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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.

MARCH 27, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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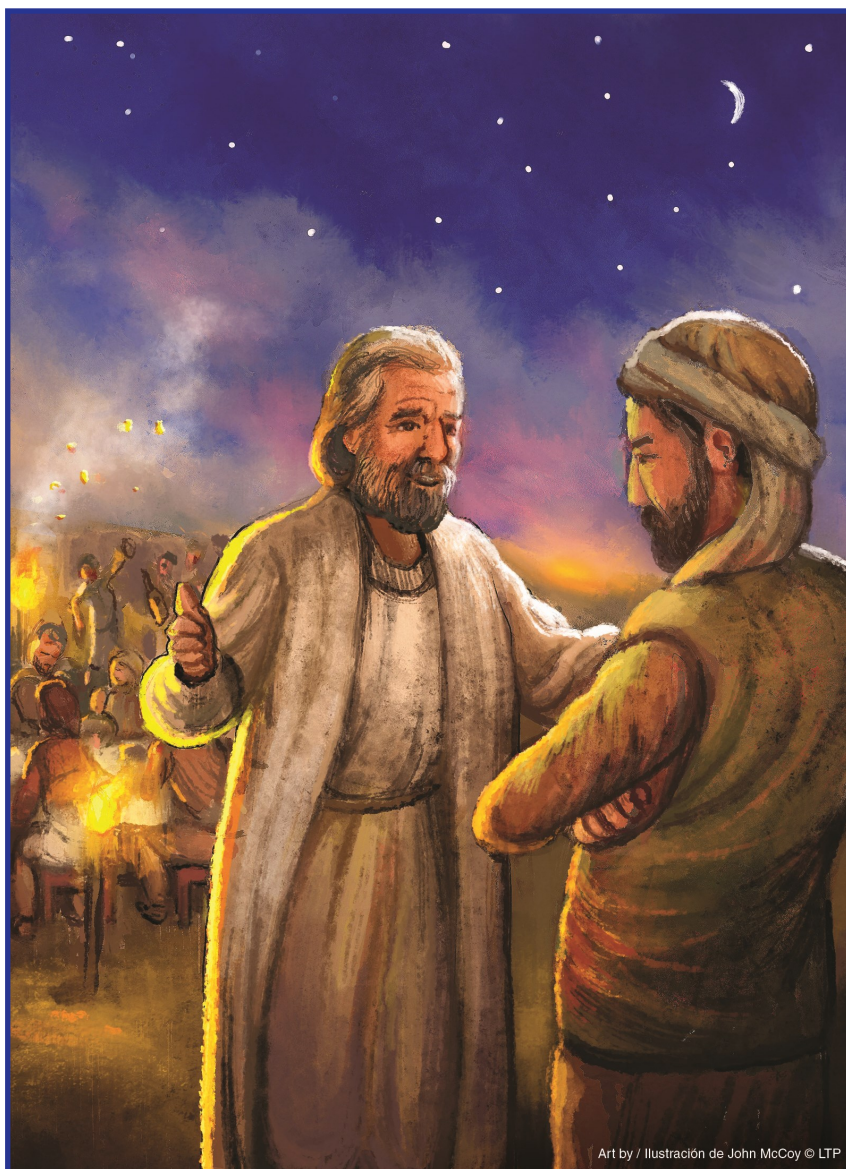
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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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

Congratulations to our High School Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul next Saturday, April 2. This weekend at our 4:30 PM Saturday Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with our high school candidates. May the Holy Spirit fill your lives with many blessings!

This weekend we also celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent also known as Laetare Sunday. The Latin word "laetare" means "rejoice". The Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday's Mass comes from Isaiah 66:10, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning". We rejoice at this mid-point of Lent and look with expectation towards Easter Sunday which is only three weeks away.

Why do priests and deacons wear rose-colored vestments on this Sunday? On both Laetare Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent) and Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Advent), priests and deacons at Mass may wear rose-colored vestments rather than violet/purple vestments. The rose color is a sign of joy which characterizes Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday.

Are there contemporary celebrations that we can observe to make Laetare Sunday more memorable? Individuals or families might choose to enjoy a Sunday brunch today and place roses on the table as a foretaste of their Easter celebration. Also, there was a medieval tradition of visiting your "mother church" (the church where you were baptized) on Laetare Sunday. You could have a fun Sunday afternoon this weekend with friends or relatives by taking a drive to see the church where you, your parents or your children were baptized. You could stand outside or inside your mother church and pray a spontaneous prayer or a prayer of gratitude for your baptism. Then go and enjoy some ice cream or other treat!

We will hear the Year A Scripture readings at 10:30 AM Mass this weekend because we will have Emily, a member of the Elect, at the 10:30 AM Mass. She will be baptized at the Easter Vigil this year, and the Year A Scripture readings contain themes associated with baptism and faith. The Year A Gospel reading this weekend tells of the man born blind who had faith in Jesus. Even though the blind man could not physically see Jesus, he saw Jesus with eyes of faith and believed in him as the Son of God. Do we have eyes of faith to see Jesus?

We will hear the Year C Scripture readings at 4:30 PM and 8:45 AM Masses this weekend. The Gospel reading comes from Luke, chapter 15 and tells us about the Prodigal Son and the Forgiving Father. This parable is a beautiful story of God's mercy.

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.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April 2022: *Health Care Workers.* We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

The Koran and Interpretation in Islam with John Bellaimey

Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM in Brioschi Hall anthropology at Haverford College, and received his Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity

A native of Detroit, John Bellaimey graduated summa cum laude in School. An ordained Episcopal priest, he has taught World Religions, Biblical Literature, and Ethics at Breck School in Golden Valley, MN.

Hosted by St. Pascal's Adult Faith Formation Committee

— WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

Crafter's Morning Update

Fifteen women participated in the first crafting morning. They enjoyed sharing and fellowship. The consensus was to continue Crafter's Mornings on a quarterly basis. New homes were found for many of the donated items. We have found groups outside of St. Pascals looking for materials. *We would like to know the story about the quilt top that was donated.* Please contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937 or jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

Elections and Annual Disbursements

The Women's Club will be electing officers at our May 1 meeting following the 10:30 Mass in Brioschi Hall. All women of the parish are invited.

Also at this meeting will be our annual disbursements of funds. Request forms will be available beginning April 4 in the parish office or by contacting Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

Completed Request Forms are due by Thursday April 28.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Driven By a Dream. Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit www.crs.org/ to donate and learn more.

At the end of Lent you can turn in your donations in one of three ways:

1. Bring your CRS Rice Bowl to St. Pascal's during Holy Week or Easter Week.
2. Convert your Rice Bowl gifts to a check made out to St. Pascal Baylon. Be sure to note it is for CRS Rice Bowl and then drop it off or mail to the parish.
3. Donate directly online to Catholic Relief Services at www.crsricebowl.org/give

Thank you for your generosity!

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

James Cowan

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

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Saintly Service Update

We are excited to announce the winners of the Saintly Service Awards for the months of February and March.

The winner of the February Saintly Service Award for fostering a Culture of Joy like St. John XXIII is Barb Odhiambo, our 1st grade teacher. Mrs. Odhiambo knows how to crack a good joke, encourage when needed, and just offer a listening ear. She sees potential in every student and is dedicated to bringing out the best in every single one of them. We are so grateful for her joyful spirit that blesses our school!

The winner of the March Saintly Service Award for taking action and initiative like St. Joan of Arc is Kelsey Stern, our 5th and 6th grade teacher. Mrs. Stern has shown a lot of initiative in improving our middle school and making sure that we have a safe and loving environment for all. She always advocates for her students to get the services and support that they need. We are very fortunate to have her at our school!

Step 3 of our JustFaith Journey

The U.S. has 7 million people on probation or parole, in jail or prison. Of this, 2.3 million are in prison. This mass incarceration means the U.S. has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. Check out the documentary called 13th which can be found on Netflix or YouTube to learn more about the impact of mass incarceration on not only people of color but on our society as a whole. We ask that you pray for us as we continue on this journey and discern how we are being called to work for justice. Questions: Contact Ann akarner24@gmail.com. *JustFaith is co-sponsored by the social Justice and Caring Committee and Adult Faith Formation.*

St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens Spring Plant Sale—Now through April 7!

In-person order assistance after all Masses on March 26-27 and April 2-3.

Need help with your order? Come find us after Mass in Brioschi Hall, place an order and get some great plants. *Payment is due at the time of order.*

You can also place your order from the comfort of your home—go to gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club store #447. *Ordering closes April 7 at 10:00 PM—no exceptions.*

We have over 90 beautiful choices—hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials. We will also have a donation box for plants for the Marian Center. You can pick up your order after all Masses on the weekend of May 14-15. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com. Please support the St. Pascal's 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 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.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation: Rite of Sending

This weekend at the 4:30 PM Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Sending with our candidates who will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 am. It is an opportunity for our parish community to recognize these young people as well as their sponsors and parents, and offer our blessing and support. Please hold our candidates in prayer this week. Come, Holy Spirit!

Save the Date: June 20-24

Vacation Bible School 2022

Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness

Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plan to join us for this desert adventure. It will be a howling good time! Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
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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

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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
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Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings March 27, 2022

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 AM + Gregory J. Arko

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 AM + Fr. James Kaston

Thursday, March 31

8:00 AM Joseph Robinette

Friday, April 1

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, April 2

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, April 3

8:45 AM + Vince Arceno

10:30 AM The people of the parish

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



Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

Ps 34:2-7

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday:

Is 65:17-21

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13cd, 14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34:17-21, 23

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20

Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12

Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Ps 126:1-6

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 27—Lent 4

After Masses Women's Club Spring Plant Sale: Brioschi Hall

Monday, March 28

6:30pm JustFaith: Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, March 29

No scheduled events

Wednesday, March 30

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Session: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 31

9:30am Welcome Rite & Visitation for Bernardine Borowiak: Gathering Space, Chapel

10:30am Funeral Mass for Bernardine Borowiak: Church

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, April 1

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, April 2

10:00am Confirmation: Cathedral of Saint Paul

After Mass Women's Club Spring Plant Sale: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, April 3—Lent 5

After Masses Women's Club Spring Plant Sale: Brioschi Hall

11:45am Palm Sunday Proclaimer Practice: Church

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club Special Event Evening with An Author: Lorna Landvik.

Monday, April 18 at 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Please use main church entrance (Door 3) on Flandrau Street

Minnesota author Lorna Landvik will be here to discuss *Chronicles of a Radical Hag*. FREE but reservations are required. Visit stpascals.org/parish-news for a SignUpGenius link or call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

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 Easter Flowers bulletin insert on April 17 (Easter Sunday).

Stewardship of Giving

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

February 2022

Sunday Giving

Monthly Giving	\$ 94,433.10	YTD Giving	\$ 461,381.05
Budgeted	\$ <u>63,431.25</u>	Budgeted	\$ <u>453,618.75</u>
Surplus	\$ 31,001.85	Surplus	\$ 7,762.30

Mortgage Reduction (as of 01.31.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 3,104,143.57
Principal:	\$ 12,059.70
Interest:	\$ 10,401.35
Monthly Payment:	\$ 22,461.05
YTD Collected Donations	\$ 177,763.95
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>179,688.40</u>
Deficit:	\$ -1,924.45
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 205,858.91

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Returning to You

Loving God,
you are compassionate and forgiving,
showing us mercy through all time.
We bless you, God of goodness,
for you hear our cry,
and reach out in our distress.
As your holy people,
we ask that you hear our prayer
for a clean heart and a renewed spirit,
so that we may turn back to you
and receive your everlasting peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 27, 2022
Lavish and Bountiful Mercy



Today's readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10–12; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32. A loving father with property and some wealth. A son who is steadfast but jealous. A son who is unsettled and wanders. In today's language, the family in the Gospel parable might be called “dysfunctional.”

This family is not very different from today's families whose members exhibit a mix of jealousy, misbehavior, and mercy. After the younger son squanders his inheritance, he returns to his home with humility. The father greets the son, pouring out his love and mercy, and the son's return is celebrated with much feasting. However, the older son, because of

his jealousy, is blinded to his father's goodness, and selfishly questions the father's decisions. This son who has worked hard for his father does not realize what has been right in front of him for his entire life. The father in the story wants to share his wealth and life and love with both of his children, but pride gets in the way for the older son. With humility, the younger son accepts his father's forgiveness.

At times in our lives any of us might act as the younger son, at other times as the older son, and sometimes like the father. God is consistent, always offering unending love and mercy. He always seeks to find the lost and offer life to those once dead to sin.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 28 Seek the Miracle

With faith, the royal official asked Jesus to heal his son. Upon the son's healing, the whole household came to believe. Do you have a request for God? Realize that God is awaiting your petition. Look for Jesus today, for God is creating new heavens and a new earth at every moment. Find a miracle that unfolds for you today, however small, and share that with someone. *Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54. Optional for any day this week: Micah 7:7–9; Psalm 27:1, 7–8a, 8b–9abc, 13–14; John 9:1–41.*

Tuesday, March 29 You Are Near

“The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob,” we pray with the psalmist today. The psalm tells of the “astounding things” God has wrought on the earth. In the Gospel, the Lord certainly was with the sick man who had been unable to enter the pool. There we see the God of mercy who restores the man to wholeness. Trusting in God's presence, pray the refrain of today's psalm throughout the day. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6; 8–9; John 5:1–16.*

Wednesday, March 30 So Also the Son

In today's Gospel, Jesus states that “a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing.” Jesus, the Son, does not do anything except through the power of God. What Jesus knows and sees the Father doing, Jesus will do. Who has taught you how to live as a Christian? Write a letter or call the person to acknowledge and thank them for their example. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

Thursday, March 31 Whom Do You Believe?

Many words and images come at us daily. Social media, news outlets, conversations with colleagues and friends flood us with messages. Jesus describes the many witnesses to his identity and power, but his listeners still don't trust all that he has to offer. What helps you believe that Jesus is the Savior? What keeps you focused on his message of truth? Make a point to name and claim that this week. *Today's readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

Friday, April 1 Ever Close

Have you ever felt brokenhearted? Do you know someone who is? Today's psalm reminds us that God is always close to those in need, to those struggling, and to anyone in distress. Be especially attentive to show kindness to people you meet. Many people are struggling silently. Your compassionate presence will be a sharing of your faith in our loving and merciful God. *Today's readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21 and 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.*

Saturday, April 2 Unite in Christ

In today's Gospel, we hear of a division occurring as people argued over whether Jesus is the Christ. Today, many people hostilely debate matters of Christianity. A visible sign of the reign of God is unity, which can be sometimes hard to achieve even in a parish. Talk about unity with your family or a friend and make a commitment to help unite people as the people of God rather than create any further divisions. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*

