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.

MARCH 06, 2022  |  FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2022: Sow Seeds of Goodness. Pope Francis based his message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Galatians 6:9-10).

God’s co-workers. Beginning with the image of sowing and reaping, the Holy Father points out that “Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life’s truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.” God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing “abundant seeds of goodness in our human family.” During the period of Lent, “we are called to respond to God’s gift” by listening to His Word, so that it might “bear fruit in our lives.” In this way, we become “God’s co-workers,” which is a grace of sharing in God’s own “bountiful goodness.”

Reaping the harvest. This, in turn, leads to a harvest. When we sow seeds of goodness and kindness, “no matter how small,” in our own lives, we radiate light and carry “the fragrance of Christ to the world.” Recalling the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps,” Pope Francis reminds us that “we see only a small portion of the fruits we sow.” The Pope explains that “sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses us our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God’s benevolent plan.”

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Holy Father goes on to connect Paul’s words to the Galatians to the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. “Let us not grow tired of praying,” he says, realizing that we need God and others. “Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives,” embracing fasting in order “to fortify our spirit for the battle against sin,” especially through the sacrament of Confession. “Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbor,” giving joyfully and generously to others, especially those in most need. Pope Francis says that each year during Lent “we are reminded that ‘goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.’”

Do not grow tired of doing good. He concludes his message by reminding us that “the soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity.” He invites us, once again, not to grow tired of doing good, and calls us to “believe firmly that ‘if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time,’ and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others.” (Source: Christopher Wells, 24 February 2022, vaticannews.va, Pope Francis Lent message 2022, sow seeds of goodness)

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day prayer vigil for all those affected by abortion. The vigil is March 2 - April 10 from 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM. For more information, go to 40daysforlife.com/en/st.paul or contact Brian Walker, brian.walker@plam.org or 651.797.6363.

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
**REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Prayers for Ukraine**
During this time of turmoil and strife in Ukraine, please continue to pray for the entire country and its leaders. We especially ask everyone to pray for the family of our principal, Inna Collier Paske. They are still in Ukraine living with the horrors of war. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for Ukraine.

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75th Anniversary Celebration (AKA Friends and Family): April 23, 2022
Let’s 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.

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**St. Pascal’s Women’s Club**
Crafters’ Morning Out—Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon
Wanted: Knitters, Quilters, Crafters of All Sorts. Join us for a morning of fellowship in Brioscchi Hall. 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. 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.

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Gertens Spring Plant sale has begun!
The St. Pascal’s Women’s Club will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards online. Go to the Gertens fundraising site at www.gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women’s Club store number 447. There you will find over 90 beautiful choices of Gertens plant cards, hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables, and perennials for sale. All of this from the comfort of your own home. We will also help to facilitate your orders after all Masses on March 26 – 27 and April 2-3. Ordering closes on Thursday, April 7. Your orders will be available for pick up after all Masses on May 14 and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Aeling at ellenoaeling@gmail.com or 651.307.8241.

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Have You Ever Thought About Coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club?
Do it this month! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month, March 14, we will discuss Brian Freeman’s Deep Deep Snow. Brian is a Minnesota resident and a Carlton College graduate. Next month, we’ll meet one week later for a special “Evening with an Author.” On, April 18, Lorna Landvik will come to discuss her Chronicles of a Radical Hag. Lorna, too, is a Minnesota resident. Bring a friend if you like! Please call the parish office at 651.774.1585 or email tony@bakers.us to RSVP and to help the Book Club members prepare for the event.

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**Pray Always and All Ways**
*Resources now available online!*
Thank you to those who joined us for our pre-Lent retreat on February 27, 28, and March 1. The PowerPoint presentations, documents, and videos of each evening are now available on the parish website at www.stpascals.org/lent-2022. If you would like hard copies of anything sent to you, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Pre-Baptism Session**
March 1, 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.

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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**
Phone: 651.776.0092
Email: icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

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

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**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

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**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.

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**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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**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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**The Men’s Club Lenten Fish Fry**
*All Fridays of Lent from March 4 through April 8 in Brioscchi 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 for purchase.

- 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.
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, March 08
8:00 AM  + Vince Arceno

Wednesday, March 09
8:00 AM   Women's Club

Thursday, March 10
8:00 AM  + Phillip Jurkovich

Friday, March 11
8:00 AM   The people of the parish

Saturday, March 12
4:30 PM   The people of the parish

Sunday, March 13
8:45 AM  + Marlene Young
10:30 AM  + Don Hensel

Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

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

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

January 2022

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Thank you for your support!

Readings
March 06, 2022

Sunday:
1st Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

Monday:
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:
Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:1-13

Wednesday:
Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:
Est C12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Friday:
Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:
Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:
2nd Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 6—Lent 1
We Care Campaign
After Mases  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
9:45am Welcome Rite & Visitation for Vince Arceno
11:00am Funeral & Luncheon for Vince Arceno
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

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl 2022

The Pillars of Lent. As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.” How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY

This Easter Season

I would like to make a donation (circle one)

In Honor of  /  In Memory of

From:

Thank you for your generosity and care!

Please note: Memorials/Honorariums received after April 11 will not appear on the Christmas Flowers bulletin insert on April 17 (Easter Sunday).
An Answer to Our Cry

Merciful God,
you are always near
to those who call upon you.
You heard the cry of your chosen people
and led them out of Egypt.
You hear our cry when we are in trouble
and lead us away from temptation.
Fill us with your Spirit
and bring us closer to your Son, Jesus,
finding mercy, forgiveness,
and fullness of life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Trusting in God

Today’s readings: Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 4–15; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13. Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. From the Gospel we learn that our Lord didn’t just wander into this desolate land but was led by the Spirit. Jesus trusted that the Spirit would help him through the difficult time ahead.

After long days and nights of fasting in the desert, Jesus was hungry when the devil appeared. The devil challenged Jesus to turn stones into bread, to worship him, and to test God’s loving care. At every turn, Jesus knew the Spirit was within him, and that his Father was close.

Confident that he would receive strength to sustain him, he did not yield to temptation.

In the first reading, we hear the prayer that the Israelite said while offering the firstfruits of the harvest. This prayer told of trust in God, who heard the cry of the afflicted, brought the Israelites out of Egypt, and led his people to a land of milk and honey. During Lent, we learn again to place our trust in God, for as St. Paul says in the second reading, “Everyone who calls upon the Lord will be saved.” When we cry out in distress, as our ancestors did, we will be heard. With such knowledge, we pray with the psalmist, “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”
Monday, March 7
Whatever You Did for the Least
Catholic social teaching is grounded in the parable of the sheep and goats we hear in today’s Gospel. When Jesus comes in his glory, he will gather those who have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the imprisoned, and given drink to the thirsty. Do something this week that benefits those who are poor, hungry, or forgotten. Make sandwiches, donate to a food pantry, or schedule a time to serve a meal at a local dining hall that tends to those less fortunate. Today’s readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.

Tuesday, March 8
Word and Will
When Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, he draws parallels to how we are to live. When we do the will of God in heaven, glory is given to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh. Every time the Our Father is prayed, we ask that God’s will be done just as it is done in heaven. How can you help ensure that God’s will is done on earth today? Today’s readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5, 6–7, 16–17, 18–19; Matthew 6:7–15.

Wednesday, March 9
Forgive Us Our Sins
In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches an “evil generation.” Our generation is another among many that could be labeled the same. Racism, sexism, and ageism lead to injustice. Life is not valued from conception to natural death. Pray to the God of all goodness and compassion, and ask that our collective offenses be washed clean, that we repent of our societal sins, and that we begin to create a new world and live with humble and contrite hearts. Today’s readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.

Thursday, March 10
Be Attentive
In the reading from Esther, the anguished queen cries out to the Lord to save her from enemies. The psalmist responds confidently in the Lord, proclaiming, “Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.” Daily, we hear pleas for help at home, work, and even during recreation. When tired or preoccupied, it is easy to tune out these cries for assistance. Be attentive to those who need help, knowing that your behavior is imitating the goodness of God. Today’s readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; Matthew 7:7–12.

Friday, March 11
Reconciliation
Jesus, in today’s Gospel, tells his disciples that more is necessary than obedience to the commandments. The Lord expects us not only to refrain from harming another but to seek reconciliation when a relationship has fractured. After making peace with another, our worship to God can be authentic. Take time to examine your relationships and write a letter to someone to whom you need to apologize. Today’s readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8; Matthew 5:20–26.

Saturday, March 12
Blessed Are They
The responsorial psalm proclaims, “Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.” The command that Jesus gives his followers is to love those who persecute them. Jesus instructs that even the pagans and the tax collectors love those who love them. God lets the sun rise on the good and the bad. Christians, who are called to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect,” are to love when it is difficult. Today’s readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2; 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.