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.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023  |  FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Even in darkness light dawns for the upright
PSALM 112
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ryan Field Update. As of January 2023, we have not yet received any viable offers for the purchase of Ryan Field. We will continue to work with Cushman and Wakefield Commercial Real Estate Brokers to market the land for sale. If we decide to sell Ryan Field, we have agreed with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis that the sale proceeds will be divided as follows:

a) 75% will go to Premier Bank to pay down our mortgage principal;
b) 10% will be kept by our parish for a maintenance reserve fund;
c) 9% will go to the Archdiocese for overdue general insurance payments;
d) 6% will go to Cushman and Wakefield for their fee.

Background: Last October, the parish trustees (Jim Reisdorf and Kathy Humiston) and I sent a letter to all registered households of our parish informing you that we had entered into an agreement with Cushman and Wakefield to test the real estate market for selling Ryan Field which is the 2.25 acres of land owned by our parish across White Bear Avenue from our church. In the past, 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. Our mortgage balance was $2,892,319.00 as of December 31, 2022. Paying down mortgage principal is one way to make our parish financially stronger. In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council, and parishioners attending an open meeting in October 2021, the trustees and I learned there is an openness among our parishioners 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. We will keep you updated if there are viable purchase offers. In the meantime, please keep our parish in your prayers regarding the sale of Ryan Field. If you know someone who is interested in more information about Ryan Field, please have them call John McKenna at Cushman and Wakefield (218.390.3313).

Congratulations to our high school Confirmation candidates who were confirmed yesterday at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. I felt blessed and inspired to celebrate the Confirmation Mass with you and Bishop Williams and the young people from the other four parishes who were in attendance for the celebration of Confirmation. Thank you to the parents and sponsors of our newly confirmed young men and women for all your support and prayers for our young people. Thank you to Kim Roering and Mike Kelleher for their work in coordinating and teaching our Confirmation program.

Prayer Intention for February 2023: For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

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Social Justice & Caring

Faith in Action

February is Black History Month. Catholic Social Teaching asks us to fight for the dignity and rights of the human person. According to Jemar Tisby in the book How to Fight Racism, the first step is to become aware of Black history and the history of racism. He also says, “the time you spend thinking, praying, and processing is time that counts toward fighting racism.” Another good book by the same author is The Color of Compromise.

Action Alert

Affordable Housing

Bring it Home, Minnesota will have its first hearing in the House Housing Committee on Tuesday, February 7 at 3:00 PM. There is a lot of growing momentum to pass Bring it Home, Minnesota this year, and we want to demonstrate that energy at this hearing. It makes a real difference for legislators to see support for the bill from constituents. Please attend in person if you can (an online option to participate is also available). Join us at the hearing! Use the convenient link on the parish website to register to attend in person or online. Contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com for more information.

Donation Closet

February Collection: Listening House

During February, items will be 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). Please see the parish website for a complete list of items. NOTE: Listening House is only accepting items from the list at this time.

Sincere Thanks

Thank you to our volunteer team and all who support the monthly St. Paschal’s and Merrick Community Services food distribution partnership. Through the generosity of St. Pascal parishioners and friends, we were able to add facial tissues to the January food distribution. Next month, on Monday, February 27, we will select another essential item to include with the food. Look for more information soon. Again, your prayers and contributions to this ministry are greatly appreciated!

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Eucharistic Ministers: Spring Schedule

It is time for the next schedule to be done. Many thanks to those of you who feel comfortable continuing this ministry. If you opted out of the previous schedules, but now feel ready to be back in serving, thank you for doing that. We could use more ministers. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Joann or call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

Please check your calendars for March, April, and May, and let Joann know of your availability. She needs those dates by February 16. If you have questions or want more information you may contact Joann at joann.bertini@gmail.com or 651.735.2762.

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In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers…

Jean Marie Halverson

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.
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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
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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 (akarner24@gmail.com)

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 651.342.8879
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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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

### REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS ###

**Catholic Schools Week 2023**

We had a wonderful time last week celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Students and staff celebrated our community, our school staff, our students, religious vocations, and our school families. We were also excited to be able to take part in activities and lessons that celebrated "The Belief Pillars of St. Pascal Regional: BELIEVE, LEARN, LOVE, and CONNECT."

On Monday, there was a kick-off assembly where students and staff performed the National School Choice Week Dance. On Tuesday, students played Minute to Win it games against the teachers. Prayer buddies played board games on Wednesday, and fresh chocolate chip cookies were served at lunch. On Thursday, Fr. John led bingo and students got to learn about a special saint. Finally, on Friday, students had fun watching a movie with the whole school and seeing their family collages in the cafeteria. Make sure to head over to our school’s Facebook and Instagram pages to see highlights from CSW!

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### ADULT FAITH FORMATION ###

**Water, Light, and Life:**

**A Lenten Parish Mission**

Mondays in March from 6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is preparing for and planning this year’s Lenten mission, *Water, Light, and Life.* During this parish mission, we will encounter, along with Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. Our prayerful encounter with these Scripture stories invites each of us to consider the need for conversion of heart and the new life we gained in Christ through baptism. Come join us!

Please help us prepare materials by registering ahead of time using the convenient SignUp Genius link on the parish website or by calling the parish office. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.


**Lent 2023 Bible Study**

Lent Bible Study groups will begin the week of February 20. *These sessions are in person.* The study is “Jesus: Man of Prayer” from the Six Weeks with the *Bible* series published by Loyola Press. Its description is as follows:

"Jesus and prayer—two topics that are inextricably linked together. In Jesus: Man of Prayer, we learn about what it means to pray, and how to do it, by studying the way Jesus prayed. Gain a greater understanding of Jesus—and prayer—as you work your way through this helpful and practical Bible study."

Groups/times available are:

- Tuesdays, 8:45 - 10:15 AM OR 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

If you would like to join one of the groups, please register by February 16. Suggested fee is $15/person. Forms are available in the kiosks, or contact Kim Roering at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

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**Puzzle and Game Exchange—**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 18 & 19**

Join in the fun at the Great Puzzle and Game Exchange. Bring your used or new puzzles and games to Mass and we will collect them in the Gathering Space. Then, following all Masses on the weekend of February 18 & 19, the puzzles and games will be displayed and ready to find a new home. (Please be sure to tape your puzzle boxes closed!)

This fun, FREE event is sponsored by the *St. Pascal’s Women’s Club.*

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**Gertens Spring Plant Fundraiser is starting soon!**

The St. Pascal’s Women’s Club will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards. A wide variety of hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials will be available. Stay tuned for more information shortly.

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**Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon—**

**Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 AM**

*Attention, Young at Heart—Women and Men, Fifty Years and Over!* We are looking forward to meeting together again. As usual, we will begin with Father John celebrating the Eucharist with us at 11:00. This will be followed with a warm turkey dinner after which you can test your luck with Valentine Bingo. As some of you remember, Father John was the Bingo caller last year and some of you were very lucky. So maybe he will do the honors again. We will ask for a $13.00 donation to help defray costs, payable on the day of the meeting. We hope to see many of you. Whether you’re an "old timer" or a "new timer", all are welcome!

Please respond by Friday, February 17 to Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net, or Linda Spence at 651.730.9061.
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, February 07
8:00 AM  + George Leier

Wednesday, February 08
9:30 AM  Women’s Club

Thursday, February 09
8:00 AM  + Cornelio Hernandez

Friday, February 10
8:00 AM  + Georgine Misukanis

Saturday, February 11
4:30 PM  + Rose & Richard McCabe

Sunday, February 12
8:45 AM  The people of the parish
10:30 AM  + Fr. Mike Byron

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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!

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Readings
February 5, 2023

Sunday:
Is 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-9
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Monday:
Gn 1:1-19
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:
Gn 1:20—2:4a
Ps 8:4-9
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-30
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:
Gn 2:18-25
Ps 128:1-5
Mk 7:24-30

Friday:
Gn 3:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:
Gn 3:9-24
Ps 90:2-6, 12-13
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:
Sir 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

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THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, February 5
9:15am  Scout Sunday Fellowship: Brioschi Hall
11:30am  Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, February 6
7:00pm  Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, February 7
3:00pm  Liturgical Ministers Enrichment: Church, Brioschi Hall
5:30pm  Pastoral Council: Zoom

Wednesday, February 8
9:00am  Rosary: Church
9:30am  School Mass: Church
6:30pm  Choir: Church
6:30pm  1st Eucharist Parent Meeting: Brioschi Hall
6:30pm  Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, February 9
6:00pm  Spirit Song: Church
7:00pm  Men’s Club Membership Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, February 10
No scheduled events

Saturday, February 11
9:30am  Liturgical Ministers Enrichment: Church, Brioschi Hall

Sunday, February 12
11:30am  Confirmation I: Staff Lounge
1:00pm  NFMC Honors Recital: Church

Monday, February 13
7:00pm  Women’s Book Club: Staff Lounge
7:00pm  Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, February 14
No scheduled events

Wednesday, February 15
9:00am  Rosary: Church
9:30am  School Mass: Church
6:30pm  Choir: Church
6:30pm  RCIA: Founders Room
6:30pm  Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, February 16
6:00pm  Spirit Song: Church
6:00pm  Cub Scouts Blue & Gold: Old Church

Friday, February 17
No scheduled events

Saturday, February 18
9:00am  Men’s Club Fish Fry Shed Setup: Door 4
5:30pm  Mardi Gras Dinner Celebration

Sunday, February 19
9:30am  Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

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

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Thank you for your support!

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St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club
Monday, February 13 at 7:00 PM

If you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal’s Women’s Book Club, do it in February! We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge. All parish women are invited to join the group for its monthly discussions—join us as often as your schedule allows. This month, we will discuss Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin. On March 13, we will share thoughts on The Paris Library by Janet Skilen Charles. Contact Toni Baker toni@bakers.us (651.731.7763) for a list of the 2023 selections.

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Feeling Hungry for Fish Fry?
The First Friday of Lent is less than three weeks away!

St. Pascal’s Men’s Club is hosting their famous Lenten Fish Fry beginning Friday, February 24 at 4:30 PM and every Friday in Lent through March 31. Yum!
MARDI GRAS
DINNER & CARD MAKING EVENT

Saturday, February 18, 2023
5:30-8 pm in Brioschi Hall

All ages welcome! We'll share a FREE dinner*, make or write Care Cards and enjoy some Mardi Gras fun.

*Dinner includes chicken, macaroni and cheese, rice and beans, salad, and festive Mardi Gras cupcakes. Some hot dogs will be available too!

RSVP by Monday, February 13 using the SignUp Genius link at stpascals.org or call the parish office at 651.774.1585. Questions can be directed to Barb Uschold Anderson.

This event is made possible through the Lilly Grant for Discipleship our parish received.