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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.

APRIL 24, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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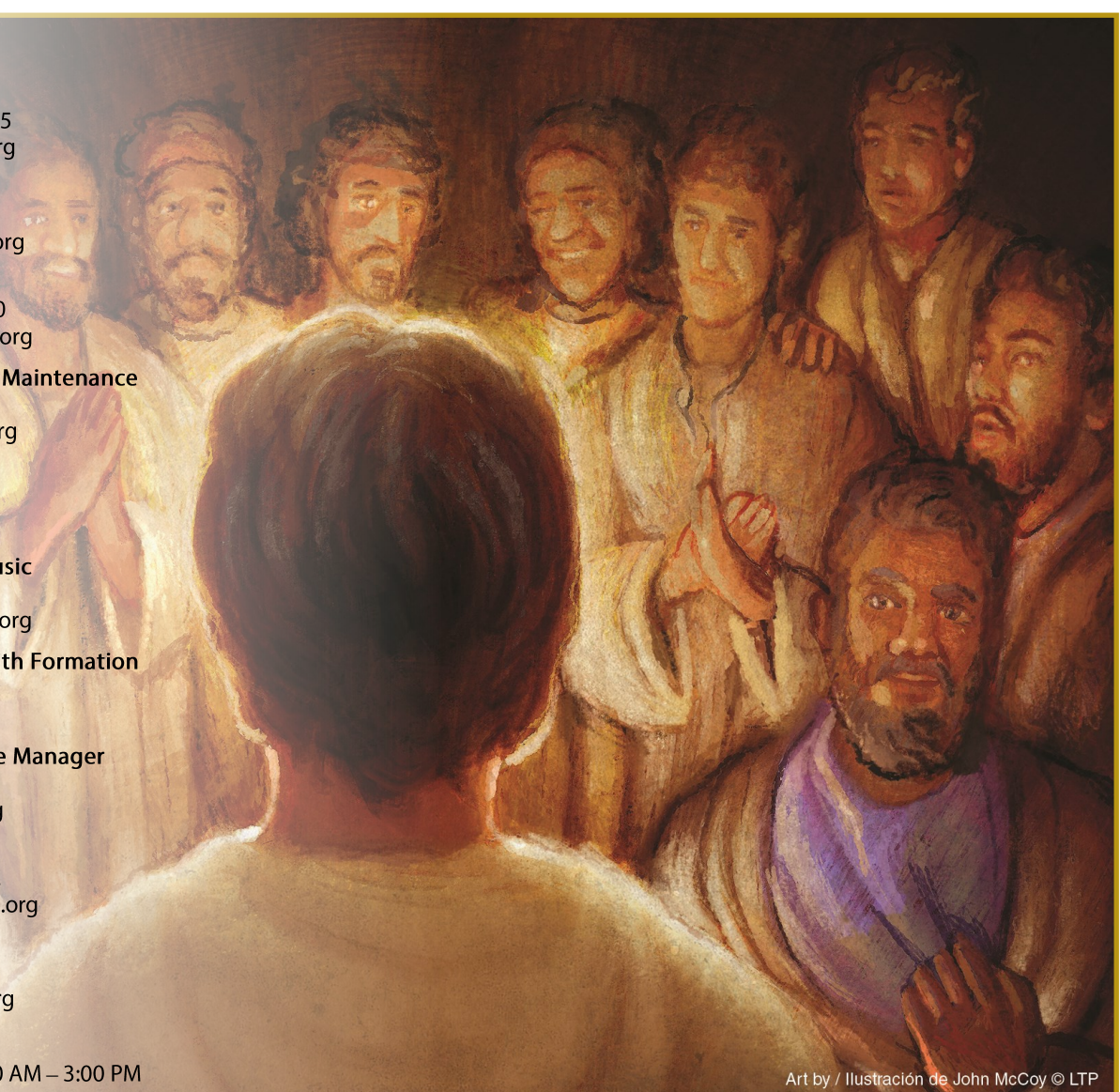
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Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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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

Update on my sabbatical plans. As announced in February, I plan to take a 3-month sabbatical leave in fall 2023. I plan to attend the Institute of Continuing Theological Education at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy during September and November 2023. I plan to spend most of October 2023 travelling in Spain to visit the St. Pascal Baylon's hometown in Torrehermosa, his burial site in Villarreal, and other cities such as Madrid and Barcelona. I sent my sabbatical application to Archbishop Hebda earlier this month, and should find out by November if he will grant me a sabbatical leave. If my sabbatical request is granted, the Archdiocese will pay for the cost of having a substitute priest cover Masses and sacramental duties here while I am gone. I have talked with retired priest Father Bob Hart, and he is willing to be the substitute priest here while I am on sabbatical. This arrangement will also need the approval of Archbishop Hebda.

What is my goal for going on a sabbatical? I celebrated my 25th anniversary as a priest last May. As I look ahead to the next 25 years and beyond, I want to be healthy in spirit, mind and body. The goal of my sabbatical is to learn and practice actions that will foster my spiritual, mental and physical health.

To fund my sabbatical plans and some activities for you while I am gone, I applied for a \$44,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program. I will find out by August 2022 if our parish will receive the Lilly Grant. The grant proposal includes the expenses for my sabbatical activities and the following activities for you:

- 1) To renew your spiritual health, 400 copies of the book, 7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness, by Catholic author Joe Paprocki will be purchased and distributed free of charge to parishioners. Also, Joe Paprocki will come to our parish to give a talk about the book.
- 2) To renew your mental health, there will be a free painting event offered at our church for 100 people. An art instructor from the local paint-and-sip studio, Cheers Pablo, will lead you through a step-by-step painting project. Cheers Pablo will bring the canvases, paint, brushes and supplies needed for this event. Refreshments will be provided as well.
- 3) To renew your physical health, you will be invited to attend a free presentation at our church entitled "From the Mediterranean to Minnesota: Making Healthy Eating Practical". The speaker will be Beth Reisdorf, who is a parishioner and registered dietician. Attendees will learn the principles of the Mediterranean diet which has consistently demonstrated positive health benefits and practical tools for meal planning, grocery shopping and meal preparation. Simple, healthy snacks will also be assembled by participants to take home.
- 4) In December 2023 after I return from my sabbatical, we will have a parish dinner in Brioschi Hall. I will talk about my sabbatical experiences, and you will enjoy a delicious meal of Spanish appetizers of dried meat, cheese, almonds, olives, crackers, and sangria beverage and the main course of an Italian pasta dinner.

I will keep you updated as time moves forward. Let us keep each other in prayer as we pay attention to our health of spirit, mind and body. Whatever our age or health condition, each one of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit and a beloved child of God.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May 2022: Faith-Filled Young People. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— BUILDING & GROUNDS —

Emergency Procedures for Crowds

In compliance with Catholic Mutual guidelines, we are sharing the following safety procedures with the parish:

Fire

If the fire alarm goes off during Mass or other events, the presider (or whomever is leading the event) should give directions for evacuating the building in a quick and orderly manner. The building should be evacuated through the closest available exit as listed below. Ushers and/or parish staff members will assist people in exiting in a timely and orderly manner.

Events in Brioschi Hall

Exits are on the east end (double doors leading to breezeway and Door 5) and west end (Door 4) of the Hall. *Guests can also exit through any of the doors on the south side of the Hall into the gathering space and then proceed out through Door 3.*

Events in Church

There are four exits from the church. Guests can exit through either of the main doors into the gathering space and then proceed either out through Door 3 or go down the stairs and exit through Door 2. Guests in the southwest corner of the church near the sacristy should exit through the emergency door near the sacristy entrance which leads directly to the parking lot. Choir members and guests seated near the choir area can go down the stairs in the southeast corner of the church behind the choir then proceed out through Door 0 at the bottom of the stairs.

Severe Weather

If severe weather warnings are sounded during Mass or other events, activity will be halted and guests should move to a place of safety on a lower floor and/or an interior part of the building away from windows. Ushers and/or parish staff members will assist in moving guests to safety.

Events in Brioschi Hall

Guests who are able to use the stairs should move down to the large storage area next to the parish office. Guests who are unable to move easily down the stairs should move into the coatroom at the West end of Brioschi Hall, into the hallway outside the double doors at the east end of Brioschi Hall or into the area near the elevator.

Events in Church

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— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Peace of Mind Initiative at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

Like all schools, St. Pascal Regional serves students and families who are dealing with anxiety, fear, and depression. In our archdiocese, 92% of Catholic school principals identified the need for more time from school counselors to respond. Thanks to the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE), we have been able to better serve our school community with mental health and wellness resources through its Peace of Mind initiative. St. Pascal Regional is now one of 21 local Catholic schools in this three-year Peace of Mind initiative. Over the course of the three years, our school is receiving specific instruction, resources, and tools from CSCOE's partner, Dr. Jules Nolan, and her team at Phoenix School Counseling. Tiffany Johnson is the amazing counselor from Phoenix School Counseling working at St. Pascal Regional. We are very grateful for CSCOE's support in providing fresh perspectives and concrete tools to bolster health and balance for everyone in our Catholic school communities. If you would like to learn more about the Peace of Mind initiative, please visit bit.ly/POMIN.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Step 7 of our JustFaith Journey

Food for Thought. This week we offer some reading suggestions for those of you who have been making this journey with us. *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson is a story of justice and redemption. It will not only open your eyes about the criminal justice system but will also show how one person can make a difference for many other people. We also highly recommend *Strength to Love*. It is a compilation of sermons given by Martin Luther King, Jr. Although these sermons were given more than 50 years ago, they ring as true today as they did back then. When combined with the writings of Pope Francis, there is much in both these books calling us to live justly and work to make our little piece of the world a better place to live. Questions: Contact Ann akarner24@gmail.com.

JustFaith is sponsored by the Social Justice and Caring Committee and the Adult Faith Committee.

Interested in working on Fall Festival?

After a two year hiatus, we are exploring options and possibilities for a Fall Festival celebration in September. If you'd like to add your good energy to the effort, please contact Theresa in the parish office at Theresa.ruutger@stpascals.org or 651.432.4960.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Faith Formation Registration for 2022-2023 NOW OPEN

Wednesday evening faith formation is open to all children of St. Pascal's who attend public schools.

Forms are available on the parish website. Note that there are 3 forms to be completed:

- FAMILY INFORMATION FORM 1 per family
- INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM—1 per child enrolling
- SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PERMISSION—1 per child enrolling

Registrations are due August 1st! However, as we need to allocate appropriate space for each group, it is essential to have a clear picture of our faith formation numbers sooner rather than later. Fees will not be collected until after August 1.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist (for children in grade 2 and older)

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Children in grade 2 and older during the 2022-2023 school year whose families belong to St. Pascal's are welcome to prepare for and celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration forms and information are now available on the parish website. *Registrations are due August 1.* For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Women's Club Elections and Yearly 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.

Bloodmobile

Monday, May 2 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM

The Bloodmobile will be at St. Pascal's in Brioschi Hall. Please call Margaret at 651.735.4701 for an appointment time.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email 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

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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 April 24, 2022

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, April 28

8:00 AM + Terry Lemke

Friday, April 29

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, April 30

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, May 1

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Richard Cole

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:

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-3

Monday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37

Ps 93:1ab, 1c-2, 5

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26

Ps 34:2-9

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33

Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20

Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Rv 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 24

After Masses Sweatshirt sales: Gathering Space

11:45am Charland Family Baptism: Church

12:00pm Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, April 25

1:00pm Merrick Food Distribution prep: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, April 26

6:30pm The Koran and Interpretation in Islam: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, April 27

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, April 28

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, April 29

No scheduled events

Saturday, April 30

10:30am 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Session: Brioschi Hall, Church

Sunday, May 1

11:45am Peterson Family Baptism: Church

12:00pm Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, May 2

1:00pm Bloodmobile: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm JustFaith: Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, May 3

11:00am Funeral for Marcie Ellis: Chapel, Gathering Space

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, May 4

11:15am Rosary: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, May 5

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

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

Friday, May 6

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 7

After Mass Mother's Day Flower Sale: Gathering Space

Sunday, May 8—Mother's Day

9:30am Mother's Day Flower Sale: Gathering Space

"Thanks Mom, for Life!" Mother's Day Flower Sale

May 7 & 8 at the table in the Gathering Space

Honor your mom or another special person in your life with a corsage, African violet or Birthright long-stemmed rose. Flowers will be available before and after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 7 & 8).

Orchid Corsage: \$8.00

African Violet: \$7.00

Long-stemmed Rose: \$5.00

Proceeds from the sale will benefit MCCL (Minnesota Citizen Concerned for Life), Options for Women East and Birthright.

Stewardship of Giving

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

March 2022

Sunday Giving

Monthly Giving	\$ 58,139.94	YTD Giving	\$ 583,541.67
Budgeted	\$ <u>63,764.58</u>	Budgeted	\$ <u>583,418.26</u>
Deficit	\$ - 5,624.64	Surplus	\$ 123.41

Mortgage Reduction (as of 03.31.2022)

Loan Balance: \$ 3,077,499.97

Principal: \$ 13,102.40

Interest: \$ 9,358.65

Monthly Payment: \$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations \$ 204,619.44

YTD Payment: \$ 202,149.45

Surplus: \$ 2,469.99

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 213,176.05

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



The Gift of Faith

Merciful God,
in this Easter season
you call us to see through eyes of faith.
Soften the hardness of our hearts
that keeps us from seeing you in
one another.
Give us the gift of your peace
and strengthen our belief in your presence;

especially when our vision is clouded by
fear and doubt.
We thank you for the gift of faith so
freely given
and for the courage to embrace that faith
and give witness to it
for the good of all people.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 24, 2022
All Things Are Possible



Today's readings: Acts 5:12–16; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19; John 20:19–31.
At times, it may seem farfetched to place belief in a person or a possibility. Having been sure at some time of an impossibility, we may identify with the apostle Thomas. He might have felt that Jesus could not have risen from the dead.

So sure was Thomas in his absence of belief that he told his friends, “Unless I see the marks of nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks . . . I will not believe.” Once Jesus entered the locked room, Thomas’ heart changes and he declared, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus accepted this change with mercy.

When tempted to lock ourselves away for fear of hurt or disappointment, it is good to be mindful that Jesus Christ can still be present to us. “Peace be with you,” he said to the disciples and he says to us in our tribulations. The gift of faith that he offers can provide the courage to step out of the locked room where we hide our emotions, our gifts, and our hopes. For our generation and so many others, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have seen and have believed.” Where in your life are you unsure and need to change your heart? Spend time asking Christ to enter that place and bring you peace.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 25 Gospel Boldness

What does it mean today to speak the Word of God with boldness? To embrace a life that is based on Gospel values? Living out Gospel values can bring a beacon of hope to others. In the face of anger and hatred, such a way of living means to choose to love; in the face of weariness and sickness, it means to be a healing presence. Whenever we choose to hope, to love, and to heal, our faith is lived out loud. Such a faith alerts others to the presence of God. *Today's readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

Tuesday, April 26 Creating a Community of Love

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind,” we hear in the reading from Acts. Imagine the Church acting with “one heart and mind.” The possibilities are limitless. The poor among us would be cared for, those in need of comfort and healing would find a place to rest, there would be no one marginalized because everyone would be welcomed. Pay attention to those who enter your life and how you welcome them. Your welcome reveals God’s love. *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

Wednesday, April 27 God So Loved the World

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son” has been heralded on posters, billboards, and T-shirts. As today’s Gospel states, it is up to believers to live out the truth of God’s love. Keep in mind that you reflect God’s light and love in how you greet others, show compassion, and offer encouragement. *Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

Thursday, April 28 Open to the Spirit

In the first reading, the apostles tell the Sanhedrin of the witness of the Holy Spirit; in the Gospel, Jesus says that the gift of the Spirit is not rationed. This Holy Spirit surrounds us in every moment, energizing us to offer to our world mercy and compassion. Pray to the Spirit for courage to live the Gospel in word and action. *Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

Friday, April 29 Grace in Abundance

Many people worry about scarcity. They are concerned that they do not have enough and even that they do not love enough. God’s grace, though, is available in abundance. In today’s Gospel, we hear of the apostles’ concern that there was not enough food for the crowd. Jesus, however, provides more than enough for all to have their fill. He takes precious little food and transforms it into a feast that yielded twelve baskets of food when all had eaten. Imagine what God can do with our lives when we are open to transformation. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

Saturday, April 30 A Simple Prayer

Any parent or guardian stays constantly alert to the well-being of their children. Why is it so hard to imagine that God does the same with us? As God’s children, we are not unlike the disciples in the boat: sometimes we get tossed about by life and feel anxious. As the disciples discovered, Jesus was not far away. Just as Jesus calls out and reassures the disciples, he does so with us. When you are facing a moment of fear, pray, “Jesus, I trust in you!” *Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*

