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**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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**MARCH 06, 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

**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](http://40daysforlife.com/en/st.paul) or contact Brian Walker, [brian.walker@plam.org](mailto: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

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### March Collection:

#### ***Merrick Community Services***

Merrick's mission is to support individuals and families to navigate life transitions, find health and stability, and promote independence. Merrick upholds their Mission by providing services through their Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Employment and Family Services and more. Items can be dropped off in the donation closet before and after Masses through March 27.

#### ***Most needed items include:***

- Bath soap
- Dish detergent
- Laundry soap
- Tissue
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Paper towels
- Sponges/Wash clothes
- Household cleaning items
- Disinfecting spray
- Hand sanitizers
- Masks
- Body Soap
- Lotion

### **Our JustFaith Journey Begins**

Beginning this week, a group of 13 parishioners will explore the intersection of faith and poverty and what our justice response should be. We will explore the systems and structures that perpetuate poverty in our communities and how these systemic barriers are often invisible to those of us who don't face them. We will pay special attention to communities of color who are disproportionately and unjustly affected by poverty. Each week we will share something we have learned. At the end of our time together we hope to emerge with the courage and tools to work for systemic justice at the local level and hope you will join us in that work. We ask that you pray for us as we embark on this journey. Questions? Contact Ann at [akarner24@gmail.com](mailto:akarner24@gmail.com).

### **Living Faith Booklets**

A limited number of Living Faith booklets for April- June 2022 are available in the parish office. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

## — Baptized in Christ —

We welcome into our community of faith

Clayton Thomas Haldeman  
child of John and Ann

who was recently Baptized in our church.  
May God bless this household of faith.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

— FAITH FORMATION —

C O N T A C T U S

### 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.

### 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.

### St. Pascal's Women's Club

**Crafter's 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 Brioschi 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:ellenoaeling@gmail.com) or 651.307.8241.

### 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 *Chronicals 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 [toni@bakery.us](mailto:toni@bakery.us) to RSVP and to help the Book Club members prepare for the event.

### 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 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.

### 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](http://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

**Monday, March 21 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.

### Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585

Email [church@stpascals.org](mailto: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

Phone 651.776.0092

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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](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org)

#### Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday

[john.mitchell@stpascals.org](mailto:john.mitchell@stpascals.org)

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## Mass Times & Intentions

## Readings March 06, 2022

### 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!



### 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 6:7-15

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

### Thursday: Est C:12, 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

### Stewardship of Giving

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

#### January 2022

#### Sunday Giving

Sunday Giving	\$ 94,433.10
Budgeted	\$ <u>63,431.25</u>
Surplus	\$ 31,001.85
YTD Sunday Giving	\$ 461,381.05
Budgeted	\$ <u>453,618.75</u>
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:	\$ <u>157,227.35</u>
Surplus	\$ 179.75
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 210,989.25

Thank you for your support!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 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

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 [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) to learn more.

### REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS EASTER SEASON

Make a donation (any amount) in memory of (or in honor of) a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass on or before April 11. Suggested donation is \$10. *Memorials fund flowers & worship space needs.*

*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).

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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."



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### 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 speaks of 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.*

