



**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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**DECEMBER 11, 2022 | THIRD 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

**St. Pascal Baylon Church received a \$4000.00 grant for discipleship activities.** Good news! In November, St. Catherine University in St. Paul issued this grant our parish to be used for parish-wide discipleship activities that address compelling needs in the broader community. The \$4000.00 grant is part of a larger grant of \$1,000,000 that St. Catherine University received in 2020 from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish the Initiative for Contemplative Discipleship program at St. Catherine University. The aim of the Initiative is to strengthen Christian congregations so they can help people deepen their relationships with God, build strong relationships with each other and contribute to the flourishing of local communities and the world. Thank you to Dr. Anne Weyandt, a St. Pascal Baylon parishioner, who is an Associate Professor of Education at St. Catherine University. She informed me about the grant opportunity and encouraged me to apply for the grant on behalf of St. Pascal Baylon Parish. Our parish is now one of several parishes in the Archdiocese that has received grant funds through the Initiative for Contemplative Discipleship.

### How will we use the \$ 4000.00 in grant funds?

- 1) We purchased a new vinyl banner for our monthly St. Pascal's-Merrick food distribution monthly program. We used the banner for the first time last Monday. The banner was affixed to our fence along Third Street and then taken down after the food distribution. The banner reads, FREE FOOD TODAY! 3:30-5:00 PM OR UNTIL GONE, PARKING LOT/DOOR 4.
- 2) Mardi Gras Care Card Project—Saturday, February 18, 2023. You may have seen the Save the Date announcement in the parish bulletin about our free dinner and service project on February 18 after 4:30 PM Mass. We will have dinner and then ask people to make care cards for the homebound, the sick, the grieving, or anyone who needs an uplifting note. There will be pictures that children can color and decorate to send with the care cards. Grant funds will pay for the dinner and the supplies of paper, envelopes, pens, markers, and postage stamps. We will keep the cards on hand in the parish office and send them out in the months ahead.
- 3) We might use grant funds to purchase a new stainless-steel table and sorting station for Brioschi Hall with portable containers for recycling, compost and trash. The new table and station would replace the current wooden countertop near the hall exit doors.
- 4) Other possible uses for grant funds are parish volunteer training, discipleship-focused book clubs, combining hospitality events with service projects, and other outreach activities.

We can apply to St. Catherine University for another \$ 4000.00 discipleship grant in 2023-24 and 2024-25. The grant funds are a wonderful opportunity to build our relationship with God, our parish community, and address needs in our broader community. If you have ideas for how the grant funds could be used, feel free to write, email, call or chat with me.

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December 2022:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

## — COMING UP AT ST. PASCAL'S —

### 2023 Friends and Family Event

**We have a theme:** The next running of "Off to the Races"—Indoor horse racing down the middle of Brioschi Hall.

**We have a date:** Saturday, April 22, 2023

**We have a location:** Brioschi Hall

Now all we need is YOU! Please save this date on your calendar. We would like everyone there to make this a success.

We need help to run all the games, sell tickets, and help with registration, the dessert auction, and more. If you would like to help plan or help on the day of the event, please let us know.

We are looking for a few people to take over this fun event in future years so please consider this. We are more than willing to work with you while you learn all the things we do to make this event a success.

As you are out Christmas shopping, please consider picking up a gift card or two for this event. We use lots of gift cards for prizes and for the games. Contact us:

Mike Aeling: mjaeling@gmail.com  
(651.307.8237)

Ellen Aeling: ellenoaeling@gmail.com  
(651.307.8241)

### Save the Date

*Friday, January 27, 2023 from 4:30-8:30 PM*  
Parish Ice Skating and Game Night at the Roseville Skating Center—more details to come! *Sponsored by the Parish Life and Activities Committee.*

### Living Faith Booklets

A very limited number of Living Faith booklets for January – March 2023 are available in the parish office. If you would like one mailed to you contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

## — In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

*Gloria Thill*

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.

## — Baptized in Christ —

We welcome into our community of faith...

*Isaiah Michael Hess*  
child of Justin and Monique

who was recently Baptized in our church. May God bless this household of faith.

## — REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

### Honor Roll for Trimester 1

We want to congratulate all of our middle school students who made the first trimester honor roll. We are so proud of you all! Keep up the good work!

**'A' Honor Roll students:** Evelyn Casanova-Garcia, Nahom Daniel, Cain Franco, Thomas Harthorn, Derrick Irabor, John Omoeny, Trenton Patzwald, Alexander Rojas, Abigail Rockenback, and Joanna Velez

**'A/B' Honor Roll Students:** Bernadette Alfaro, Lukas Amde, Andrea Araujo, Betre Belay, Ehizode Busayo, Juan Cervantes, Nicholas Crist, Liya Daniel, Christopher Dominguez-Cruz, Lilibeth Dominguez-Cruz, Gavriella DuPree, Mason Foster, Yonel Garcia, Adan Gastelum, Juan Lopez-Munoz, Jackson Luu, Aaron Martinez, Archie Rockenback, Valeria Rodriguez, Maily Sanchez Estrada, and Sebastian Santoyo-Hernandez

### Advent Evening of Reflection: Prepare the Way of the Lord

Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 PM

"Prepare the Way of the Lord!" This is heard over and over in Scripture and song during the Advent season. How do we prepare the way of the Lord amid challenges in our lives? Fr. John Mitchell and Kim Roering will offer reflections on passages from Isaiah that encourage us as we prepare the way of the Lord. 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 on the parish YouTube channel.

### RCIA: "Jesus Christ"

Wednesday December 14, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room.

As we approach the season of Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus, we will dive into our Catholic/Christian understanding of the incarnation. As Jesus asks the disciples, "But who do you say that I am?", we too will explore who Jesus is to us and what it means to follow Jesus. All are welcome to join us for this discussion—Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

### The St. Pascal's Women's Book Salon Holiday Gathering

Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge

Join us as we share Christmas goodies and a discussion of *The Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories* by PD James. Throughout the year, our group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Come as often as your schedule allows! For a list of the 2023 selections or for more information, contact Toni Baker at [toni@bakers.us](mailto:toni@bakers.us) (651.731.7763). Make a New Year's resolution to join us January 9 and get yourself reading. Start early by coming this month!

*"She read books as one would breathe air, to fill up and live."*

—Annie Dillard

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### Faith in Action for the Holidays

*Some thoughts for the holiday season...God has made us stewards of the earth.* As we do our Christmas shopping, are we keeping the stewardship of the environment in mind? Are our gifts and wrapping paper recyclable? Would experiences be wiser choices than more "stuff"? When we treat the ice around our homes do we use salt and other chemicals? Would ground cherry pits serve just as well? What types of lights are we using on our trees? If they need replacing be sure to recycle the old ones rather than throwing them in the trash. Holiday gatherings are great fun but think about organic recycle for uneaten food. We can enjoy the holidays and yet be faithful stewards at the same time.

### St. Pascal's/Merrick Food Distribution

Thank you to everyone who donated toilet paper that was distributed to almost 50 families on Monday, November 28 as part of our monthly St. Pascal/Merrick Community Services food distribution. Merrick supplies the food, and the generosity of St. Pascal's parishioners added another item that was greatly appreciated by those in need!

Our next distribution is on Monday, December 19. If you would like to serve with our amazing team of volunteers or would like more information, please email Mary Weyandt at [mlweyandt@mac.com](mailto:mlweyandt@mac.com).

### Plastic and Reusable Bags Needed

We are very thankful for the donated grocery bags, used by both the Merrick team at St. Pascal's and the team serving at Progressive Baptist Church food shelf. We are still in need of many PLASTIC grocery bags for both sites, and also appreciate donations of reusable bags.

### Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who donated cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, and soup in November as part of the Social Justice and Caring monthly donation closet collection. As always, our parish was very generous in helping others. The food was delivered to Progressive Baptist Church and has already been distributed. Many grateful families have been served.

## 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

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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 December 11, 2022

### Tuesday, December 13

8:00 AM Joseph Robinette

### Wednesday, December 14

9:30 AM Women's Club

### Thursday, December 15

8:00 AM + George Leier

11:00 AM The people of the parish

### Friday, December 16

8:00 AM Jacqueline & Robert  
Cowden

### Saturday, December 17

4:30 PM + Stephen Flottmeyer

### Sunday, December 18

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Fr. Mike Byron

## 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: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Ps 146:6-10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

### Monday:

Zec 2:14-17

(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19

Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23

Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday:

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25

Ps 85:9-14

Lk 7:18b-23

### Thursday:

Is 54:1-10

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Lk 7:24-30

### Friday:

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8

Jn 5:33-36

### Saturday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17

Mt 1:1-17

### Next Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, December 11—Advent 3

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

### Monday, December 12

6:00pm Men's Club Christmas Tree Sales: Conway Lot

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

6:30pm JustFaith: Zoom

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

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

### Tuesday-Friday, December 13-16

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

### Tuesday, December 13

No scheduled events

### Wednesday, December 14

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass

10:30am SPRCS Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

### Thursday, December 15

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

6:00pm Cub Scouts: Old Church

6:30pm Advent Evening of Reflection: Church

### Friday, December 16

No scheduled events

### Saturday-Sunday, December 17-18

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

### Saturday, December 17

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

### Sunday, December 18—Advent 4

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

## 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.

## 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: \$ 9,804.85

Monthly Payment \$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations \$ 100,721.29

YTD Payment: \$ 89,844.20

Deficit \$ -10,877.09

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 204,649.88

# of payments from Reserve: 9

**Thank you for your support!**



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Rejoicing in the Lord

Gracious and loving God,  
you are the source of all hope,  
Embed your grace into our hard hearts,  
and guide us to rejoice on this day.  
Help us to do your will  
as we repent of our willful ways.  
May our deaf ears hear  
the wisdom of Scripture  
as we joyfully await the Lord's coming.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Be Strong, Fear Not



*Today's readings: Isaiah 35:1–6a; Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11.* From the rose vestment the priest may wear, to the depiction of joy in the prayers and readings, the Advent theme of rejoicing permeates the liturgy on the Third Sunday of Advent. The day is called *Gaudete Sunday*, “*gaudete*” coming from the Latin word *gaudere*, “to rejoice.” We hear the word *rejoice* in the entrance antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always,” and the word *joy* in the collect, or opening prayer. The reading from Isaiah portrays this joy, telling of the desert and the parched land rejoicing and a time when the eyes of the blind will be opened, the lame will leap, and the mute will sing.

Isaiah predicts salvation and God's victory over sickness and evil. Our “Thanks be to God” after the first reading should be emphatic, because wonderful things await us. Psalm 146 offers praise and hope as it tells how the Lord sets captives free, protects strangers, and thwarts the wicked. At this halfway point in Advent, the Letter of St. James tells us to be patient “until the coming of the Lord.”

For your Advent prayer this week, reflect on the reading from St. James, reading it in the morning or before a meal. St. James tells us not to judge another and to look to the prophets as an example of hardship and patience. The Scripture will help you center on the meaning of Advent.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 12

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Many people began celebrating la Virgen de Guadalupe nine days ago with a novena. The novena concludes with a vigil Mass at midnight, after an evening of dancing, feasting, and celebrating Mary's appearance and miracles at Tepeyac Hill, Mexico. Mary appeared to the poor to be close to us. Today and during the coming week, find one way to be close to the Blessed Mother. Pray the Magnificat and ask Mary to intercede for people seeking asylum in the United States. *Today's readings: Zechariah 2:14–17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; and Luke 1:26–38 or Luke 1:39–47.*

### Tuesday, December 13

#### St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

St. Lucy is the patron saint of those who struggle with eye disease, blindness, or impaired sight. Pray today for those who are blind to their neighbor and for others who cannot “see” with eyes of faith and turn away from God. *Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:1–2, 9–13; Psalm 34:2–3, 6–7, 17–18, 19, and 23; Matthew 21:28–32.*

### Wednesday, December 14

#### St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross was a Carmelite priest from Spain, known to his followers as a mystic and a poet. In early life he was taught by the Jesuits and the Augustinians, was influenced by the Carthusians, and finally became a spiritual follower of Teresa of Avila. An admirer of Teresa's lifestyle and spirituality, he tried to reform his Carmelite order with her guidance and mentoring. His efforts were misunderstood, though, and he suffered in prison for trying to reform the Carmelites. His “cross” was being treated unjustly. *Today's readings: Isaiah 45:6c–8, 18, 21c–25; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11–12, 13–14; Luke 7:18b–23.*

### Thursday, December 15

#### Prepare

Advent is full of joyful events to anticipate and encounter. Not only do we become closer to God through listening to his Word but also through the songs of anticipation, the sweets we eat with thanksgiving, and the nativity scenes enacted. If we are open, the festivities during this time of year can change us, renewing us in hope for a better life and world. Prepare the way of the Lord today, joyfully. *Today's readings: Isaiah 54:1–10; Psalm 30: 2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a, 13b; Luke 7:24–30.*

### Friday, December 16

#### Beginnings

Today, Simbang Gabi, Las Posadas, and Las Parrandas celebrations begin, anticipating the nativity of Jesus. During Advent support a religious cultural celebration that is different from your experience by attending one of the celebrations. Find the celebrations through your diocesan newspaper or the parish or diocesan website. *Today's readings: Isaiah 56:1–3a, 6–8; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 7–8; John 5:33–36.*

### Saturday, December 17

#### “O” Wisdom

As Christmas nears, begin a family evening prayer consisting of the Hail Mary, Our Father, and the “O” antiphon of the day (or sing a different verse of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” daily). Today's antiphon is “O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, / you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care / Come and show your people the way to salvation.” Invite your family to reflect on how they will look to God's wisdom during the coming week. *Today's readings: Genesis 49:2, 8–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4ab, 7–8, 17; Matthew 1:1–17.*

