATION —

PRE-BAPTISM SESSION

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Parents interested in having their child baptized at St. Pascal's are asked to participate in one formation session prior to baptism. Pre-registration is required. To register for a session or schedule the celebration of a baptism, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

"I am as sure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself; my existence depends on the nearness and the presence of God."

- Meister Eckhardt

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Lois Kinsey
Jim Engelking

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

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 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

Parish Office Hours

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

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

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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 Weyandt, 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

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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

January 9, 2022

Tuesday, January 11

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 12

NO MASS

Thursday, January 13

NO MASS

Friday, January 14

NO MASS

Saturday, January 15

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, January 16

8:45 AM + Leonard Kazda

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Heart Questions

Pleasing to God

*And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with
you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:2

Adults: Do you think that God was
"well pleased" by your actions in
recent weeks? Why?

Kids: What good thing could you
do this week that would be
pleasing to God?

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

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8

Ps 116:12-19

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20

(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11

Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Ps 89:16-19

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Ps 21:2-7

Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5

Ps 96:1-3, 7-10

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

Stewardship of Giving

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

November 2021

Sunday Giving

Sunday Giving \$ 69,186.06

Budgeted \$ 63,764.58

Surplus \$ 5,421.48

YTD Sunday Giving \$ 284,712.45

Budgeted \$ 318,822.94

Deficit \$ -34,110.49

Mortgage Reduction (as of 11.30.21)

Loan Balance: \$ 3,129,818.08

YTD Collected Donations \$ 97,294.22

YTD Mortgage Pmt: \$ 112,305.25

Deficit \$ -15,011.03

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 190,528.69

Thank you for your support!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 9—The Baptism of the Lord

10:30am RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

11:45am Baptism (Hamilton Family)

12:00pm Confirmation II: Staff Lounge

Monday, January 10

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, January 11

No Weekday Mass

9:00am E & A Winter Decorating: Church

6:30pm AFF Committee: Zoom

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: Remote

7:00pm Men's Club Membership meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, January 14

No Weekday Mass

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 15

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, January 16

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

Monday, January 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Parish office closed

No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 18

No Weekday Mass

No scheduled events

Wednesday, January 19

No Weekday Mass

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 20

No Weekday Mass

6:00pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby: Old Church

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, January 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 22

No scheduled events

Sunday, January 23

12:00pm Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

*"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the
same time."*

- Thomas Merton

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Make us Holy

Loving Father,
you sent the gift of the Spirit
upon your beloved Son
on the banks of the Jordan
long ago.
And upon each of us,
the Spirit called upon the waters,
making them holy.
Strengthen us in that same Spirit,
make us holy, set us apart,
that we answer your call.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

January 9, 2022
In You I Am Well Pleased



Today's readings: Isaiah 42, 1–4 or Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 or Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–30; Acts 10:34–38 or Titus 2:11–14, 3:4–7; Luke 3:15–16, 21–22. John the Baptist pointed away from himself and toward Jesus. He spoke God's Word to the people and baptized those who came to him, but he knew that he was not the messiah, the one who will baptize "with the holy Spirit and fire." And then one day, Jesus came to him to be baptized.

The heavens opened and the Spirit came down in the form of a dove. "You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Holy Spirit descended bodily, making

Jesus ready for his public ministry. What joy John must have felt to see the fulfillment of God's promises to him and to the people of Israel! It was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, in which he preached the kingdom of God but also revealed it in everything that he did.

On the day of our baptism, we receive the same Holy Spirit that descended on Jesus two thousand years ago. It is the beginning of our own vocation to reveal the kingdom of God in our words and our actions: to be like Jesus. How is God calling you today? You are God's beloved child, in whom God is well pleased. How will you carry the joy of that revelation into your life beyond the Christmas season?



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

January 10—March 1 Ordinary Time

The word *ordinary* can feel like a synonym for “boring,” but Ordinary Time is far from it. This season takes its name from the ordinal numbers (first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and so on) that are used to count the Sundays and the weeks that follow them. While the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter have a certain importance in the liturgical year, that does not diminish Ordinary Time. Consider that as the priest prepares the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil, he states, “All time belongs to him.” How might you use this season to grow closer to God?

January 18–25 Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity spans an octave, or eight-day observance, a time frame that lends significance to the week. It is a great sorrow to be separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ, unable to join around the Eucharistic table together to “do this in memory of me.” We wait in hope in a special way during this week for the day when all divisions among Christians will cease.

January 25 Conversion of St. Paul

This feast commemorates the day when Saul, an observant young Jewish man who opposed the early Christians and even participated in the stoning death of St. Stephen, had an encounter with the risen Jesus. Saul, also known as Paul, left behind his former life to become an apostle to the gentiles. To preach the Gospel, you might offer forgiveness and mercy to someone who is not sorry, serve a meal at a soup kitchen with a joyful heart, or drop off a box of diapers at a place that serves mothers and children. *Today’s readings:* Acts 22: 3–6 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18.

January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

Known as the angelic doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican priest whose writings are essential to the way we understand what we believe. He was a great theologian and philosopher, engaging with the intellectual currents of his day as well as those of ancient philosophy. St. Thomas described the beatific vision, unending happiness and union with God, as the goal of human life. *Today’s readings:* 2 Samuel 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17; Psalm 51: 3–4, 5–6a, 6bcd–7, 10–11; Mark 4:26–34.

January 31 St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco was an Italian priest who worked to improve the lives of young people who lived in poverty. He went into the world to encounter the young people who had traveled to the city to try to find a better life but were living in abject poverty and unsafe conditions. He began many initiatives and organizations to assist children and was the founder of a religious congregation. *Today’s readings:* 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30, 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.

February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

This feast, forty days after Christmas, is traditionally a time to bring candles to church to be blessed. In Luke’s account of the Gospel, we hear Simeon proclaim Jesus “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel.” The Gospel according to John is also a source of the imagery of light associated with Jesus. Anna and Simeon watched and waited for the light throughout their lives. At times, it can be difficult to wait for what we most hope for. Watching and waiting for the light, we can unite ourselves with the waiting of Anna and Simeon. What desires of your heart are you still waiting to have fulfilled? You might decorate a tealight holder and light the candle to remind you to wait in hope. *Today’s readings:* Malachi 3:1–4, Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2: 22–40.

