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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 15, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS...

to our beautiful parish children who celebrate their First Eucharist this month:

Nathan Emmanuel Akembuom

Joel Ebubechukwu Akwuba

Oskar Silvanus Haberman Doom

Joshua James Godel

Laylah Leora Griffin

Greta Marie Grussendorf

Braydon Isaac Kolstad

Ashley Moreno

Jayce Edwin Oster

Cheyenne Alma Mae Sauser

Hanna Yarina Solakhava

Chisom Anne Ujuagu

Sabella Chava Velasco Valiukas

Kaden Gene Walter

Natalie Anne Wojcik



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

Welcome to our children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. As we see your joy and excitement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, we are renewed in our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. We believe that the Body and Blood of Jesus are present in a real way in the Eucharist. Through our reception of Holy Communion, we have union with Jesus and all the members of the Mystical Body of Christ (Catechism, 1396). Saint Paul wrote, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Since we are members of the same body, we are called to love one another. Thus, the Eucharist draws us closer to Jesus and to one another. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Eucharist.

The feast day of Saint Pascal Baylon is Tuesday, May 17. Happy feast day! From our parish website: "Saint Pascal Baylon was born May 24, 1540 on the Feast of Pentecost at Torre-Hermosa in northeastern Spain. He was the son of virtuous peasant farmers. In early childhood, Pascal began to display signs of exceptional devotion to the Holy Eucharist. While tending sheep as a youth, Pascal spent countless hours in meditation on the Blessed Sacrament. When he was twenty-four, he applied for admission as a lay brother to the Franciscan community of Loreto in eastern Spain. He was accepted into the community and was given humble jobs including cook, gardener and porter. He carried these out faithfully, but what truly impressed his community was his dedication to the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. His joy in life was to pray before the tabernacle, often spending the night in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Pascal revealed the love of God through his many acts of kindness. To the poor and sick that came to the monastery, he showed himself to be patient, gentle and very generous in distributing supplies that were put at his disposal...Pascal died on the same feast on which he was born - the Feast of Pentecost - in 1592."

Next weekend, May 21-22, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all the weekend Masses. Jesus Christ gave us the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to bring us healing in body, mind and spirit. Each time a person falls seriously ill, they may receive the Anointing of the Sick. Even if there is no physical healing after being anointed, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness. The Anointing of the Sick can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more serious during the same illness. People who are preparing for surgery may be anointed. Children may be anointed if they have reached the age of reason and would not feel afraid to be anointed. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sometimes the Anointing of the Sick is referred to as "extreme unction" because the person being anointed is in grave danger of dying. However, a person does not have to be dying to receive the Anointing of the Sick: "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (Catechism, 1514). If you wish to receive anointing but prefer to not be anointed during Mass, you may schedule a time with me to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick in your home or in our chapel.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

JustFaith Endings and Beginnings

Our current JustFaith journey has come to an end, but this is not the last you will hear from us. We have been formulating plans for ways we can individually and collectively work for a more just world built on Gospel values. We will be working individually to address root causes of poverty as well as poverty's societal impacts. At the same time, we plan to share with you ways the parish can work toward addressing systemic poverty through continued charity and social justice activities. Stay tuned. Questions: Contact Ann Karner akarner24@gmail.com. *JustFaith is sponsored by our Social Justice and Caring and Adult Faith Committees.*

Merrick Community Services

On April 25, St. Pascal's hosted our first curbside food distribution in collaboration with Merrick Community Services. Over 20 volunteers from St. Pascal Baylon and Progressive Baptist packed and distributed food to 26 households. ***Our next curbside food distribution is on Monday, May 23.*** We will continue with food distributions on the 4th Monday of the month (with June 20 as an exception).

If you'd like to join this amazing group of volunteers, please email Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com to sign up for one of two shifts. The first shift (1:30 - 3:30 PM) to unload the food from Merrick and pack the bags; the second shift (from 3:00 - 5:00 PM) to distribute the food curbside.

We also continue to collect clean paper and plastic grocery bags for food distribution at both St. Pascal's and Progressive. The grocery bags can be left in the donation closet near Brioschi Hall.

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. See a complete list on the parish website: stpascals.org/social-justice-and-caring-committee

"As Desmond Tutu [once] told me, "We are only the light bulbs, Richard, and our job is just to remain screwed in!"

—Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

April Saintly Service Award Winner

Pam Campbell, our second-grade teacher, is the recipient of the April Saintly Service Award for embodying the charism of St. Francis of Assisi—Be the Change You Wish to See. Mrs. Campbell has put her heart and soul into St. Pascal's for 39 years. She helps not only students to reach their potential, but also parents with advice and direction. She always leads by example. Mrs. Campbell is an excellent mentor to the school staff. She always gives her listening ear to those who need it. Mrs. Campbell is very humble and non-judgmental. She will leave a lasting impact even after she retires at the end of this school year. We have been very blessed by her service and gifts!

Gertens Spring Plant Sale

They're here! Come pick them up!

Plants and plant cards can be picked up before and after Masses this weekend (Saturday, May 14 & Sunday, May 15) in Brioschi Hall.

Thank you for supporting the St. Pascal's Women's Club!

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 recently. Missed the invite? Please email Theresa at theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org and she will resend the link.

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.

— MEN'S CLUB NEWS —

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Executive Board would like to thank its members, volunteers and parishioners who supported and patronized our fundraising events this past year including Booya, Christmas Tree sales and Lenten Fish Frys.

Your support and patronage allowed the Men's Club to disburse over \$30,000 to the parish community and St. Pascal Regional Catholic School.

The disbursements to the parish community included \$2,500 to the St. Pascal Baylon Endowment Fund, \$14,200 for the parish to upgrade all the lighting in Brioschi Hall and Extended Day Room and \$3,500 for other parish group requests.

The disbursements to the St. Pascal's Regional Catholic School included \$5,150 for school financial aid, \$1,400 for Washington DC trip and \$3,500 to help with other school field trips (buses, fees and expenses) next year.

Again, thank you for all of your support in these events.

Attention, Young at Heart

The St. Pascal's Men's Club will not be holding Senior Bingo that was originally scheduled for May 21. We invite you to join us each Wednesday at 9:00 AM to pray the Rosary and to celebrate the Eucharist with us at 9:30 AM during the St. Pascal Regional Catholic School Mass. We will be saying the Rosary and attending Mass until the end of the school year on June 8. Our next Young at Heart Mass, lunch and meeting will be June 23. We look forward to seeing you!

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

Thanks to all who purchased flowers last weekend. We were able to send financial support the following organizations:

MCCL	\$167.10
Birthright	\$250.00
Options for Women East	\$292.00

CONTACT US

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

Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

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 15, 2022

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 AM Robert Cowden

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM + Stephen Flottmeyer

Saturday, May 21

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, May 22

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

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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:**
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 145:8-13

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18

Ps 115:1-4, 15-16

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28

Ps 145:10-13b, 21

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122:1-5

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21

Ps 96:1-3, 10

Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31

Ps 57:8-10, 12

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:*6th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

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

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

THE WEEKS AHEAD**Sunday, May 15—1st Eucharist Weekend**

After Masses Spring Plant Sale Order Pick Up: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

11:45am Baptisms (Vangvilaithong & Bjork Families): Church

Monday, May 16

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 17—Feast of St. Pascal Baylon

No scheduled events

Wednesday, May 18

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am SPRCS Mass: Church—All are welcome!

6:30pm Choir: Church

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

Thursday, May 19

6:00pm Cub Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, May 20

9:30am Visitation for Pat Omodt: Gathering Space, Chapel

11:00am Funeral & Lunch for Pat Omodt: Church, Brioschi Hall

Saturday, May 21—Anointing Weekend

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 22—Anointing Weekend

4:00pm Piano Recital: Church

Monday, May 23

1:00pm Merrick Food Set Up: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau Lot

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, May 24

No scheduled events

Wednesday, May 25

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am SPRCS Mass: Church—All are welcome!

11:45am Heggies Pizza Delivery (SPRCS)

6:30pm Choir: Church

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

Thursday, May 26

6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, May 27

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 28

2:30pm Baptism (Nordeng family): Church

5:30pm Kickoff to Summer: Flandrau lot

Sunday, May 29—The Ascension

No scheduled events

Monday, May 30—Memorial Day

Parish office closed

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

April 2022

Sunday Giving

Sunday Giving	\$ 81,748.61	YTD Sunday Giving	\$ 665,290.28
Budgeted	\$ <u>73,364.58</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>656,845.84</u>
Surplus	\$ 8,384.03	YTD Surplus	\$ 78,444.44

Mortgage Reduction (as of 03.31.2022)

Loan Balance: \$ 3,010,371.17

Principal: \$ 12,143.12

Interest: \$ 10,317.93

Monthly Payment \$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations \$ 263,794.39

YTD Payment: \$ 224,610.50

Surplus \$ 39,183.89

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 227,099.00

of payments from Reserve: 10

Thank you for your support!

Eucharistic Ministers: Summer Schedule

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Many thanks to those of you who feel comfortable continuing this ministry. If you opted out of the previous schedules, but now feel ready to be back in serving, thank you for doing that. Please check your calendars for June, July, and August, and let Joann know of your availability. She needs those dates by May16. If you have questions or want more information you may call Joann at 651.735.2762, or e-mail at joann.bertini@gmail.com

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Glory of God

Compassionate God,
you shower us with an enduring love.
May we open our eyes and hearts to
your works.

In your goodness, you have promised
to wipe away every tear from our eyes
and bring us to a place free of pain.
May we open ourselves to embrace
your command to love one another.
Grant that we see you in our brother
and sister
and love them as you have loved us,
and in so doing, glorify you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 15, 2022
God's Dwelling among Us



Today's readings: Acts 14:21–27; Psalm 145:8–9, 10–11, 11–13; Revelation 21:1–5a; John 13:31–33a, 34–35. Have you ever noticed something wondrous for the first time and then learned that it had been present for quite a while? That occurs in our relationship with God and his work in our lives. Often, people are so absorbed with the many events in their lives that they miss the goodness and love that God sends their way.

The reading from Revelation tells us that God has made his home among us: “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. . . . God himself will always be with them as their God.” In his place among us, God is present through

the most difficult times. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes,” we are told. But there is more. “There shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain.”

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that it is by our love that we will be recognized as disciples. Through our love the presence of God becomes known to family, friends, and the community. Who in your life noticeably manifests the love of God? Make it a point this week to stop for a moment to appreciate God’s presence in your life. Pray for the grace of awareness to be God’s presence for those who most need to know they are loved today.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 16

A Healing Love

Jesus tells his followers that those who keep his commandments love him. The love that Jesus proclaims is rooted in the reality that all of us are created in the image of God. This love recognizes our frailty and failures and our need for healing. This love also recognizes the best of who we can be for one another. Such love forgives and provides for healing. How will you show the love of God today? *Today's readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

Tuesday, May 17

The Gift of Peace

What does it mean that Jesus offers the disciples peace? Peace doesn't mean the absence of challenges, conflicts, or worry; the power of peace is that it exists in the midst of all these things. The person who is at peace trusts that someone greater holds your life as precious in every moment. Peace can help you put matters in perspective so that, rather than worrying or being fearful, you remember, as Sr. Thea Bowman said, "who you are and whose you are." *Today's readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

Wednesday, May 18

Remain in Jesus

Jesus tells us that he is the true vine and we are the branches. Jesus' entire life and ministry was rooted in his relationship with his Father and his desire is to share that relationship with us so that we can nourish others. The simplest way to maintain our viability as a life-giving branch on the vine is to remain rooted in our relationship with Christ. Prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, are ways we can remain in Jesus. *Today's readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

Thursday, May 19

Joy

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God," said Teilhard de Chardin, SJ. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers love as the simple ingredient for joy. This love is grounded in Christ. Consider how your life would be more joyful if you allowed yourself to rest in the love of God. Sometimes it is difficult to accept that God offers us his love unconditionally. When we accept that, it is easier to love ourselves and God. *Today's readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

Friday, May 20

Loved and Chosen

The Gospels this week have focused on being rooted in our relationship with God. Love, peace, and joy are only possible because of that relationship. Today Jesus adds another layer: he sends his followers out to continue his mission. Today it would be good to pray for the grace to be courageous to accept that we are chosen and loved, and to share the love we have known through him. *Today's readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

Saturday, May 21

Reality Check

Today's Gospel offers a reality check regarding discipleship. Not everyone will appreciate the Christian message that you share, and some may rebuke you for spreading the Gospel. Living as a Christian can mean facing persecution. Jesus tells us to remember that he experienced these challenges. When discipleship is the hardest, take comfort in knowing that your witness provides a source of life and hope. *Today's readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*

