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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.

MAY 8, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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:



Happy Mother's Day! We give thanks today for our mothers and for all women who provide a mothering influence in our world.

Mother's Day Blessing Prayer

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you do for your Church. Bless our mothers who have known the joys and sorrows of life. Strengthen them as you did the holy women of old: Sarah, Ruth, Rebecca, Anna and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Bless our mothers today, in this lifetime, with all that is good. Bless them with joy, love and laughter. Let them find delight in their children and surround them with good friends. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those of us whose mother has died, I offer you this prayer:

Gratitude for Mother Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for the life of my mother and for all the years I enjoyed with her. I praise you that she stood with me through the good times and the bad times. I cherish the memories of the time we spent together. As she is now at rest with you, I thank you for the hope of a future in your presence that we will share together forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to Deacon Nathan Pacer, our teaching parish seminarian. This is the last weekend that Nathan will spend with us before his priesthood ordination for the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 AM. Nathan started as our teaching parish seminarian in Fall 2018. He has been with us at weekend Mass once a month, he helped with teaching a Wednesday evening faith formation class, he visited RCIA class, he met regularly with his teaching parish committee for discussions, and he has been preaching here once a month during the past year. I expect his ordination Mass to be televised through the Rockford diocesan website at rockforddiocese.org. If you wish to send Nathan a card or note, his address until the end of May is: Nathan Pacer, St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. God bless you, Nathan!

Looking ahead: May 21-22: Anointing of the Sick at all weekend Masses.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Step 9 of our JustFaith Journey

"Those who, in the biblical phrase, would save their lives—that is, those who want to get along, who don't want commitments, who don't want to get into problems, who want to stay outside of a situation that demands the involvement of all of us—they will lose their lives. What a terrible thing to have lived quite comfortably, with no suffering, not getting involved in problems, quite tranquil, quite settled, with good connections politically, economically, socially—lacking nothing, having everything. To what good? They will lose their lives." (Oscar Romero, The Violence of Love). As our group moves toward the completion of our time together, we will be reflecting on this and other challenging premises. We invite you to reflect as well. Please pray that God will guide us to make wise decisions and give us the grace to act upon them. Questions: Contact Ann akarner24@gmail.com.

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

May Collection: Brittany's Place

During the month of May, items will be accepted in the parish donation closet for Brittany's Place, an emergency shelter in St. Paul for girls and young women who have experienced commercial sex trafficking or are at high risk for sexual exploitation. New clothing (women's SM-LG), personal care items, and NEW twin sheet sets, blankets, and pillows are needed. A complete list can be found at www.stpascals.org/social-justice-and-caring-committee.

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, May 9 at 7:00 PM

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge, located near the Conway entrance. You can come as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy; and on June 13 we'll share our thoughts about *Chasing Fireflies: A Novel of Discovery* by Charles Martin.

— Baptized in Christ —

We welcome into our community of faith

Arthur Daniel Peterson
child of Blake and Nicole

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

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

**Happy Mother's Day
from St. Pascal Regional!**

A very special thank you to all the mothers and mother figures who work tirelessly to make sure everyone in their lives is loved and cared for. May God bless them and grant them strength in mind and body!

Parish Life App

Want to connect with parish friends? See your contribution information? Update your email address or phone number? It's all as easy as downloading the Parish Life app.

This new app allows parishioners to update personal information (address, phone numbers, emails), access up-to-date giving information, and find other parish members who have opted into the directory. *Your privacy is important, so directory information will not appear without your approval.*

Online giving information will be uploaded to your account monthly; envelope and cash donations will update weekly.

Photos and calendar options may be added in the future.

An e-mail invitation was sent last week and many of you have logged on already. Missed the invite? Please email Theresa and she will resend the link.

Gertens Spring Plant Sale

Plants and plant card pick up May 14 and 15
Your orders will be ready for pick up before and after all Masses on the weekend of May 14-15 in Brioschi Hall. Thank you for supporting the St. Pascal's Women's Club—and Happy Spring!

From the Men's Club: Lent 2023 Fish Fry Update

After a two-year gap, the Men's Club was happy to provide a fish fry for the recent Lenten season. We thank all of you that were able to attend. We are hoping to have a fish fry next year, but we'll need help to make this happen. Our current chairman is retiring and we need someone to volunteer to lead this event. Without a new chairperson, we may not have another fish fry. The event is organized into multiple smaller groups, each with its own coordinator. The chairperson works with the coordinators to ensure the entire event runs smoothly. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact the Men's Club leadership or call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

St. Pascal's Kickoff to Summer: Saturday, May 28 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Join us for a casual evening of food, music, and games as we celebrate the beginning of summer! There is no cost to the event, but registration is requested. Please call the parish office or use the SignUp Genius link on the parish website so we can plan for food. A freewill offering will be taken. *Sponsored by Parish Life and Activities Committee.*

Learn more about the newly formed Parish Life and Activities Committee in future bulletins. This is a new endeavor of the parish council, whose purpose is to provide opportunities for community-building. If you are interested in joining the group or sharing ideas with the committee, contact Kim Roering.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Prebaptism Session

Monday, May 16 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 in the parish office.

Vacation Bible School 2022

Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness

Monday-Friday, June 20-24

\$40/child or \$100/family

Registration forms now available in kiosks, online, or in parish office!

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! **Deadline for registration is May 27.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Adults and older youth are needed to help as small group leaders and activity area leaders. We especially need help in games! Please contact Kim Roering in the parish office to say "yes!" and for more information.

Fall Festival: September 2022

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.

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

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

Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
john.mitchell@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

May 8, 2022

Tuesday, May 10

8:00 AM + Vince Arceno

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 AM Women's Club

Thursday, May 12

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, May 13

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, May 14

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, May 15

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Joseph & Marian Koenig

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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 Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Ps 100:1-3, 5

Rv 7:9, 14b-17

Jn 10:27-30

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1b-7

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-11b

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Ps 113:1-8

Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday:

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 145:8-13

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, May 8—Mother's Day

After Masses Mother's Day Flower Sale: Gathering Space

Monday, May 9

7:00am Roof work

6:30pm JustFaith: Zoom

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 10

7:00am Roof work

8:00am Mass in chapel

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal: Church

Wednesday, May 11

7:00am Roof work

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am SPRCS Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

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

Thursday, May 12

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, May 13

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Karuganda/Gaju): Church

Saturday, May 14—1st Eucharist Weekend

8:00am Spring Plant Delivery & Setup: Brioschi Hall

2:00pm Wedding (Karuganda/Gaju): Church

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

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

Sunday, May 15—1st Eucharist Weekend

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

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

11:45am Baptism (Vougrilaithoug & Bjork Families): Church

Monday, May 16

6:30pm Prebaptism Session: Founders Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 17—Feast of St. Pascal Baylon

8:30am No scheduled events

Wednesday, May 18

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am SPRCS Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

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

Thursday, May 19

6:00pm Cub Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, May 20

9:00am Welcome Rite & Visitation (Pat Omodt)

11:00am Funeral & Luncheon for Pat Omodt

Saturday, May 21—Anointing Weekend

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 22—Anointing Weekend

4:00pm Piano Recital: Church

Heart Questions

Protected by Christ

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." —John 10:27-28

Adults: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Kids: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

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:	\$ <u>9,358.65</u>
Monthly Payment:	\$ 22,461.05
YTD Collected Donations	\$ 204,619.44
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>202,149.45</u>
Surplus:	\$ 2,469.99
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 213,176.05

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd,
you know each member of your flock.
Open our hearts and minds
to see your presence in the world.
As the Good Shepherd,
you hear and answer our prayer.
May we allow your voice to resound
in our hearts.
Guide us to understand
that no matter who we are
or where we are in this world,
we are all members of your flock.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 8, 2022
Accompanying One Another



Today's readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30. Why does it seem that differences in culture, religion, or preferences frighten people? This appears to be the situation in the first reading today. The Jews grew jealous when Paul and Barnabas included the Gentiles in a Sabbath gathering. One group saw themselves as more deserving than the other and grew angry and violent. They wanted to keep the faith contained among those like themselves.

In the Gospel, Jesus identifies his sheep as those who “hear my voice” and “follow me.” Jesus gives them “eternal life.” Jesus’ sheep only need to hear his voice and follow him. It seems so simple, yet often people complicate

Christianity as they judge by appearances. Fear can lead to anger and ultimately to excluding people who have many gifts and talents to offer our communities.

When fearful of others, it is essential to pray for the grace to see people as God sees them, to recognize the presence of God within those who come to us seeking to join our journey of faith. Our prayer should lead us to treat each person with dignity and respect. May we strive to imitate the reverence for others that is apparent in Pope Francis’ statement: “The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this ‘art of accompaniment’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other” (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 169).



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 9

The Voice of the Shepherd

Think of the people you love and how it feels when you hear one of them say your name. Often, the voice of a loved one is soothing. Jesus knows and calls us by name; if we are listening, comfort and security will be found even while facing challenges. Today, allow yourself a few moments of silence to hear your name being called by the Good Shepherd, and know the gift of peace. Consider meditating on the words of Sunday's responsorial psalm: we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *Today's readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; John 10:1-10.*

Tuesday, May 10

A Hand to Hold

Jesus lets his doubters know that his followers, his sheep, are secure with him. "No one can take them out of my hand," he says, "and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." No matter the situation or adversary, Christians can rest assured that God cares for them. *Today's readings: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30.*

Wednesday, May 11

Light in Darkness

"I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness," Jesus states in today's Gospel. Unable to see in the dark, people often become afraid. The darkness we find ourselves in can be as literal as when the electricity is out during a storm, or figurative such as when the future seems uncertain. When you feel enveloped by darkness, remember to look for Jesus to light your path. *Today's readings: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; John 12:44-50.*

Thursday, May 12

God Is Good

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord," we sing in today's responsorial psalm. What are the blessings in your life? Love, faith, family, friendship, a place to call home, our health, a job are some of the blessings that might come to mind. Many of these we take for granted. Grace, mercy, and faithfulness are God's promise to us. Even a moment of gratitude opens us to the fullness of this promise. *Today's readings: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; John 13:16-20.*

Friday, May 13

Have Faith

Just as Jesus tells the disciples, he also tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." How often we allow our hearts to be troubled. It seems as though worry and fear can become a way of life. Spend time with the Gospel, placing yourself in Jesus' hands as you contemplate that he is "the way the truth and the life." *Today's readings: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6.*

Saturday, May 14

Faithful and Kind

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his followers to come to him in prayer. "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do so that the Father may be glorified in the Son," he says. Not only does Jesus desire to answer his followers' petitions, but he seeks to draw them to the Father. As we come to know Jesus, we come to know the Father. Spend time in a conversation with God and tell him your deepest concerns. Allow for quiet time to listen to God in your heart. *Today's readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17.*

