



**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.

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**NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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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

**Angel Tree.** St. Pascal Baylon Church's Social Justice and Caring Committee is partnering again this year with Angel Tree ministries to provide gifts for 11 children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Angel Tree tags have been placed on the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space (you will recognize the Angel Tree tags since they are angel-shaped). Angel Tree gifts can be wrapped and returned to church and placed in the Angel Tree box in the Gathering Space. The deadline for Angel Tree gifts is *Monday, December 19* to ensure that the gifts get to the children by Christmas. Please email Mary Weyandt at [mlweyandt@mac.com](mailto:mlweyandt@mac.com) if you would like additional information or to assist with the Angel Tree project.

**Giving Tree.** We are also participating in Catholic Charities Giving Tree to ensure children and adults have access to essential items such as clothing, housewares, self-care items and toys. Take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space which lists the gifts that are needed. Drop off your unwrapped gift at one of the locations listed below:

**Catholic Charities Giving Tree at Mall of America, Macy's Court**

2131 Lindau Lane, Bloomington

Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18.

**Catholic Charities Distribution Center**

341 Chester St., Saint Paul, MN 55107

Monday – Friday (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

**St. Pascal Baylon Church**

1757 Conway St., Saint Paul, MN 55106

Before December 25. Place your gift(s) in the Giving Tree bin in the Gathering Space near exterior door 3.

**Or Purchase Your Gift Online**

Items ship directly to the Catholic Charities Distribution Center (above).

**We begin the Season of Advent this weekend.** Advent has a twofold character: "as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation" (General Norms for the Liturgical Year, paragraph 39). The four weeks of Advent help us to focus our lives on Jesus and fill up our hearts with joyful expectation of His return at the end of time. None of us knows when Christ's Second Coming will happen, but we do not fear the Second Coming because Jesus said: "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" (John 14:1-3).

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for November 2022: *Children Who Suffer.***

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

## Anointing or Pastoral Visit?

If you or someone you know would like to be anointed or have a pastoral visit please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at [barb.ua@stpascals.org](mailto:barb.ua@stpascals.org) or 651.432.4959 and we'll set up a time.

## Parish Advent Reconciliation

*Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM*

Join us on this evening as we celebrate God's love and forgiveness. Several children will be celebrating this sacrament for the first time. This is an opportunity for the community to embrace these children, leading them to the sacrament by your example. A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions. A social will follow in Brioschi Hall.

## Advent Evening of Reflection

*Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 PM*

Parishioners and guests are welcome to join us in the worship space for this evening of prayer and reflection. The service will also be livestreamed.

## RCIA: "Scripture"

*Wednesday November 30, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room*

Saint Paul in his second letter to Timothy reminds us: "*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*"

We will discuss the canon of scripture and how the Catholic Church interprets the inspired word of God. All are welcome to join us for this discussion—Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

## The Immaculate Conception

*Thursday, December 8 (holy day of obligation)*

*Masses at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM*

Both the morning and evening Masses will be livestreamed and available for viewing on the parish YouTube channel. For a convenient link, visit [stpascals.org](http://stpascals.org) and click the "Livestream" button.

## First Sunday of Advent

### **Opening to the Unexpected**

**Daily Practice:** Be someone's unexpected sunrise today. With a smile in your eyes and joy on your face, make a call, send a note or write a post that simply says, "I see Christ coming alive through you!"

**Advent Prayer:** *Loving Creator, make me an instrument of your surprise. Open within me a desire to delight others with your unexpected joy.*

—S. James Meyer, *Opening to Great Joy*

## — In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

*Lillian Johnson*

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

## — REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

### Preschool Event: *Visit to the North Pole*

The Preschool at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School invites families to a "Visit to the North Pole" on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00-10:30 AM. Join us for crafts, activities, and treats. This event is open to the community. Please enter through Door 5 on Third Street. Please direct questions to [preschool@stpascalschool.org](mailto:preschool@stpascalschool.org).

### Financial Updates

#### Year-End Financial Gifts

As this calendar year quickly comes to a close, consider a special year-end financial gift to the parish in support of our many ministries and/or to support our mortgage reduction efforts. Last year, we received many special year-end gifts of cash or stock. These gifts are greatly appreciated and certainly encouraged!

*Remember, all gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022 to be considered for the 2022 tax year.*

Stock transfers and sales do take some time so please take that into consideration as you consider a gift to St. Pascal's. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Financial Statements

We now have the capability to send your giving statements via email using a secure server and year-end statements will be sent in January via email. We save on postage and reduce our environmental impact with this system. Individuals who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive their year-end statements in the mail or, if you need a paper copy, please contact Theresa Ruttger at 651.432.4960.

### Annual St. Pascal's Women's Club Christmas Party

*Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 AM in Brioschi Hall*

Join us for a wonderful brunch of egg bake, ham, chicken, fruit and vegetables followed by a fun-filled Christmas party with games, prizes and Christmas carols! All women of the parish are invited—we'd love to see you there!

Reservations for the party are on sale at the table in the Gathering Space through Sunday, December 4. *All reservations must be pre-paid.* Cost of the brunch is \$20. Please contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937 with any questions.

### St. Pascal's Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

*Now through December 23 or until sold out*

St. Pascal's Men's Club is entering its 53rd year of selling Christmas Trees. Come visit us in the Conway Street parking lot and check out our excellent selection of Fraser fir, balsam fir, Scotch pine, and white pine trees. Wreaths and swags also available. Tree Lot sale hours are:

Monday from 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Tuesday through Friday from 3:00 - 9:00 PM  
Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### Faith in Action:

#### *An Invitation to Get Involved*

Did you register for the *Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Congregational Convening* at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on December 1 starting at 6:30 PM? There is still time. You can either attend in person or by zoom, but please register ahead by using the convenient link at [stpascals.org/social-justice-and-caring-committee](http://stpascals.org/social-justice-and-caring-committee).

#### REGISTER NOW!

At the Convening, Beacon will announce a new initiative to make the creation of deeply affordable housing in the suburbs a reality. An exciting process for congregations to provide input on developments to be launched in the coming years will also be presented.

The moment is ripe to ensure EVERY Minnesotan in need of deeply affordable housing gets the rent support they deserve. Get involved. Beacon needs you. It will take all of us coming together in deliberate action to make the changes necessary to see that all people have a home! Join fellow St. Pascal's parishioners. Be sure to register, and invite others to join you.

Questions? For more information contact [annkarner24@gmail.com](mailto:annkarner24@gmail.com).

### All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

*Sunday, December 4 after both Masses*

\$12/Adults and \$6/kids (12 and under) Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice. Thank you for supporting our Scouts!

*Hosted by St. Pascal's Cub Scout Troop 294.*

## C O N T A C T U S

### Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585  
Email [church@stpascals.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 5:30 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](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org)

#### Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday  
[keri.mader@stpascals.org](mailto:keri.mader@stpascals.org)

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## Mass Times & Intentions

## Readings November 27, 2022

### Tuesday, November 29

8:00 AM + George Leier

### Wednesday, November 30

9:30 AM + Georgine Misukanis

### Thursday, December 1

8:00 AM + Terry Lemke

### Friday, December 2

8:00 AM Men's Club

### Saturday, December 3

4:30 PM The people of the parish

### Sunday, December 4

8:45 AM + Jim Nelson

10:30 AM + Carlos & Emilia Calubayan

### Sunday

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122:1-9

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

### Monday:

Is 4:2-6

Ps 122:1-9

Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday:

Rom 10:9-18

Ps 19:8-11

Mt 4:18-22

### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday:

Is 29:17-24

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Mt 9:27-31

### Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Ps 147:1-6

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Next Sunday:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

## 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!



## Stewardship of Giving

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

### October 2022

#### Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 54,544.00	YTD Giving	\$ 197,200.00
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.00</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>268,674.00</u>
Deficit	\$ -12,624.00	YTD Deficit	\$ -71,474.00

#### Mortgage Reduction (as of 09.30.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,927,423.00
Principal:	\$ 12,656.20
Interest:	\$ <u>9,804.85</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 100,721.29
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>89,844.20</u>
Deficit	\$ -10,877.09

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 204,649.88

# of payments from Reserve: 9

**Thank you for your support!**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, November 27—Advent 1

9:00am Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot: Conway Lot  
After Masses Boy Scout Wreath Sales: Outside Door 3  
After Masses Women's Club Christmas Ticket Sales: GS

### Monday, November 28

1:00pm Merrick Setup: BH  
3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau lot  
6:00pm Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot: Conway Lot  
6:30pm JustFaith: Zoom  
7:00pm Boy Scouts: BH

### Tuesday, November 29—Friday, December 2

3:00pm Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot: Conway Lot

### Tuesday, November 29

6:30pm Advent Parish/1st Reconciliation: CH

### Wednesday, November 30

9:00am Rosary: CH  
9:30am School Mass: CH  
6:30pm Choir: CH  
6:30pm RCIA: FR  
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

### Thursday, December 1

6:00pm Spirit Song: CH  
7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: BH

### Friday, December 2

10:30am Funeral (Dorothy Buhl)

### Saturday, December 3-Sunday, December 4

9:00am Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot: Conway Lot

### Saturday, December 3

After Mass Women's Club Christmas Ticket Sales: GS

### Sunday, December 4—Advent 2

After Masses Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast: BH, Kit  
After Masses Women's Club Christmas Ticket Sales: GS  
11:45am Baptism (Hess family): CH  
12:00pm Confirmation II: SL

## REMEMBER SOMEONE IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Make a donation (any amount) in memory of (or in honor of) a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass on or before December 20. Suggested donation is \$10. *Memorials fund flowers & worship space needs.*

### I would like to make a donation (circle one)

In Honor of / In Memory of

From:

**Thank you for your generosity and care!**

Please note: Memorials/Honorariums received in the parish office after December 21 will not appear on the Christmas Flowers bulletin insert on December 25.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Peace and Tranquility

God our Father and giver of peace,  
you turn the forces of death  
into healing,  
as you fulfill your promises  
throughout time.  
Encourage us to be alert for  
your presence  
and to hope when we are discouraged.  
Turn our swords, our wrongdoing,  
into instruments of peace  
so that one day we will rejoice  
as we walk to the house of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**A Pilgrimage toward God**



*Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122:1–9; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:37–44.* In the time of Isaiah's prophecy, the mountaintops were considered the gods' dwelling. Is it any wonder that peace, well-being, and complete joy were to be found, according to Isaiah in the first reading, on the "mountaintop" of the new Jerusalem? As Christians, we are called to new life, to new ways of being. We are to discard enmity and act peacefully as we walk in the light to the house of the Lord.

St. Paul discerns between the darkness of the current time and the light that awaits us on "the day at hand." He calls the Romans to be ready for the Lord, to reform their lives "to put on the Lord Jesus Christ." The call is for

us also so that we will "awake from sleep" and "put on the armor of light."

Advent begins with a vivid reminder to be ready at all times to meet God. "Therefore, stay awake," Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew's Gospel account. Each day we must listen carefully to the message of Scripture. Our destination is the heavenly mountaintop, and our hope is for peace and justice for all.

As the Advent wreath is blessed and lighted on this Sunday that begins the liturgical year, keep within you the image of the burning flame. Allow the candle to reflect God's presence within each pilgrim that you encounter on your Advent journey.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, November 28

#### Judgment and Glory

Take to heart the words of the prophecy of Isaiah that “the LORD’s glory will be shelter and protection: / shade from the parching heat of day / refuge and cover from storm and rain.” This week, seek out the Lord when facing struggles; know that refuge awaits. Allow the consolation you receive to fill your heart with rejoicing, as the psalmist sings. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 4:2–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b, 4cd–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 8:5–11.*

### Tuesday, November 29

#### Welcome the Lamb

Isaiah invites us to come together on God’s holy mountain, where “he shall judge the poor with justice, / and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.” With justice prevailing, “there shall be no harm or ruin” on this holy mountain. Consider how you can strive to be just within your thoughts and your heart as well as your acts. Be assured that peace comes through justice. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.*

### Wednesday, November 30

#### St. Andrew, Apostle

St. Andrew the apostle was the brother of St. Peter, according to Luke 6:14. It was Andrew who told Jesus about the boy who had the loaves and fish (John 6:8–9) during the feeding of the multitudes. Ask St. Andrew today to help you find an opportunity to feed the hungry. Remember that hunger is in mind as well as in body: those who hunger for friendship, acceptance, or love need to be served as much as those who hunger for their daily food. *Today’s readings: Romans 10:9–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18–22.*

### Thursday, December 1

#### Hope and Trust

In the Gospel reading from Matthew today, Jesus is direct when he tells the disciples that “only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” will enter the kingdom. God does not desire lip service but obedience to his will. Use this Advent morning to quietly spend time with God so that you can listen to him and discern his will. Make a simple Advent wreath, light a candle each night, and pray in its light. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.*

### Friday, December 2

#### The Blind See

Isaiah vividly portrays the day when justice comes, saying, “On that day the deaf shall hear / the words of a book; / And out of gloom and darkness, / the eyes of the blind shall see.” This will be a time when people keep holy the name of God, and those who err will find understanding. But already in the Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of two blind men because of their faith. During Advent, may we seek to realize that the Lord is our light and salvation, as the psalm’s refrain states. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.*

### Saturday, December 3

#### St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, a cofounder of the Jesuit order, shared his faith as a missionary. He was possibly the most instrumental missionary priest of his time because he initiated a practice of adapting to the language and customs of the people whom he wanted to baptize. This approach of adaptation has been modeled over the past five hundred years. Consider how you might adapt to the language and custom of someone who needs to be understood, accepted, and treated as a brother or sister in Christ. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8.*

