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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.

MAY 29, 2022 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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

On Monday, May 30, our nation celebrates Memorial Day, which commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorial sites on Memorial Day to honor those who have died for our country. On Memorial Day weekend, many people also visit the graves of family members and friends. They might bring flowers to the grave and say a prayer. Sometimes it is difficult to know what to say when you visit a loved one's grave. When I visit my parents' grave at Gethsemane Cemetery in New Hope, I sometimes like to be quiet, at other times I bring a lawn chair and sit, pray and even read a book. Other times I like to have a written prayer. The following prayer may be helpful to you when you visit the grave of a loved one.

Prayer When Visiting a Cemetery

Loving God, I/We gather today to pray for our loved ones (mother, father, brother, sister, friend, etc.) who lie here in rest. They have passed from death to life in company with the Lord Jesus. I/We pray that God may welcome them among all the saints of heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:1-6)

Litany: *Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy). Christ, have mercy (Christ, have mercy). Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy). Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for them. Saint Michael, pray for them. Saint John the Baptist, pray for them. Saint Joseph, pray for them. Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for them. Saint Ann, pray for them. Saint Teresa, pray for them. Saint Catherine, pray for them. Saint Frances Cabrini, pray for them. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for them. Saint Pascal Baylon, pray for them. (Other saints may be added). All holy men and women, pray for them.*

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Closing Prayer: *Good and gracious God, whose mercy is never withheld from those who call upon you in hope, look kindly on your servants (mention the names of the people for whom you are praying) who departed this life, and number them among your saints for evermore. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. In the name of + the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for June 2022: *The Elderly.* We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

On the weekend of June 4 - 5, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice & Caring Committee's *We Care Campaign*. The three options chosen by the committee for its summer project are:

Option 1:

Merrick Community Services

Merrick Community Services is a non-profit agency in Ramsey County that assists individuals and families in transition from poverty to self-sufficiency. St. Pascal's has recently been partnering with this agency to run a monthly food distribution ministry at the parish.

Option 2:

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge is an organization that provides in/out-patient treatment services for adults and teens seeking recovery from chemical addictions and other life-controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Option 3:

Save Ukraine Mutual Aid Center

The Save Ukraine Mutual Aid Center focuses on evacuating people from this country's war zone and providing them with clothing, food, fuel, housing, hygiene products etc. St. Pascal Regional Catholic School principal, Inna Collier, is a native of Ukraine and has family living there.

If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by writing your desired option(s) and amount(s) you would like to donate on the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish or marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope located on the tables near the entrances to the church and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gospel in Action

Looking for a great place to have fun while working for a good cause? This opportunity offers a flexible schedule, working with a great team—and allows you to skip the gym! Come to Progressive Baptist Church any Friday from 9:30 AM-Noon or on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM-Noon. All ages welcome. Add us to your calendar and come check us out.

For more information, please contact Ann at akarner24@gmail.com.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Spring NWEA MAP Test Results

Three times a year at St. Pascal Regional we test students using the NWEA MAP test. MAP Growth provides typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting performance level. This data is used to create individual learning plans for each student, set goals, and better understand what they need to learn to achieve their goals. Since students with similar MAP Growth scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, it makes it easier for teachers to plan instruction.

This year 73% of St. Pascal Regional students are proficient in math and 68% in reading. For comparison, last year in Minnesota, only 44% of students were proficient in math and 53% in reading. Also this year, 66% of students met or exceeded their projected growth for math, and 57% of students met or exceeded their projected growth for reading. We are proud of what our students have accomplished!

Social Justice & Caring Committee—June Collection: *Listening House*

Items are being accepted for Listening House, a day shelter and community center located at 464 Maria Avenue in St. Paul (in the lower level of the First Lutheran Church). It provides hospitality, practical assistance, and counsel to people who are unsheltered or in need. This includes offering light food, clothing, help for those looking for employment and/or housing, and veterans' assistance. Staff and volunteers aspire to create a sense of community and connection by promoting respect for all and to help guests make changes to improve their condition. Items needed include:

- new boxer briefs for men (yes, just boxer briefs) M-XL
- new underwear for women (all sizes)
- new or freshly laundered bras (all sizes)
- new or used belts for men and women (all sizes)
- travel sized personal care: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer
- disposable razors (men and women)

Place items in the donation closet, located off the coat room, before and after Masses from June 1- 26. Thank you for your generosity!

Living Faith Booklets

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

Parish Service Opportunity—*Feed My Starving Children in Eagan*

Saturday, July 9 from 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Join friends from St. Pascal's in packing food for children in need around the world! Many of you are familiar with FMSC, a Christian nonprofit that works with food distribution partners to help communities move from relief to development. Our parish has 50 spots available on Saturday, July 9.

Sign up to join our group by using the convenient link at stpascals.org/parish-news. **Note: You will need to create an account on the site in order to join our group.** Those participating are asked to provide their own transportation. For more information contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee

— FAITH FORMATION —

VBS Donations Needed

Can you help our Monumental VBS with some supplies? The items listed below are needed. Anything helps!

Donations can be placed in marked box in the donation closet by June 13. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office with questions.

- Rolls of Crepe Paper (blue, orange, yellow, red, green, black)
- Starburst Candies
- Cardboard boxes (medium and large)
- Gaffer's Tape
- Empty food boxes
- Plastic Tablecloths (assorted colors)
- Sandwich sized resealable bags
- Clothespins
- Rope
- Beach Towels (do not need to be new)
- Clean, empty egg cartons
- Duct Tape
- Glow Sticks
- Glue Dots (3/16 inch and 1/2 inch sizes)

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
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 29, 2022

Tuesday, May 31

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, June 01

8:00 AM Joseph Robinette

Thursday, June 02

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, June 03

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, June 04

4:30 PM + Catherine Stuhl

Sunday, June 05

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Anthony Genovese

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:

The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23

Lk 24:46-53

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8

Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7ab

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Zep 3:14-18a

[Ps] Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38

Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21

Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Ps 11:4, 5, 7

Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, May 29—The Ascension

No scheduled events

Monday, May 30—Memorial Day

Parish office closed

Tuesday, May 31

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, June 1

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, June 2

9:00am Pentecost Decorating: Church

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

Friday, June 3

No scheduled events

Saturday, June 4

We Care Campaign

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 5—Pentecost Sunday

We Care Campaign

2:00pm Piano Recital: Church

Monday, June 6

7:00pm Piano Recital: Church

Tuesday, June 7

9:00am Summer Decorating: Church

5:00pm Graduation Set-up: Church, Brioschi Hall

6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation: Church, Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, June 8

9:00am Rosary: Church

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

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

Thursday, June 9

No scheduled events

Friday, June 10

No scheduled events

Saturday, June 11

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 12

11:45am Baptism (Mulnix family): Church

Attention, Young at Heart

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!

Heart Questions

The Gift of Wisdom

[T]hat the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

—Ephesians 1:17

Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Kids: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

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	\$ 8,444.44

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!

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The Promise We Cling To

Wondrous God,
you have given us much to celebrate.
Jesus' rising from the tomb
offered victory over death,
giving us hope for eternal life.
As we celebrate Jesus' returning to you,
we pray for the enlightenment
of our hearts
that we will continue to be witnesses
of Easter joy in all the places you
send us.
When challenges beset us,
may we remember the promise of Jesus
to remain with us always.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 26 or 29, 2022

Awaiting the Gift



Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (6); Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 or Ephesians 1:17–23; Luke 24:46–53. Throughout these Easter weeks, the Gospels tell of the risen Jesus spending time with his disciples. As Christ prepares to return to the Father, he reminds his followers of his teachings and recalls what they have seen and heard. During these talks, Christ points out his followers' calling and helps them see that they are truly loved.

Finally, just before he is to ascend, Jesus points to Scripture: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance . . . would be preached in his name for all the

nations." It would be up to these followers to preach and teach in Christ's name. They would not do that alone, for they were to await the Spirit. While awaiting the arrival of the Spirit, they praised God.

Like those disciples, we too must seek the Spirit as we act as the hands and feet of Christ in the world. In prayer, we ask for the Spirit to guide our words and our actions, for we cannot act alone while doing God's work. Only if we depend on God will others experience our deeds as filled with the love of God. Our reliance on the Spirit in the ordinary moments of our lives makes a difference. Pray for the grace to allow the Holy Spirit to live in and through you.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 30

Take Courage

Jesus tells his disciples, “In the world you face persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world.” When we spread the Gospel, we do so knowing that Jesus has gone before us, and that his persecution, death, and rising, offer eternal life. We do not face the trouble in our lives by ourselves; our faith reminds us that we are never alone. *Today’s readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 31

Blessed Encounters

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Once Mary hears about her cousin Elizabeth being with child, as she is herself, the Gospel tells us she travels in haste to be with her. Elizabeth’s greeting was both a comfort and affirmation for Mary. Today remember and pray in gratitude for the people in your life who, in times of challenge, support you. *Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Wednesday, June 1

What Is the Truth?

For his disciples and for us, Jesus prays, “Sanctify them in the truth.” The prayer commits us to being and saying what is true. Pray for the grace to know the truth in your life, and to be a witness of what is true—that is, every human being is created in the image of God and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Imagine a world that recognizes this truth. *Today’s readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, June 2

Being One

What would our world look like if we believed that we are all called to be one as Jesus is with his Father? In and through our baptism, we are united with God and others in our faith community, and because of this union, we are to be a witness to others. How would striving for unity with all Christians change the way you pray, the way you live, and the way you make present God’s love in our world? *Today’s readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, June 3

God Is Good and Kind

One of the songs from the musical *Godspell* was adapted from today’s Psalm 103 “Bless the Lord, O my soul.” The song and psalm remind us to remember the goodness and kindness of God. When was the last time you paused to thank God for something good in your life? When have you felt God’s abundant kindness in your life? *Today’s readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, June 4

Stories to Guide Us

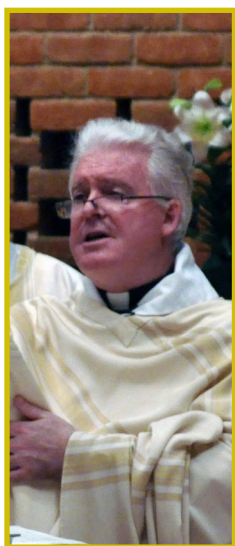
Scripture is a living, breathing revelation of God’s life with humanity. Stories in the Bible are rooted in a certain time and place. But each of those stories holds a truth that is still relevant today. In our living out of our faith we continue to breathe life into the words of Scripture. Take some time soon to sit down with Scripture, discover the stories of our ancestors in faith, get to know Jesus better, and embrace the challenge of discipleship. *Today’s readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*



Evening Prayer and Remembrance

Father Mike Byron

Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 PM



Join us for Evening Prayer and Remembrance of Father Mike Byron at St. Pascal Baylon Church in person or by livestream on the parish YouTube channel. This is an opportunity to gather, remember and pray together. After Evening Prayer, stay for refreshments and conversation in Brioschi Hall.

Father Mike Byron died unexpectedly on Friday morning, May 20. He was the pastor of St. Pascal Baylon Church from 2012-18 and the pastor of Pax Christi Church in Eden Prairie since 2018. In early May, Father Mike was on a 10-day pilgrimage to Greece. He returned to the Twin Cities on May 18 and was not feeling well. He was admitted to a hospital and developed an infection that didn't respond to treatment, and he passed away on May 20.

Read Father Mike's obituary at www.legacy.com.

The funeral arrangements for Fr. Mike Byron are as follows:

Pax Christi Catholic Community | 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie

Visit www.paxchristi.com for a link to the livestream

Wednesday, June 1

4:00-7:00 PM Visitation

6:45 PM Vigil Service

Thursday, June 2

9:00-10:45 AM Visitation

11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial

Luncheon to follow

Condolences may be directed to Fr. Mike's sister:

Molly Hill

14006 Windsor Road

Minnetonka, MN 55345

