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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.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Update on my sabbatical plans for Fall 2023. As I announced last February, I am planning 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. I also plan to travel in Spain to visit St. Pascal Baylon's hometown in Torrehermosa, his burial site in Villarreal, and other cities such as Madrid and Barcelona. Archbishop Hebda has given verbal approval for my sabbatical, and now I await the official letter from him which will grant me the sabbatical leave time. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis 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.

What are my goals for going on a sabbatical? I celebrated my 26th anniversary as a priest last May. As I look ahead to the future, I want to be healthy in spirit, mind and body to continue following Jesus each day as his disciple and serving the Church as a priest. During my sabbatical, I want to learn and re-learn actions that foster my spiritual, mental and physical health. In addition, two topics in the continuing education program in Rome that I will learn about are "Theology of Mary, the Mother of God" and "Mary, the Mother of God, in Art". Furthermore, I look forward to seeing the places in Spain where St. Pascal Baylon lived. Lastly, since St. Pascal Baylon was a Franciscan brother, I look forward to visiting Assisi, Italy where St. Francis founded the Franciscan religious order.

Last April, I applied for a \$44,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program to pay for some activities for you here next Fall during my sabbatical and to fund some of my travel expenses. I am sad to report that I heard a reply from the Lilly Endowment last week that our grant application was not approved. Here is the message I received:

(August 31, 2022) Dear Colleagues, Thank you for your congregation's application to the 2022 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary. Unfortunately, your proposal was not among those selected for funding. We received many excellent, high-quality proposals and, as in every year, our readers had to make difficult choices from among them. With the high volume of applications, we are unable to provide individual feedback about why your application was not selected. We welcome and encourage you and your congregation to apply again in the future. We encourage you to review the application guidelines laid out in the documents located on our For Grantseekers webpage... We pray God's continued blessings over your ministry. Grace and peace, The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs Team.

I still plan to go on my sabbatical to Italy and Spain during September - November 2023, and I still plan for Father Bob Hart to be my replacement here while I am gone. Unfortunately, there will not be funding available through a grant from the Lilly Endowment for St. Pascal's parishioners to have a free book entitled *7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness* by author Joe Paprocki, or to participate in a free paint-and-sip event in Briochi Hall led by Cheers Pablo, or to attend a talk on healthy eating and the Mediterranean diet. However, maybe some of these activities can happen in a modified way. I will adjust my travel plans a little bit, but I will still have a wonderful sabbatical. Thank you for being supportive of me taking a 3-month sabbatical next year. I am grateful for your kind words, prayers and encouragement.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action:

The Moral Test of a Society

The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members—the young, the old and the poor. Catholic Social Teaching calls us to look at public policy decisions in terms of how they affect our vulnerable brothers and sisters. Public policy decisions are made by people we elect to office. During the upcoming political season, we are called upon to listen, to read and to study. While people get excited about presidential elections, it is often the people we elect at the local and state level that most impact daily lives. Many of us pay little attention to the views of local candidates. We just vote for a party. Now is the time to do our research. Are we voting for our own self-interest? Are we voting for the common good?

Housing Forum (via Zoom)

A Vision for Home: Urging Minnesota's Leaders to Champion Housing

Tuesday, September 13, from 7:00-8:30 PM

Beacon Interfaith Housing is sponsoring a forum to come together and discuss the importance of housing for all in this election cycle—and beyond. Learn how to take meaningful action together at *A Vision for Home*. We need housing stability across every community in Minnesota. This is a call to bring St. Pascal Baylon parishioners together to demonstrate support for the bold solutions of Bring it Home Minnesota! Visit stpascals.org/parish-news to register by Zoom! Once you register, a Zoom link will be sent to your email confirmation.

September Collection:

Listening House of St. Paul

Listening House is 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. Items needed include:

- Men's jeans, sizes 32-38
- Women's jeans, sizes 4-10
- Sunblock and bug spray
- Short and long-sleeved T-shirts
- Tube socks
- Sweatshirts and hoodies
- Backpacks and duffle bags with WORKING zippers
- Women's NEW underwear, sizes S-XL
- Men's NEW boxer briefs, sizes M-XL

Place items in the donation closet, located off the coat room, until September 25. Thank you for your generosity.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

We are very excited to be starting another school year at St. Pascal Regional! We wanted to share some exciting additions to our school community and some position changes. Welcome back to Dana Ekenstedt. She is returning as our phy. ed. and middle school health teacher. Emily Rose is moving to teach second grade. We also welcome Kay Hannon as our new preschool director. Shea Bruce is now the literacy specialist as well as co-teaching kindergarten with Rebekah Van Heest. Ms. Van Heest will split her day between preschool and kindergarten. Finally, we welcome Megan Moseley as our new Peace of Mind counselor from Phoenix School Counseling. We thank everyone for their continued partnership and support of our school!

The St. Pascal Women's Book Club

Monday, September 12 at 7:00 PM

We meet in the Staff Lounge on the 2nd Monday of each month. On September 12, we'll discuss Emma Donoghue's *Pull of the Stars*. On October 10, we'll share thoughts on Wendy Webb's *The Haunting of Brynn Wilder*. Webb is a Minnesota resident.

Adult Faith Formation—Fall 2022 Bible Study Interest Form

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is looking into having bible studies once again after our lengthy pause due to Covid. The decision to move forward will be based on interest level and the availability of people willing to serve as facilitators. (Facilitator training is provided!)

The fall study would be *Living for a Just Society* from the *Six Weeks with the Bible* series published by Loyola Press. It is described as follows: "God is always working to bring about social justice in the world, and He invites us to join him. Living for a just society encourages each of us to take a more active role in social justice, across the street and around the world."

If you are interested in participating in a fall bible study, fill out the simple, 3-question form at stpascals.org/adult-faith-formation. Please reply by September 19. Thank you for your input!

St. Pascal's Parish Fall Festival—Sunday, October 9 from 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Only one month until our Fall Festival!

Dinner: A delicious catered chicken dinner from Tinucci's will be available for dine-in or take-out. Adults \$12, Kids 12 & under \$8. Homemade pie by the slice will be sold for dessert. RSVP via the SignUpGenius link at stpascals.org/parish-news or call the parish office at 651.774.1585 beginning September 15. Want to help in the Dining Room? Contact Margaret Malec at margaret.malec@diasorin.com.

Children's Activities: Wanted—High School students to help supervise the Children's Activities. Call the parish office to volunteer for this fun opportunity.

Theme Baskets: You can start bringing in your Theme Baskets next weekend! And if you have an empty basket or any large metal coffee cans or extra-large clear plastic jars, bring those in too. Want to help sell Theme Basket tickets? Sign up next weekend for a 2-hour shift. Questions? Contact Carla Hibbison at carla.hibbison@gmail.com or 651.900.3180.

Jewelry Boutique: Get a "Sneak Peek" of the best of the new Jewelry Boutique after all Masses next weekend. Beautiful necklaces, bracelets, pins and earrings donated by members of the Women's Club will be available for sale. All proceeds go to the parish.

Raffle: Watch your mail! Tickets will be mailed to all parishioners beginning this week.

Craft Room: You can start bringing in your hand-made items next weekend. Contact Sue Kubiak at suekubiak@gmail.com or 651.771.9085 for more information.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Pre-Baptism Session

Monday, September 19 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, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Living Faith Booklets

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

Happy Holidays! (In September?)

Just a Heads-up—the St. Pascal's Women's Club Poinsettias (and more) fundraiser is starting soon! We will be selling beautiful Gertens holiday plants and gift cards. Poinsettias, Cyclamen and succulent gardens make stunning holiday decorations and gifts and are a fantastic way to brighten your Christmas season! Buy a few for yourself, your friends and family. More information will be available shortly.

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
Ann Karner, 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

One pre-baptismal session is required.
To register for a pre-baptismal session 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 5:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings September 11, 2022

Tuesday, September 13

8:00 AM + William Schwartz

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 AM Women's Club

Thursday, September 15

8:00 AM + Joan Bierwerth

Friday, September 16

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, September 17

4:30 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, September 18

8:45 AM + Jim Nelson

10:30 AM + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

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:
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Tm 1:12-1
Lk 15:1-32

Monday
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Ps 40:7-10, 17
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:
Nm 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Thursday:
1 Cor 15:1-11
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Jn 19:25-27

Friday:
1 Cor 15:12-20
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Ps 56:10c-14
Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:
Am 8:4-7
Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 11

No scheduled events

Monday, September 12

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

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, September 13

9:00am Fall Decorating: Church

Wednesday, September 14

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, September 15

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, September 16

No scheduled events

Saturday, September 17

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, September 18

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

11:30am Women's Club Board Meeting: Brioschi Hall

12:00pm Confirmation II: Staff Lounge

A New Choir Year Is Set to Begin—

Come and lend your voice to beauty!

1st rehearsal: Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church
Studies say that singing together is good for the human spirit... St. Pascal's music ministry invites you to consider taking your place with others to grow your voice, your ministry, and be a part of a delightful group of singers. If you have ever thought about becoming a member or would like to just have a conversation about joining the group, please give Sharon a call at 651.774.1585.

Looking for an Easy Way to Get Involved?

Become an usher! Our Ushers greet folks, help with collection and communion, and hand out bulletins. No special skills needed and your kids can help too. Minister one weekend per month at the Mass of your choice. Contact Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 or at carla.hibbison@gmail.com for more information, or to volunteer.

Women's Club Board Meeting

Sunday, September 18 after the 10:30 AM Mass in Brioschi Hall

All women of the parish are invited. We need a secretary and vice president. Please consider joining us! Contact Cindy Reisdorf at jreisdorf00@msn.com or 651.734.8937 with questions.

St. Pascal's Legacy Society

Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will? Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a will. You will be doing your family a huge service by taking the time to complete a will. Please consider naming St. Pascal's and other charitable organizations you care about as bequest beneficiaries when you complete your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger in the parish office at 651.432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

July 2022 Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 53,446.85	YTD Giving	\$ 53,446.85
Budgeted	\$ <u>69,458.30</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>69,458.30</u>
Deficit	\$ -16,011.45	YTD Deficit	\$ -16,011.45

Mortgage Reduction (as of 07.31.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,995,552.07
Principal:	\$ 13,432.59
Interest:	\$ <u>9,028.46</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05
YTD Collected Donations	\$ 21,367.65
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>22,461.05</u>
Deficit	\$ -1,093.40

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 219,616.58

of payments from Reserve: 10

Thank you for your support!

Parish Finance Council

The purpose of the Finance Council is to help the review the monthly financial reports of the parish with the pastor and parish administrator and to help manage the physical assets of the parish. We ask questions and give advice about anything new or unexpected. We look at the monthly reports and how they compare to the budget and to the same period the previous year. It is a good way to gain a deeper understanding of the finances for parish community.

We are looking for several new members who would like to join our group.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Meetings usually last about 1 – 1 ½ hours, so there is not a huge time commitment. Please consider helping the parish with this important function.

Financial expertise is not required. Basic training on how to read financial reports will be provided upon request.

Please contact Mike Aeling at mjaeling@gmail.com or 651.307.8237 if you would like any more information or would like to discuss your possible participation.

You can also contact Theresa at 651.432.4960 or theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org, or Fr. John at 651.432.4955 or john.mitchell@stpascals.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity.





A Road Map for 2024: Strategic Plan for the Church of St. Pascal Baylon, St. Paul, MN

Background: During 2021-22, the Parish Pastoral Council updated the Strategic Plan that was created by the Parish Council in 2016 and then updated in 2020. The title of the updated Strategic Plan is “A Road Map for 2024”.

What’s next? In the coming weeks, a series of bulletin inserts will present the focus areas of the Strategic Plan. The full 10 page document can be found the kiosk in the Gathering Space and also on the Parish website at stpascals.org/parish-news.

What are we asking you to do? Please read the Strategic Plan and discuss it with other parishioners and the committees where you serve in our parish. We ask our parish committees and staff members to read the Plan and discuss ways it can be incorporated into their ministry areas.

MISSION Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Community of St. Pascal Baylon follows the mandate of Jesus Christ to proclaim the Good News and works to bring about the Kingdom of God in the East Metro area. We accomplish this by celebrating prayerful liturgy and providing faith formation for all ages. We enrich our community through hospitality and pastoral care. We respect the God-given dignity of everyone by welcoming their gifts and talents and by working for social justice.

VISION Statement

St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church is a parish attuned to and responsive to the needs, hopes, and dreams of our parishioners and neighbors.

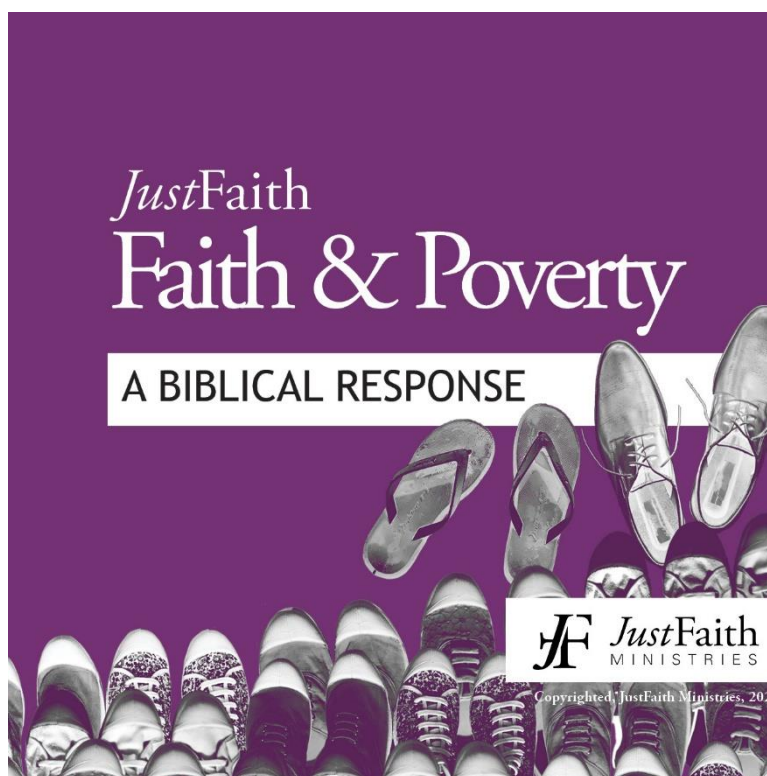
VALUES

As a Catholic community we value:

1. Liturgical celebrations that draw us into prayer and reflection and which inspire us to reach beyond our walls.
2. A universally welcoming community offering hospitality to all.
3. Life-long faith formation that fosters a sense of responsibility, gratitude, and mission.
4. The dignity of all persons by focusing on social justice and charity.
5. Leadership that will draw out and welcome the gifts, talents, and discipleship of the entire community.

Next week’s bulletin insert: *Areas of Focus for Strategic Plan – 1. Worship and Spirituality*

Join Our JustFaith Group



Compassion vs. Tolerance. Equity vs, Equality. Ministry *To* vs. Ministry *With*.

These are some of the topics we will be discussing through the lens of scripture and other readings during our sessions of *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response*.

You won't want to miss the next opportunity to learn ways to put your faith into action.

When we finish our sessions, we will decide how to individually and collectively establish next steps to move us from apathy to action.

Join us starting **October 10 from 6:30-8:30 PM for 8 weeks** of prayer, study and discernment. *Registration ends September 23.*

For more information and to register contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com.