



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.

MARCH 5, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal has begun. The Appeal provides funding for these 19 designated ministries in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis:

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| 1. <i>Abria Pregnancy Resources</i> | 11. <i>Hospital Chaplains</i> |
| 2. <i>American Indian Ministry</i> | 12. <i>Latino Ministry</i> |
| 3. <i>Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women</i> | 13. <i>Mission of Catholic Education</i> |
| 4. <i>Campus Ministry: Newman Center</i> | 14. <i>Office of Marriage, Family and Life</i> |
| 5. <i>Campus Ministry: St. Paul's Outreach</i> | 15. <i>Prison Ministry</i> |
| 6. <i>Catholic Charities</i> | 16. <i>Seminarian Tuition, Room and Board</i> |
| 7. <i>Catholic High School Scholarships</i> | 17. <i>Society of St. Vincent de Paul</i> |
| 8. <i>Deaf Ministry</i> | 18. <i>Venezuelan Mission</i> |
| 9. <i>Elementary Catholic School Funding</i> | 19. <i>Youth Ministry</i> |
| 10. <i>Elementary Catholic School Scholarships</i> | |

If you gave to the Appeal last year, you should have received a letter from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation in January inviting your gift for 2023. You may also give online at: GiveCSAF.org.

Here are the results for our parish regarding the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal:

St. Pascal Baylon Parish Goal:	\$ 39,982.00	
Total Pledged:	\$ 29,240.00	% of Goal Pledged: 73%
Total Received:	\$ 29,240.00	% of Goal Received: 73%

Good news: In 2022, St Pascal Baylon parishioners donated \$5,526 more to the Appeal than in 2021 when we collected \$23,714. Last November, we received a rebate check of \$294.00 from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation which represented 25% of the excess funds collected as of October. Depending on how much of the \$5,526 excess (as compared to 2021) that our parish donated to the Appeal as of December 31, 2022, we will receive another rebate check from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. It is nice to receive a rebate check, and it is good that we support the Appeal with our prayers and, if possible, with a financial gift. Whether we live in a rural, suburban or urban area in the Archdiocese, we benefit from the designated ministries of the Catholic Services Appeal. The 2023 Appeal goal for St. Pascal Baylon Parish is \$39,574.55 which is 5% of our annual plate and envelope income.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2023: *For victims of abuse.* We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon—Thursday, March 23

Attention Young at Heart—men and women 55 and over! As usual, Father John will celebrate the Eucharist with us at 11:00. Our Valentine Bingo will be a Shamrock Bingo. Our meal for that day will be in a future announcement. We hope your response will be as enthusiastic as always! If you want to register early contact Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or Linda Spence at 651.730.9061.

P.S. If you are lonesome for your senior friends you are very welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings—we pray the Rosary at 8:45 and then experience a very inspiring Mass with the school children at 9:30. All are welcome!

Living Faith Booklets

A limited number of Living Faith booklets for April– June 2023 are available in the parish office. If you would like one set aside for you or mailed to your home, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Check It Out:

Gertens Spring Plant Sale!

We are selling Gertens plants and plant cards online. Go to the Gertens fundraising site at gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club store number 447. Over 80 fantastic items are available: Gertens plant cards, hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables, and perennials. Order from the comfort of your own home. If you need help ordering, Women's Club members will be available after all Masses on April 1 & 2. Sale ends on Thursday, April 6. Your orders will be available for pick up after all Masses on May 13 & 14. Just in time for Mother's Day!

This is a major spring fundraiser for the St. Pascal's Women's Club—please support us! If you have any questions or need help ordering, please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com.

Friday Night Fish Fry Bake Sales

March 17, and 31

Could you bake a treat for any of these dates? You could drop off at the parish office on Thursday or Friday before the bake sale or the night of the bake sale. The proceeds will go to international concerns including Earthquake Relief for Syria and Turkey through Catholic Relief Services and Mater Dei Africa in Tanzania. Thank you! Questions? Please contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937 or jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

2023 Friends and Family Event

We have a date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

We have a location: Brioschi Hall

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

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

We will need some help to run all the games, dessert auction, registration, selling tickets and more. If you would like to help in the planning or help on the day of the event, please let us know.

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

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— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Winter NWEA MAP Growth Testing and Individual Learning Plans (ILPs)

At the end of January, the students took the winter NWEA MAP growth tests in reading and math. These tests help school staff measure the progress of each student, grade level, and the school as a whole. The data from the testing help teachers plan instruction since students with similar MAP Growth scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics. Once testing finished, teachers updated the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) goals created in the fall to ensure that each student is still getting the resources, services, and instruction needed to succeed. This past week, ILPs were sent home with students so families can review them and have informed and productive conversations about learning and growth during conferences at the end of this month. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about NWEA MAP testing or ILPs.

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? Do it this month! We meet on the second Monday of each month. All parish women are invited to join the group for its monthly discussions. You can join us as often as your schedule allows. This month we will discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skelien Charles. On April 10, we will share thoughts on *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave.

Water, Light, and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission

Session One: March 6 from 6:30-8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving: A Call to Conversion

The first session of this parish mission situates the community of faith at the beginning of the Lenten journey of conversion and renewal. On Ash Wednesday, we heed the prophet Joel's message to "call an assembly." As we receive ashes, we are reminded of our mortality and are urged to repent and return to God. This is the message we ponder throughout our Lenten journey.

Come join us! Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry—All Fridays of Lent 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandrau Street entrance.)

The "All-You-Care-To-Eat" buffet will offer fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, mac-n-cheese, dinner roll, and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, and pop are available for purchase.

Adults (12 and up): \$16.00 | Children (6-11): \$8.00 | 5 and under: Free

Cash, check, or card accepted. Takeout is available if the hall is full or the wait is too long.

All proceeds benefit St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's K-8 PhyEd program and other parish/school needs.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action

Be Informed – Prepare to Act

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative's new 5 year plan:

1. Build deeply affordable supportive housing in the Metro area.
2. Support legislative initiatives introduced by Catholic Charities and other non-profit housing organizations with shared goals.
3. Continue with Bring it Home Minnesota legislation that would transform housing and make statewide rental assistance available to every eligible Minnesotan.
4. Push hard for Housing Infrastructure Bonds, to create affordable housing.
5. Introduce The Homeless Families with Children Act (HFCA) as an extension of the Homeless Youth Act.

CRS Rice Bowls: 2nd Sunday of Lent Soccer and a Broken Reservoir

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player.

How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crricebowl.org to learn more.

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

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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 (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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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

March 5, 2023

Tuesday, March 07

8:00 AM + Harold Kirchoff

Wednesday, March 08

9:30 AM Women's Club

Thursday, March 09

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, March 10

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, March 11

4:30 PM + Frank Brodniewicz

Sunday, March 12

3rd Sunday of Lent

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + The Garhofer Family

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: Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Monday:
Dn 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:
Is 1:10, 16-20
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:
Jer 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:
Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 16:19-31

Friday:
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 5—Lent 2

We Care Campaign

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

Monday, March 6

6:30pm Lent Reflection Series: Church, Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, March 7

8:45am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

9:30am Welcome Rite & Visitation for Michael Sullivan

10:30am Funeral Service for Michael Sullivan

5:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

6:30pm Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

Wednesday, March 8

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

8:00pm Music return (choir): Brioschi Hall

Thursday, March 9

9:30am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

7:00pm Men's Club Membership Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Friday, March 10

9:00am Men's Club Fish Fry Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 11

9:00am RCIA Prayer Retreat

Sunday, March 12—Lent 3

No scheduled events

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 or 651.432.4959 and we'll set up a time.

Stewardship of Giving

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

January 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 88,058.00	YTD Giving	\$ 465,143.00
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.00</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>488,200.00</u>
+ / -	\$ 20,890.00	YTD + / -	\$ -23,057.00

Mortgage Reduction (as of 12.31.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,872,047.09
Principal:	\$ 12,454.57
Interest:	\$ <u>10,006.48</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 177,577.76
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>157,227.35</u>
+ / -	\$ 20,350.41

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 200,390.13

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

EASTER FLOWERS

You may purchase a plant or make a donation (any amount) 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. Suggested donation is \$10. Thank you for your gift!

I would like to purchase an Easter plant in (circle one)

Honor of / Memory of:

Donated by:

Please make checks payable to St. Pascal's.



ST. PASCAL'S DONATION CLOSET MARCH 2023 COLLECTION

Dear Partners,

Thank you for including us in your 2023 March Food Drive plans. Food and monetary donations are extremely helpful and vital to the work that we do in the East Side community of Saint Paul. Of course, any donations are appreciated but there are a few items that are particularly useful to our community. Below are the top five most appropriate items that the community needs right now in no particular order:

1: **Cooking oils and kinds of vinegar**; such as canola oil, olive oil, chili oil, sesame oil, red or white wine vinegar, rice vinegar, champagne vinegar, butter, Mirin, and any other cooking oils or kinds of vinegar.

2: **Spices**; dried chilies of all varieties, cumin, coriander, red pepper flakes, garlic, ginger, turmeric, paprika, rosemary, thyme, cinnamon, curry, cayenne pepper, Cajun seasoning, black pepper, kosher salt, bay leaves, cloves, nutmeg, cardamom, star anise, caraway, fenugreek, allspice, sage, and any other spice.

3: **Cooking Sauces**; Tamari or generic soy sauce, fish sauce, Worcestershire sauce, Tamarind paste, fermented bean pastes, chili pastes, coconut milk, Oyster sauce, Garlic Chili Sauce, Beef broth, Vegetable broth, Chicken broth, Sriracha or any other sauces for cooking.

4: **Proteins**; Peanut butter, Almond butter, cashew butter, spam, tuna, canned chicken, smoked salmon, sardines, smoked eel, or any other shelf-stable proteins.

5: **Grains**; Jasmine rice, basmati rice, apple brand sweet rice, Kokuhu rice, Nishiki rice, artisan egg noodles, rice noodles, Soba noodles, all-purpose flour, rice flour, corn flour, fufu flour, semolina flour, whole wheat flour or any other grains.

Most of these items we cannot order from the food banks that are the backbone of the food shelf network, therefore any of these items would be greatly appreciated by the diverse community which we have the privilege to serve. Thank you for your participation in the March food drive and for supporting a vital need in the East Side community. We appreciate the support and realize that Merrick couldn't be a vital part of hunger solutions in this community without your support.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Merrick Community Services Staff

Questions or concerns contact Joshua Bau via email at jbau@merrickcs.org

Any of the items listed above can be placed in St. Pascal's donation closet between March 1 and March 26, 2023.

Thank you for your generosity!





RCIA Prayer Retreat

Saturday, March 11, 2023

9 am—12 Noon

Founders Room

Deacon Richard Moore and the RCIA team invite St. Pascal's parishioners and friends to join them for this prayer retreat. The morning will involve discussing and experiencing different types of prayer. All are invited to take some time during this season of Lent gain a deeper understanding of prayer.

To help us plan, please sign up using the link on the parish website or call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Help Us Hear

God of wisdom,
you offer words of loving guidance
to all ready to listen.
Help us follow the example of our Lord
and create time and space in our lives
for quiet prayer in your loving presence.
Speak your words of wisdom
to our hearts,
offer us the guidance
we need for our lives
and help us hear your voice today.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Listen to Him



Today's readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9. Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we remember the transfiguration of Jesus. Placing ourselves in the narrative on that high mountain, new details might be noticed that draw us into deeper layers of meaning.

The readings leave three details for contemplation this week. First, whenever Jesus retreats to a mountain or quiet place in the Scriptures, he seeks prayer time with his Father. Second, this particular time of prayer between Jesus and his Father results in a *theophany*, an intense manifestation of God in visible form recognizable to the human eye. Jesus reveals his full divinity to Peter, James, and John, and subsequently to all of us through the written account.

Finally, God boldly breaks into the encounter and speaks words of confirmation to the disciples and to us, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Matthew 17:5).

During Lent the Church invites us to be even more intentional about stepping away from our normal activities to meet God in prayer. Our response to this invitation will not disappoint because prayer never leaves us unchanged. When we follow the example of Jesus, make time and space for prayer, and quiet ourselves into a listening posture, we give God the opportunity to speak the words we most need to hear. How does God speak with love to you today through Matthew’s portrayal of this pinnacle moment in Jesus’ life?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 6

Follow the Signposts

Consider the directions from Jesus in Luke's Gospel today signposts. They are so pivotal that our Church built the entire Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016 on their foundation. Be compassionate. Avoid judgment. Shun condemnation. Offer pardon. Give generously. Write these directions on note cards and place them around your home where you will see them as daily signposts from Jesus. *Today's readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 7

Live with Integrity

At the heart of today's Gospel is the call to live discipleship with integrity. To be a person of integrity means there is congruence between who we say we are and what we do. Speak with transparency. Act with authenticity. Strive for sincerity. Embrace the virtue of integrity as the doorway to holiness. *Today's readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21, and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, March 8

Seek to Serve

Contending to be the first to be noticed, the first to be served, the first in line is a familiar human condition. Jesus reminds his apostles, and all of us, to vigorously resist this temptation. Instead he instructs us to cultivate humility through privileging service over prestige. Commit to practicing one act of humble service anonymously today. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 9

Who Sits at Our Doorway?

Today's Scriptures provide a striking reminder to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. The contrasting images between

those like the rich man who trust in human beings and those who trust in the Lord reveal the consequences of our choices. Take a careful look around to see who sits at our "doorway." Perhaps there is a neighbor who goes regularly without food or feels invisible to our local community. How might we raise the visibility of those at our doorways and reach out with hope in the Lord? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 10

The Voices We Listen To

The quickest way to veer off the path of holiness is to bury our conscience. In tuning out the guiding voice of the Holy Spirit we can be easily led to destructive choices. The people around us may influence and even form us in some ways. Think about the primary people in your life and how they impact you. Today's Scriptures invite us to examine our conscience and do a check-in on the primary voices we are listening to in daily life. *Today's readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 11

Lead with Compassion

Jesus uses parables to show how much our merciful God desires to be close to us. Today's parable about the forgiving father reminds us that God steadfastly stands waiting for us with open arms and infinite forgiveness. Be alert to the lost in your family and community: a child who feigns disinterest, a teen suffering with mental illness, a troubled, lonely neighbor. Through our warm smiles, kind gestures, and hospitable spirit we can communicate the invitation to return to our compassionate God and reconcile with the community of faith. *Today's readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*

