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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.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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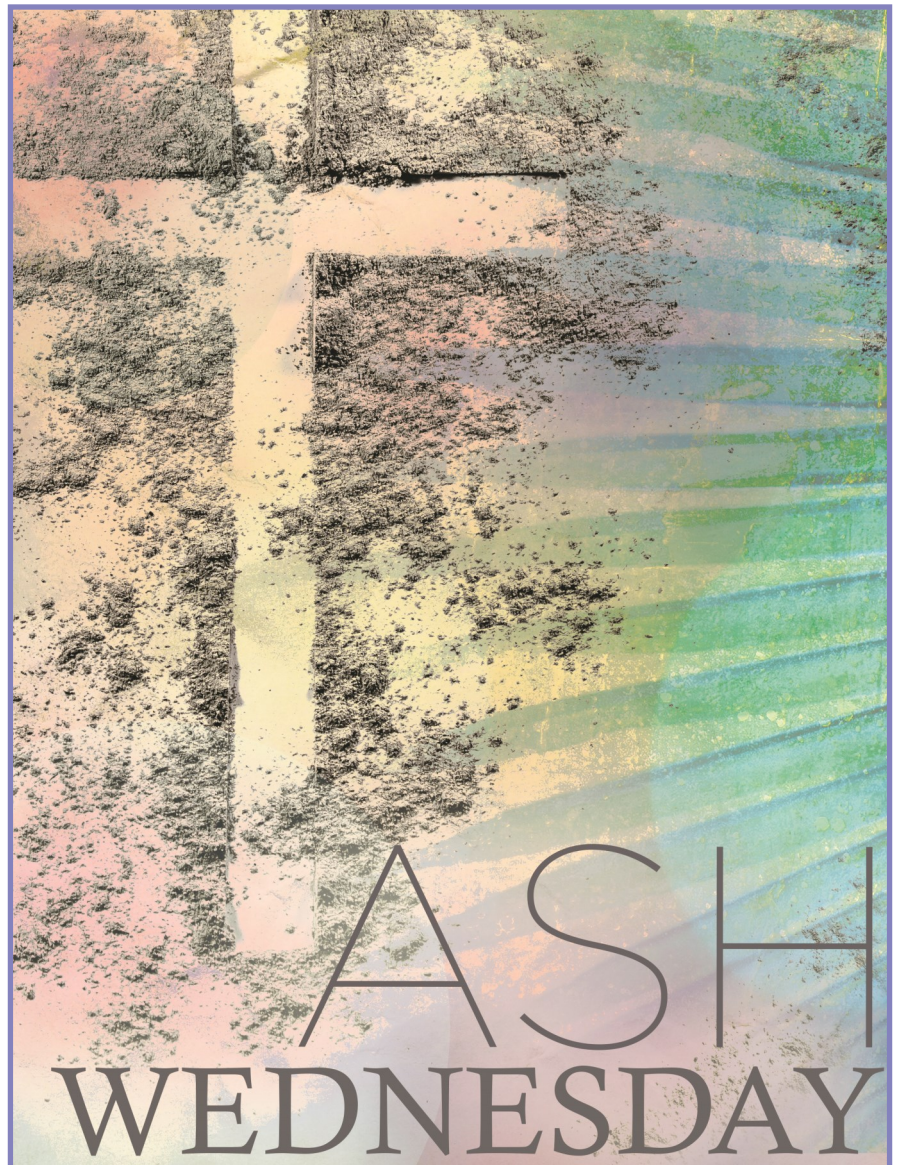
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Mass Times

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

Next Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday. Join us for Ash Wednesday Masses with the distribution of ashes at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

The Fish Fry is back! I am looking forward to our Men's Club Fish Fry on all the Fridays of Lent, March 4 - April 8, from 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall. Takeout meals are also available. Thanks to all the volunteers who make this meal possible. We appreciate it!

Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join us to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM.

As we begin the Season of Lent, the Church recommends these spiritual practices:

Prayer. Jesus spent 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert. We can spend the 40 days of Lent in a renewal of our prayer life. Maybe we can set aside more prayer time by reducing our daily screen time (television, computer, cell phone, tablet) or by rising 10-15 minutes earlier in the morning.

Fasting. Fasting from food allows us to feel hunger and grow in sensitivity towards people around the world who lack access to food. Fasting also involves saying no to a good thing (food) so that we can build up the spiritual discipline to say no to harmful things such as sin. The Church asks Catholics from age 18 until age 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday which means having one full, meatless meal and two smaller meals as needed. People are excused from fasting if they are physically or mentally ill or if they suffer from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Pregnant or nursing women are also excused from fasting.

Abstinence. The Church asks Catholics who are 14 years old and older to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent. Since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday, we can refrain from eating flesh meat on Fridays to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Some options for meatless meals include pancakes, waffles, soup, cheese enchiladas, macaroni and cheese, fried egg sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, cheese pizza, and of course, fish.

Almsgiving. Almsgiving involves sharing our time, talent and treasure with people who are in need. One option is to give through Operation Rice Bowl. Small cardboard Rice Bowls are available in our Gathering Space. Read more about Operation Rice Bowl below.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for February 2022: *For religious sisters and consecrated women.* We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their missions and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2022: *A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges.* We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

75th Anniversary Celebration (AKA Friends and Family): April 23, 2022

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend! We will celebrate with a night of fun and games (new ones as well as returning favorites) and a catered dinner from Tinnucci's. There will be an area to display any memorabilia of St. Pascal's from the last 75 years. If you have something, we hope you will allow us to show it! Further details about the event will be announced soon.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

On the weekend of March 5 - 6, 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 *We Care Campaign*. The three options chosen by the committee for its winter project are:

Option 1: Christian Cupboard

Christian Cupboard is an emergency food shelf located on the grounds of Guardian Angels church in Oakdale whose mission is to provide nutritious food to its neighbors in a respectful manner while engaging the community in the fight against hunger.

Option 2: Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization that provides nutritious food to children worldwide.

Option 3: Options for Women East

Options for Women's East is a medical clinic in St. Paul that ministers to/offers free services and resources to women with unexpected pregnancies (such as education and life coaching, pregnancy tests, prenatal care, ultrasounds etc.)

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution. If you wish to give to one or more of these charities, please write your choice(s) on the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish (also located on the tables near the entrances to the church). Your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Relief Services

Operation Rice Bowl 2022

LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend, February 26/27. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Leslie Lang

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.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

One of St. Pascal Regional Pillars is *Believe*. We believe in helping students to grow in their Catholic Identity everyday at school. Catholic virtues are a part of every grade level in the school. Preschool through eight grade work to learn a specific virtue all year round and bring it into many subject matters.

Third grade has the year-long virtue of compassion. Compassion is the ability to recognize the suffering of others and then take action to help them. It is to have a sympathetic concern for the misfortunes of others. Jesus modeled this virtue beautifully for us in the way He treated all who were in His presence.

Did you know that Compassion...

- Reduces suffering and contributes to the well being of others, making the world a better place
- Opens your heart
- Enlarges your perspective making you realize that just like you, we all experience suffering
- Increases your happiness
- Helps you to be more connected to others

Thank You and God Bless!

Many thanks to everyone who donated peanut butter and soup during our February drive. The families served by Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry at Progressive Baptist Church thank you for providing these much-needed staples. May God bless you for helping others. If you know anyone experiencing food insufficiency the pantry distributes food every Saturday from 10:30 AM - noon. No residency or parish membership requirements Questions? Contact Ann akarner24@gmail.com.

Crafter's Morning Out**Wanted: Knitters, Quilters, Crafters of All Sorts.**

Join us for a morning of fellowship in Brioschi Hall from 9:00 AM-12 Noon on March 12. Bring a project you are working on and enjoy some time to share with other crafters. Coffee and treats provided. Come and stay for the full three hours or as much time as you'd like.

In addition, we will have a free craft garage sale. Bring any craft items that need a new home. Maybe you have unfinished project (that you'll never finish), leftover yarn, scrapbook paper, jewelry pieces, patterns, books etc. This is the time to de-stash! We will start collecting the week of February 26. A large bin will be in the Gathering Space. Open to all women and men of the parish. Sponsored by the St. Pascal Women's Club.

The Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry

All Fridays of Lent from March 4 through April 8 in Brioschi Hall from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. (Please use the Flandrau Street entrance.)

The "All-You-Care-To-Eat" buffet will offer fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, mac-n-cheese, dinner roll, and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, and pop are available.

Adults (12 and up): \$14.00 | Children (6-11): \$7.00 | 5 and under: Free

Cash, check, or card accepted. Due to room capacity restrictions, please limit dining time to 45 minutes. Takeout is available if the hall is full or the wait is too long. Masks required except when dining.

Proceeds benefit the SPRCS K-8 PhyEd program and other parish/school needs.

— FAITH FORMATION —

RCIA: Rite of Sending & Rite of Election

March 6, 2022 at the 10:30 AM Mass

This year St. Pascal's is blessed to have Emily Nord, a catechumen (unbaptized) in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Next weekend we will celebrate the Rite of Sending—our opportunity to surround Emily with our prayer and support as she goes forth to celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Sunday afternoon.

The Rite of Election is a transition point in the RCIA journey, and after this point the catechumens are referred to as the "elect" to signify their new status. This point is referred to as election "because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts" (RCIA #119). Election is about being chosen by God to be in relationship with God. God has chosen them to be baptized at the Easter Vigil and to continue Christ's mission in the world.

Please continue to pray for Emily and for all of those looking forward to celebrating Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil this year.

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing), call 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

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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 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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings February 27, 2022

Tuesday, March 01

8:00 AM Vince & Leona Arceno

Wednesday, March 02

Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM The people of the parish

6:30 PM The people of the parish

Thursday, March 03

8:00 AM Joseph Robinette

Friday, March 04

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, March 05

4:30 PM + Joseph Koenig

Sunday, March 06

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Anthony Genovese

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3. Follow the prompts.
4. Thank you!



Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7

Ps 92:2-3, 13-16

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Monday:

1 Pt 1:3-9

Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16

Ps 98:1-4

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17

2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

1st Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2, 10-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-1

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, February 27

After Masses Women's Club Puzzle Exchange: Brioschi Hall

11:45am Baptism (Haldeman family): Church

12:00pm Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

6:30pm Parish Pre-Lent Retreat: Church

Monday, February 28

6:30pm Parish Pre-Lent Retreat: Church

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, March 1

9:00am A&E Lent Decorating: Church

6:30pm Parish Pre-Lent Retreat: Church

Wednesday, March 2—Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass w/ashes: Church

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Mass w/ashes: Church

Thursday, March 3

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

7:00pm Men's Club Board: Brioschi Hall

Friday, March 4

9:00am Fish Fry Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 5

We Care Campaign

No scheduled events

Sunday, March 6—Lent 1

We Care Campaign

After Masses Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

Monday, March 7

6:30pm JustFaith (Faith and Poverty): Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, March 8

8:00am ACRE Retreat: Brioschi Hall

9:30am Lent School Reconciliation: Church

Wednesday, March 9

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 10

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

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

Friday, March 11

9:00am Fish Fry Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 12

9:00am Women's Club Crafter's Morning Out: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, March 13—Lent 2

No scheduled events

Stewardship of Giving

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

January 2022

Sunday Giving

Sunday Giving \$ 94,433.10

Budgeted \$ 63,431.25

Surplus \$ 31,001.85

YTD Sunday Giving \$ 461,381.05

Budgeted \$ 453,618.75

Surplus \$ 7,762.30

Mortgage Reduction (as of 01.31.2022)

Loan Balance: \$ 3,104,143.57

YTD Collected Donations \$ 157,407.10

YTD Mortgage Pmt: \$ 157,227.35

Surplus \$ 179.75

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 210,989.25

Thank you for your support!

St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens Spring Plant Sale

Our popular Gertens spring fundraiser returns! We will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards. Lots of hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials will be available. Stay tuned for more information shortly. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenaoeling@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Turning Our Hearts

Loving God,
you call us to return to you
with our whole heart.
We stand before you now,
seeking your kindness,
and ask that you lead us to conversion,

and make holy our lives.
During this season of mercy,
guide us with your grace,
give us a clean heart,
and grant us your peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Even Now



Today's readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18. Have you ever walked by someone with ashes on the head and said, “Happy Lent” or “Merry Ash Wednesday”? It’s likely you have not. Few associate happiness with Lent. But what do we hear in today’s readings? “Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart.” This Lent, once again, God calls us to return to unending forgiveness and unconditional love. God knows we have sinned, he knows that there have been times when we failed to live as disciples of his Son. And even now, at this moment in our lives, God wants us to turn our lives over to him and live

in the light of the love of his Son. What would be more joyful than basking in the goodness of God’s unending love and mercy?

When we pray, give alms, and fast, Jesus asks us not to look glum or make a display of our generosity. He invites us to live authentic lives and not be like the hypocrites. Today’s readings challenge us to be aware of our sinfulness, to know that when we say that we are sorry, forgiveness will be ours. Lenten practices offer an opportunity to ask God to create a clean heart within us, so that we can bring the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord to all people. Even now, especially now.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, February 28 Inheriting Eternal Life

Treasure in heaven is not measured in numbers, wealth, or possessions. God invites us over and over to turn toward Jesus and follow him. In these days leading up to Lent, set aside time to prepare for this season of repentance and baptismal renewal. What will you let go of, detach yourself from, and surrender to, in order to have a fruitful and meaningful Lent? *Today's readings: 1 Peter 1:3–9; Psalm 111:1–2, 5–6, 9 and 10c; Mark 10:17–27.*

Tuesday, March 1 For the Sake of the Gospel

Peter seems to express frustration with having given up everything to follow Jesus. Jesus' way is to rely solely on God. When our life is for the sake of the Gospel, we will receive more than we can imagine. Jesus' words contain a challenge, and this Lent can help us deepen our understanding that love, sacrifice, joy, and sorrow are all part of life. Decide today how to schedule prayer time for every day of Lent. *Today's readings: 1 Peter 1:10–16; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Mark 10:28–31.*

Wednesday, March 2 Our Whole Heart

Through the prophet Joel, God invites us to rend our hearts this day, and return to the everlasting love that has no bounds, no limits, no conditions. Our heavenly Father asks us to return with our whole heart, and not make a lukewarm response to this invitation. Fully embrace this holy season of Lent, which gives us a chance to refocus our priorities and redirect our energies, so that we can follow Jesus. *Today's readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.*

Thursday, March 3 A Life of Discipleship

Each of us makes hundreds of choices daily, from what to wear to how to regard the people who come into our lives. St. Katharine Drexel, whose feast day is today, treated people of every race with respect and cared for those whom society shunned. She chose discipleship over a life of privilege. Make an effort today to lose your life for the sake of the cross and, in so doing, choose life. This Lent can be a time to commit to a transformation in your life. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, and 6; Luke 9:22–25.*

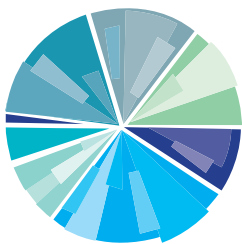
Friday, March 4 Cleanse My Heart

The Church prays Psalm 51 often during Lent. The psalm is one of the great laments in the Book of Psalms, part of the wisdom literature in the Bible. While praying a lament, we join the psalmist in a plea for mercy and forgiveness. As you pray Psalm 51 today, notice how your heart responds to the moving words that believers have prayed for over two millennia. *Today's readings: Isaiah 58:1–9a; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 18–19; Matthew 9:14–15.*

Saturday, March 5 Teach Me Your Way

The prophet Isaiah says, "If you lavish your food on the hungry / and satisfy the afflicted; / Then your light shall rise in the darkness." Who has shown you that "your light shall rise" by acting justly and removing oppressive words from speech? Who has given you courage to follow Jesus even when others may ignore their faith? Make an effort today to express your gratitude to those persons for the truth they have shared. Decide how you will share that truth with someone else today. *Today's readings: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Psalm 86:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Luke 5:27–32.*





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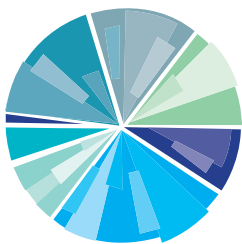
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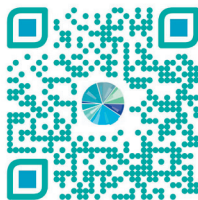
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