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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.

OCTOBER 23, 2022 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Testing the market for the sale of Ryan Field. Last week, the Parish Trustees (Jim Reisdorf and Kathy Humiston) and I sent a bulk mail letter to all registered households of our parish with an update about the potential sale of Monsignor John Ryan Field which is the 2.25 acres of land owned by our parish across White Bear Avenue from our church. Ryan Field has served as a ballfield, school playground, Christmas tree lot, and a location for dumping excess winter snow. It is currently the location of our Men's Club storage garage. We receive rental income from Mike's Auto on the northwest corner of the Ryan Field property, and after we pay yearly maintenance and taxes on the land, we earn about \$15,000/year profit. In consultation with the Parish Council and Finance Council, the trustees and I believe this is an opportune time to work with Cushman and Wakefield Commercial Real Estate Brokers to test the market and find out if there are interested buyers of the land, what dollar amount they would offer us, and what they would do with the land. We do not have a buyer yet nor have we made a final decision to sell the land. From a wider perspective, our current mortgage balance was \$2,982,378.11 as of August 31, 2022, and our current yearly mortgage payments are \$269,533.00 which is 21% of our total yearly income. Paying down mortgage principal is one strategy that would make our parish financially stronger. If we sell Ryan Field, we have agreed with The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis that the sale proceeds will be divided as follows: 10% will be kept by our parish for a maintenance reserve fund, 75% will go to Premier Bank to pay down mortgage principal, 9% will go to the Archdiocese for overdue general insurance payments for our parish, and 6% will go to Cushman and Wakefield for their fee. Last year, in October 2021, about 60 parishioners attended an open meeting in Brioschi Hall to discuss their ideas about the sale of Ryan Field. The parishioners at the meeting expressed an openness, although not universal agreement, to the idea of selling Ryan Field for a purpose that aligns with our parish mission, that helps our neighborhood, and which helps our parish financially. In January 2022, five parishioners of our Ryan Field Fact Finding Team met with our St. Paul City Councilmember, Jane Prince, and staff members from the City of St. Paul Planning and Development Office to discuss possible uses of Ryan Field from the City's point of view. Ms. Prince and the staff members said there was a need for new housing at every economic level in St. Paul. As we work with Cushman and Wakefield in the weeks and months ahead, we will also work with parish leaders to bring about the best outcome. We will communicate regularly with the entire parish, and we will only move forward with a sale if it is deemed in the best interest of the parish. Feel free to contact any of us with your questions or comments: john.mitchell@stpascals.org; james.reisdorf@stpascals.org; kmhumiston@gmail.com.

At the October 4, 2022 meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, the following topics were discussed: an update of the Tree Trench/Rain Garden project on the church parking lot, plans for implementation of the Archdiocesan Synod, plans for the Ryan Field property, and updates from active Parish groups and committees. Updates and minutes from prior meetings can be viewed at: stpascals.org/parish-council-notes. Our Parish Council members are: Bill Brino, Jaci Bush, Colleen Cullen, Regina Head, Peter Hommes, Ann Karner, John Muggee, Carmen Alvarez Poppert, John Scanlon, Patrick Stuhl, and Vicky Westenhofer.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

WE CARE CAMPAIGN

On the weekend of October 29 - 30, 2022, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's next *We Care Campaign*. The three options chosen by the committee for its fall campaign are:

Option 1: Community Ambassadors Initiative

The Community Ambassadors Initiative is a program through the St. Paul Police Department that aims to reach out to youth by building relationships with them and helping them connect with services, find jobs, stay safe, etc.

Option 2: Harriet Tubman Center East

The Harriet Tubman Center East is an organization located in Maplewood that assists women, children and families struggling with relationship violence, mental health issues and substance abuse. It provides community education, counseling, elder care resources, legal services, safe shelter and youth programming while guiding and sustaining individuals and families on the journey to healing and restoration.

Option 3: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates work to advocate, educate and take action to promote social justice in such areas as anti-racism, care for creation, the death penalty, human trafficking, immigration, respect for life, etc.

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish or those found on the tables located near the entrances to the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Young At Heart Mass & Luncheon

Thursday October 27 at 11:00 AM

Attention men and women 55+! Join us for Eucharist at 11:00, followed by a short meeting. Then we will enjoy Tinucci's homemade lasagna and entertainment by Kent Appeldoorn, solo artist/vocalist. We ask a \$13.00 donation to help defray expenses, payable on the day of the meeting. **RSVP by Monday, October 24** to Betty Hensel at bjhensel@comcast.net or 651.714.8958 or call Linda Spence at 651.730.9061.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action:

Do We Need It or Want It?

The only sustainable way for the poor in the world to have more is for those of us in developed countries to have less. Before we can tackle the issue of consumerism on a large scale, let us begin at home. How much “stuff” occupies space in our homes? Are there others who could make good use of that “stuff”? Joseph’s Coat and Salvation Army would lovingly accept your good, clean donations. Have you put your faith into action by practicing eco-friendly shopping at thrift stores and garage sales? Sociologists tell us that younger people today value experiences more than things—perhaps we can learn from that mindset. The next time you have an urge to purchase something ask yourself, “Is this a need or a want?” If it is a want, ask yourself, “Is there an experience that will better fill that need?”

St. Pascal’s-Merrick Food Distribution

Monday, October 24 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Curbside pickup in the main church parking lot (Third & Flandrau Streets). Monthly food distributions are on the 4th Monday of the month. *No residency or parish membership requirements.*

Thank you to all of our volunteers and to the St. Pascal’s parish community. You have supported us with recycled paper and plastic grocery bags, cloth bags (for folks who have come on foot to get their food), and prayers. We are happy to continue to take the bags and are grateful for your prayerful support.

Contact mlweyandt@mac.com if you are interested in joining our team to pack the food or distribute the bags at Door 4.

Veterans Day Prayer Service & Ceremonial Dinner

Friday, November 11—Prayer Service at 5:30 PM; dinner to follow

Prayer Service is free to anyone—all are welcome. Dinner immediately follows. Dinner tickets are available for sale after any weekend Mass or by contacting one of the chairs below. Dinner includes salad, main meal, beverage (punch, beer, wine) and dessert.

Dinner: All Veterans are free. If you haven’t received a voucher in the mail, please see us at the table in the Gathering Space and we will get you a ticket.

Non-Veteran tickets cost \$15. All are welcome, you do not need to be a Veteran or be with a Veteran to enjoy this event.

Sponsor Cards: Please consider sponsoring this event. We have options for general sponsors as well as options to sponsor in memory or in honor of someone. Sponsor Cards cost \$10.00.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers for various duties. Please see us at the table in the Gathering Space or contact Vicky Westenhofer at 651.249.8010.

Keynote Speaker: We would like to have a Veteran from our community talk about their service for 10-15 minutes. Please let us know if this interests you.

Questions: Please contact Katee Girling at 651.245.3638.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Confirmation News

Confirmation II Retreat

On Saturday, October 29 our candidates preparing to be confirmed in February will be participating in a day-long retreat together. Please hold them in prayer as they learn, pray, and explore their faith together.

Confirmation I Registration

Coming soon! St. Pascal’s confirmation process consists of sessions beginning in the middle of 9th grade and concluding in the winter of 10th grade. Older candidates are also welcome. Registration materials for our group starting in January will be available in mid-November. For more information or to receive materials, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Davanni’s Fundraiser for

Middle School Washington D.C. Trip

Wednesday, October 26 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Come for dinner on at the Eastside Davanni’s on White Bear Avenue to support the middle school Washington D.C. trip. *Please make sure to mention St. Pascal Regional when you order.* Davanni’s will donate 20% of the total sales that mention St. Pascal Regional to the students that night. Gift card and take out purchases count towards the total. Thank you for all of your support!

CORRECTION

The Fall Festival “Thank You!” bulletin insert last weekend contained a misspelling. The correct spelling of Brianna’s last name is Flanagan. We apologize for the error.

C O N T A C T U S

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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
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 October 23, 2022

Tuesday, October 25

8:00 AM + George Leier

Wednesday, October 26

9:30 AM + Joel Monpetit

Thursday, October 27

8:00 AM + Fr. David Smith

11:00 AM + Donna Chapp

Friday, October 28

8:00 AM Doug & JoAnn
Horrisberger

Saturday, October 29

4:30 PM + Denny Groess

Sunday, October 30

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM Jacqueline Robert
Cowden

Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

Monday:

Eph 4:32—5:8

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 5:21-33

Ps 128:1-5

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Eph 6:1-9

Ps 145:10-14

Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Eph 6:10-20

Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10

Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 19:2-5

Lk 6:12-16

Saturday:

Phil 1:18b-26

Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef

Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Wis 11:22—12:2

Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

2 Thes 1:11—2:2

Lk 19:1-10

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 23—Anointing Weekend

After Masses Veteran's Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Monday, October 24

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau lot

6:30pm JustFaith: Zoom

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, October 25

8:45am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

6:30pm Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

Wednesday, October 26

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

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

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, October 27

9:30am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Lunch: Church, Brioschi Hall

5:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, October 28

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 29

10:00am Confirmation Retreat: Staff Lounge, Old Church

After Mass Baptism (DeGonda family): Church

After Mass Veteran's Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Sunday, October 30

After Masses Veteran's Dinner Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Answer Your Baptismal Call! Ministers Needed!

Our homebound parishioners are looking forward to meeting YOU, who would like to commit a bit of time to regularly see someone at home or at a care center for a visit and to bring them Eucharist. What is required of you? Be a confirmed person with an open heart, listening ear, and willingness to learn and reflect on how you bring the presence of Christ to those who are unable to come to church due to illness or age. Completion of the Essential-3 is required. On-going training and support will be provided. Are you ready to dedicate a bit of time to this ministry of caring? Please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at 651.432.4959 to explore how you may be a fit for this ministry.

Sharing Gifts & Talents

Please contact Barb Uschold Anderson, Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care, at 651.432.4959 to learn more about these opportunities to share your gifts:

Handmade Greeting Cards

Do your hobbies include making handmade greeting cards? Perhaps by using photos, Stampin' Up, watercolor, collage? If so, we would love to receive your blank inside hand-crafted cards to send to homebound parishioners, those grieving, ill, needing a pick-me-up, or celebrating a special day. If you have some hand-made blank cards to share as part of your gifts of time and talent, please contact Barb Uschold Anderson.

Knit or Crochet a Prayer Shawl

Would you like to make a blanket of prayer for someone in need? Call if you would like to make one for this ministry, need a prayer shawl pattern, would like to pick up a prayer shawl for a loved one, or to schedule a visit for them.

Stewardship of Giving

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

September 2022

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 47,009.00	YTD Giving	\$ 142,656.00
Budgeted	\$ <u>69,457.67</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>208,374.00</u>
Deficit	\$ -22,448.67	YTD Deficit	\$ -65,718.00

Mortgage Reduction (as of 09.30.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,969,162.44
Principal:	\$ 12,288.63
Interest:	\$ <u>10,172.42</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05
YTD Collected Donations	\$ 52,718.00
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>67,383.15</u>
Deficit	\$ -14,665.15

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 208,178.00

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

October 23, 2022



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.

The 8 Focus Areas of A Road Map for 2024

1. Worship and Spirituality; 2. Hospitality and Community-Building; 3. Faith Formation; 4. Pastoral Care; 5. Stewardship; **6. Social Justice and Caring;** 7. Communication; 8. Facilities and Maintenance

Social Justice and Caring - to cultivate and support a spirit of Christian discipleship among parishioners so that we fully support the Church’s seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. These are:

- Protecting the life and dignity of the human person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Human Rights and Responsibilities
- Supporting the Poor and Vulnerable
- Ensuring the Rights of Workers and the Dignity of Work
- Solidarity with our Neighbors
- Care for God’s Creation

We carry out this mission by:

- Providing ongoing formation about the Church’s themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how these can be applied in our communities
- Engaging with our communities to support our Catholic Social Teachings by helping to respond to the material needs of our communities, working to support laws and regulations that equitably support us all, and providing education and training.
- Communicating and evaluating the caring projects to which the parish to which we have committed and to which we may commit.
- Exploring opportunities to cooperate with neighboring organizations and ecumenical efforts within the East Side of St. Paul.

Leadership: Pastor; Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care; Pastoral Associate for Faith formation; Social Justice and Caring Committee; Volunteer Leaders.

Next week’s bulletin insert: Focus Area 7 – Communication



SERENE ATTENTIVENESS TO GOD'S CREATION

When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms

of intervention prohibited" (LS, 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'" (LS 50).

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic children in the lab (LS 136, 123).

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Sometimes, even efforts to alleviate the suffering of certain populations lead to offenses against human life. Pope Francis warns, for example, against international pressure which makes the promotion of contraception, abortion, and other harmful practices a condition for economic aid.

At times, efforts seeking to protect the environment and other creatures disregard or even attack the particular dignity of human beings. Although we are called to care for creation, the Holy Father makes clear that this approach is not only inconsistent, it “compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment” (LS 91). Quoting Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Charity in Truth*, Pope Francis explains further:

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? “If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away” (LS 120).

Pope Francis isn’t endorsing a secular environmentalism—he has a broader idea in mind—one that echoes the sentiments of another predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, the great saint reminded us that “no peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation” (emphasis original, 7). He later addressed

Catholics directly, reminding us of our “serious obligation to care for all of creation” (16).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, “We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next” (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God’s creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world.

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