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.

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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BLESSED ARE ALL WHO HOPE

in the Lord.

PSALM 1

Mass Times
Saturday 4:30 PM I Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) I Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM
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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

As I announced at Masses last weekend, I would like to take a sabbatical in Fall 2023. I am planning for the three months of September, October and November. The word sabbatical comes from the Greek word “sabatikos” which means “of the Sabbath”, the day of rest that happens every seventh day. A sabbatical is a time of paid leave when an employee takes an extended break from work. People take sabbaticals to work on a project, or travel, or do something to renew their body, mind and soul. Archbishop Hebda will need to approve my sabbatical request. While I am on sabbatical, another priest will cover the Masses and sacramental duties at St. Pascal Baylon Parish. I will return to our parish at the end of my sabbatical. I do not know which priest will provide Mass and sacramental coverage here while I am gone, but I will seek out a compassionate, understanding, patient, holy and helpful priest.

Why am I planning to take a sabbatical in Fall 2023? I am now age 55, and I celebrated my 25th anniversary as a priest last May. During the next 25 years of my life and beyond that, I want to serve the Church as best I can, and I plan to focus the goal of my sabbatical to learn, rediscover and practice actions that will foster my spiritual, physical, emotional and mental health. I am reminded of the Scripture line from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... Therefore, glorify God in your body.” I believe we give glory to God in our body when we take care of our spiritual, physical, emotional and mental health.

During my sabbatical, I plan to participate in a continuing education program at the Institute of Continuing Theological Education at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. Being in Rome for three months will give me an opportunity to learn and practice consistent habits for spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health. I also plan to take 7-10 days to travel in Spain and visit the hometown of St. Pascal Baylon, our parish patron saint, which is located about 100 miles northeast of Madrid.

To help fund my sabbatical, I am applying for a grant from the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program which provides grants up to $50,000 directly to parishes for the support of a renewal program for their pastor. Up to $15,000 of the grant may be used to help the parish fulfill pastoral duties during the pastor’s absence and/or to support activities that enable the parish as a whole to be renewed in its life and ministry. In my grant application, I will describe the intended benefits of my sabbatical program for both me and St. Pascal Baylon Parish. Also, a representative of our parish will provide a written statement from the parish perspective that describes the intended benefits of my sabbatical for both our parish and me. For example, one benefit could be that as I am expanding my imagination by viewing artwork in Rome, back here in St. Paul our parish can offer a day trip to a local art museum. Or as I am learning and practicing healthy eating habits in Rome (where pasta and pizza are plentiful!), here at St. Pascal’s we can offer a workshop on healthy eating and the spirituality of good stewardship of the body that God entrusted to us.

My grant application is due at the end of April. I will find out in November if I have received the grant. If I receive the grant money, it is available to be spent in 2023.

So far, I have heard favorable comments about my sabbatical plans from our parish staff members, the parish council, the finance council, and people at last weekend’s Masses. Feel free to give me your feedback via email (john.mitchell@stpascals.org), through a card or letter sent to the parish office, through a telephone call (office phone 651.432.4955) or talk to me in person. Thank you for your prayers as I make my sabbatical plans.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Spring Schedule
It is time for the next schedule to be done. Many thanks to those of you who feel comfortable continuing this ministry. If you opted out of the previous schedules, but now feel ready to be back in serving, thank you for doing that. Please check your calendars for March, April, and May, and let Joann know of your availability. She needs those dates by Wednesday, February 16. If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at 651.735.2762, or joann.bertini@gmail.com.

Pray Always and All Ways
Pre-Lent Retreat
February 27, 28 and March 1
6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall and the Church
What is prayer, and what is God’s part in prayer? Is there a right way to pray? On February 27, Erin O’Leary will help us to think about multiple intelligences and how they can lead us to explore many different forms of prayer and what type of prayer works best for us. The next two evenings will provide an opportunity for participants to practice a few different ways of praying:

February 28: Ignatian Contemplation and Visio Divina
March 1: Rosary and Centering Prayer

Plans are in the works to livestream at least part of the retreat—stay tuned! While registration is not required, it does help in planning for materials. See the parish website for a convenient SignUp Genius link or call the parish office at 651.774.1585. For more information about the retreat, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee

Faith and Poverty: A Justice Response
Registration Deadline is Tuesday, February 15
“It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith not only with our words, but with our actions” (Pope Francis).

Faith and Poverty: A Justice Response, part of the JustFaith series, will challenge us through various media and conversations to discern our actions moving forward so that we can, “Take care of our brothers and sisters who are weak...because we will be judged on this” (Pope Francis). The deadline to sign-up for this program is Tuesday, February 15 so that supplies can be ordered. All sessions are held via Zoom from 6:30-8:30 PM starting Monday, March 7, with the final session May 16. We will not meet April 11 or 25. For more information or to register, please contact Ann Karner (akarner24@gmail.com or 651-728-2260).
Saintly Service Update
We are excited to share that the winner of the January Saintly Service award is Lorena Cervantes, our Foodservice & Extended Day Coordinator. She is truly the embodiment of paying attention to little things like St. Therese of Lisieux. Mrs. Cervantes is always trying to help on top of all of her other duties. When she serves breakfast, she always asks the teachers what else she can help with. She is also thoughtful. She gave the preschool toys that the Extended Day children were not interested in anymore. Mrs. Cervantes is very determined and studious. She passed the food service manager certification, so our school is compliant with the licensure to serve food. She is so quick in serving lunch and always does it with a smile. In her new role at lunch, she created a more efficient way to place the food trays so that the whole process is faster. St. Pascal Regional is so blessed to have Mrs. Cervantes! In February, staff will look to St. John XXIII and work on “fostering a culture of joy” throughout the school building.

Soup and Peanut Butter Needed
Soup and peanut butter continue to be hard to find or very expensive for people with limited incomes. December saw an outpouring of parish generosity in food donations for the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry at Progressive Baptist Church—we hope you will help again. Donation totes are in the Gathering Space to accept any kind of soup or peanut butter only. Email Ann at akarner24@gmail.com for more info.

Dementia Discussion at Cerenity Marian Senior Care—200 Earl Street, St. Paul
Tuesday, February 15 from 10:00-11:00 AM (FREE but registration is required)
You are invited to attend a discussion about dementia, how dementia changes relationship dynamics, listening to our emotions, practicing self-care when stressed, and options for family members. Please RSVP to Sharyl Kaase at sharyl.kaase@benedictineliving.org or 651.495.1819.

Get Your Skates On! Everyone is invited! Bring your family and friends!
Friday, February 25 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Roseville Skating Center
St. Pascal’s is sponsoring Group Open Skate at the world-famous Rose Oval. Save on skating admission ($6) and skate rental ($3) if you sign up by 12 Noon on Thursday, February 17. Sign Up Genius will close on February 17. After February 17, guests pay full price at the door ($7 to skate/$5 to rent skates). Those with their own skates are encouraged to bring them.
See the parish website for a convenient link to SignUp Genius or call the parish office at 651.774.1585. Please pay online or call Theresa in the parish office to make other payment arrangements.
Don’t skate? No problem! Guests are welcome to take advantage of the FREE indoor walking track. No need to sign up if you are just walking! NOTE: Masks are required for indoor walking track and facilities.

--- REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS ---

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

Pray. Reflect. Follow. Your Role in Synod 2022
Thousands gathered at parishes throughout the Archdiocese in fall 2021 for the Parish Consultation with Small Groups, where local Catholics discussed the focus areas for the Archdiocese Synod.
The synod process is moving forward to the Parish Synod Leadership Team Consultation—the final consultation prior to the Archdiocese Synod Assembly in June 2022. Our parish leadership team, (Fr. John Mitchell, Kim Roering, Jaci Bush, Louise and Kevin Head, Chris Malec and Laurie Dimond) will gather on Saturday, February 26.

How can you stay involved during these final stages of the Synod process?

• Pray. Prayer has always been integral to our Archdiocesan Synod process. Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers and pray in particular for Synod representatives from our parish. Find prayer opportunities at archspm.org/synod/pray.

• Reflect. The same three focus areas we discussed during the Parish Consultation will be examined in-depth throughout the remainder of the Synod process. Watch the Parish Consultation videos—again, or for the first time—and reflect on these important topics at archspm.org/synodsmallgroups.

• Follow. Follow The Catholic Spirit to stay up-to-date on the latest news about the Archdiocesan Synod. Visit thecatholicspirit.com.

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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 3:45-4:15 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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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, February 15
8:00 AM  + Stephen Flottmeyer

Wednesday, February 16
8:00 AM  + Nina Collins

Thursday, February 17
8:00 AM  + Phillip Jurkovich

Friday, February 18
8:00 AM  Linda Larson

Saturday, February 19
4:30 PM  + Leonard Stuhl

Sunday, February 20
8:45 AM  The people of the parish
10:30 AM  + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

Heart Questions
Reaching Out to Others
Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

LK 6:20

Adults: In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

Kids: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

Readings
February 13, 2022

Sunday:
Jer 17:5-8
Ps 1:1-4, 6

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday:
Jas 1:1-11
Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:
Jas 1:1-12
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:
Jas 1:19-27
Ps 152:4b, 5
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday:
Jas 2:1-9
Ps 34:2-7
Mk 8:27-33

Friday:
Jas 2:14-24, 26
Ps 112:1-6
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday:
Jas 3:1-10
Ps 12:2-5, 7-8
Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday:
1 Sm 26:2-7, 9-12, 13-
22-23
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38

St. Pascals's Women's Book Club
Monday, February 14 at 7:00 PM via Zoom
All parish women are invited—join us as often as your schedule allows! This month, we will discuss Murder on the Red River by Marcie Rendon, a Native American playwright, poet, author, and community arts activist based in Minneapolis. On March 14, we will share thoughts on Brian Freeman's The Deep, Deep Snow. Contact Toni Baker toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2022 selections, zoom information, etc.

Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon
Thursday, February 24 at 11:00 AM in the Church and Brioschi Hall
Attention, Young At Heart—Men and Women 55-plus—We will celebrate the Eucharist with Father John at 11:00 AM, then after a short meeting, we will enjoy a warm baked chicken dinner with sides and chocolate cake catered by Tinucci’s. We ask for a $12.00 donation to help defray the cost of the meal, payable on the day of the meeting. All the protocols to keep us healthy will be observed. Masks will be required for participation except, of course, when we are eating. Registration MUST be by Friday, February 18 to give Tinucci’s our order. RSVP to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net, or Linda Spence at 651.730.9061. Keep healthy and we look forward to enjoying your friendship once again!

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, February 13
12:00pm  Confirmation II: Brioschi Hall

Monday, February 14
7:00pm  Women’s Book Club: Zoom
7:00pm  Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, February 15
No scheduled events

Wednesday, February 16
11:15am  Rosary: Church
6:30pm  Choir: Church
6:30pm  Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, February 17
6:00pm  Cub Scouts Blue & Gold: Brioschi Hall

Friday, February 18

St. Pascals’s Women’s Book Club
Monday, February 21—Presidents Day
Parish office closed
6:30pm  AFF meeting: Zoom

Tuesday, February 22
No scheduled events

Sunday, February 20
After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

Monday, February 21—Presidents Day
Parish office closed
6:30pm  AFF meeting: Zoom

Tuesday, February 22
No scheduled events

Wednesday, February 23
11:15am  Rosary: Church
6:30pm  1st Eucharist Parent Meeting: Brioschi Hall
6:30pm  Choir: Church
6:30pm  RCIA: Founders Room
6:30pm  Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, February 24
11:00am  Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: Church, Brioschi Hall
6:30pm  Finance Council: Zoom
6:30pm  Spirit Song: Church

Friday, February 25
4:00pm  Parish Ice Skating: Roseville Oval Skate Park

Saturday, February 26
9:00am  Men’s Club Fish Fry Setup: Door 4
10:00am  Parish Synod Leadership Team: Founders Room

Sunday, February 27
11:45am  Baptism (Haldeman family): Church
12:00pm  Confirmation I: Staff Lounge
6:30pm  Parish Pre-Lent Retreat: Church

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1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link.
3. Follow the prompts.
4. Thank you!