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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.

MARCH 19, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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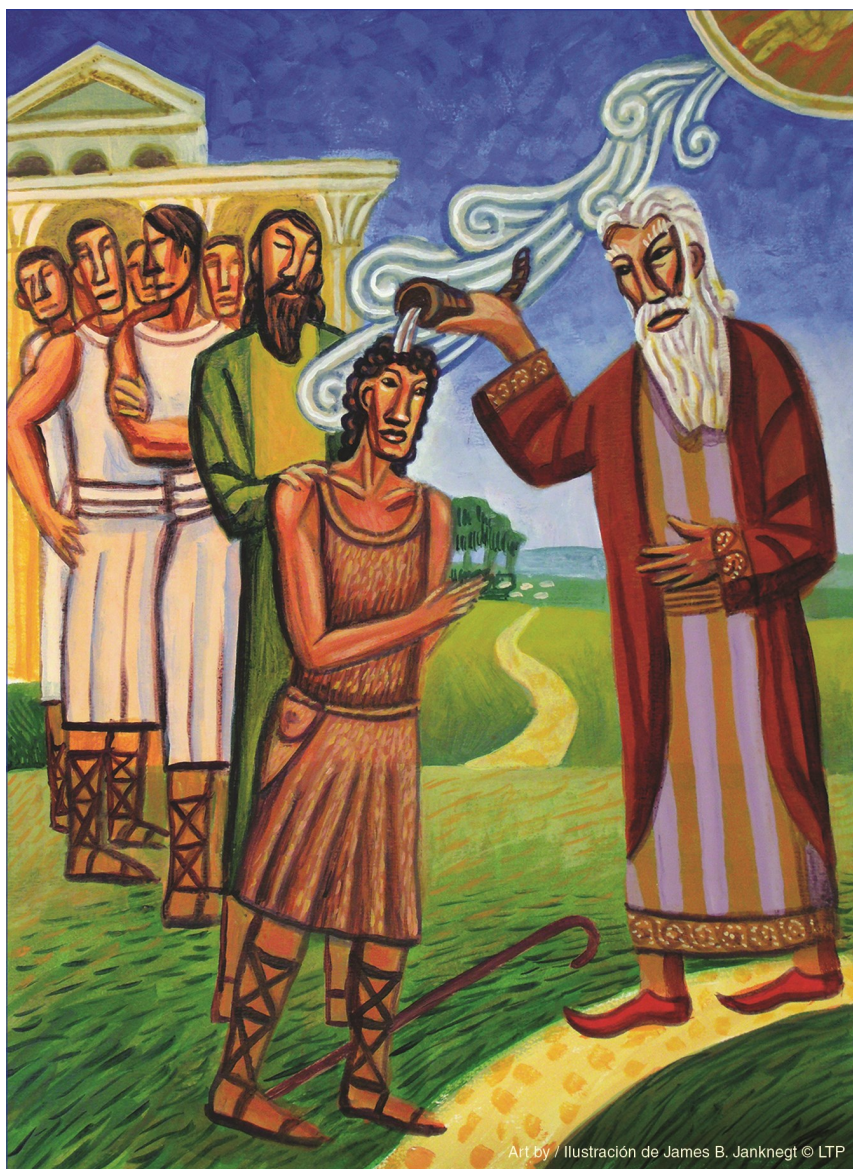
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



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:

Come join us on the next two Monday evenings at 6:30 PM for the two remaining sessions of our Lenten Parish Mission entitled, *Water, Light and Life*. Our Lenten mission this year is spread out over the four Mondays of March, and I have enjoyed this approach. What is a parish mission? It is an opportunity for conversion, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. Some parish missions are conducted by a visiting speaker or priest. Others can be offered through a series of videos spread over consecutive weeks. I have enjoyed the first two evenings of our Lenten mission, and I look forward to this Monday night when we will delve into the Gospel reading about the man born blind. During the last evening of the mission on March 27, we will learn about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. I have appreciated the opportunity to reflect throughout the week on what I have heard on the Monday evenings during the video presentations, what I have read in the printed materials, and what I have heard and discussed at my table during the faith sharing portion of the meetings. Lent is a time for us to reflect, direct our focus on God, repent and believe in the Gospel more strongly. Parish missions can help us accomplish these goals. Let me know what you think of the month-long approach to a parish mission with sessions held on Monday evenings—or send a comment to our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, Kim Roering, at kim.roering@stpascals.org. Whichever way a parish decides to approach a Lenten mission, it is good to take time during Lent to reflect on the Gospel, pray with others, take time for private prayer, and talk about our faith with other disciples.

Water, Light and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission

Mondays – March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Cost: Free

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee

Parish Contact: Kim Roering - kim.roering@stpascals.org

Is it ok if I missed the March 6 and/or March 13 session? Yes!

Is it ok if I attend either/both the March 20 and March 27 session? Yes!

What will be discussed? Three important narratives in John's Gospel help us prepare our hearts and minds for the renewal of our baptism at Easter and our commitment to follow Christ. These three narratives are: the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Over the course of four gatherings, we will explore these Gospel narratives to mine the wisdom each story holds for us who have embarked on this Lenten journey.

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

Bowl Tenders Needed for Holy Thursday

Foot Washing in the assembly is back! Can you help with this ritual on Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM? This is one of the most prominent and important ritual actions for this liturgy, as it helps to demonstrate what it means for us to serve one another. As in pre-COVID years, everyone in the pews will be invited to participate, and 8 individuals are needed to assist those who take part. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 9:00 AM.

Water Bearers Needed for Easter Vigil

Can you help with our Blessing of the Water at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, 8:00 pm? At this liturgy we bless the water in our font, renew our baptismal promises, and come to the font to be blessed with this new water. Three people are needed to carry water to the font in procession for this ritual. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 AM.

If you are willing to help at either of these liturgies, please contact Keri Mader at 651.432.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Do You Want the Prettiest Porch on the Block?

Then check out the beautiful patio tubs from Gertens Spring Plant Sale!

St. Pascal's Women's Club is selling Gertens plants and plant cards online. Go to the Gerten's 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 Masses on April 1 & 2 or contact Ellen Aeling. ***Sale ends 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 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.

Fish Fry Bake Sale on March 31

Could you bake a treat for this date? Drop off your items at the parish office on Thursday or Friday before the bake sale or in Brioschi Hall the night of the bake sale. 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.

CRS Rice Bowls: 4th Sunday of Lent Sharing Success

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Bob Johnson

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

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Join us at St. Pascal Regional for the 2023-2024 school year!

We are still taking applications for students in all grades preschool (33 months) through 8th grade for next year.

At St. Pascal Regional, we believe in...

- High-quality education with a mind, heart, and body connection
- Christ-centered learning
- Opportunities for hands-on learning
- Strong student-teacher relationships
- Creating friendships for life

Tuition assistance is also available for all grades. Please call 651.776.0092, visit stpascalschool.org, or stop by the school office for more information on the enrollment process.

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon

Thursday March 23 at 11:00 AM

We will celebrate the Eucharist with Father John in the church and our meal to follow is a warm turkey dinner from Little Oven. Afterwards, try your luck at Shamrock Bingo. We hope your response will be as enthusiastic as always. *It's not too late to register!* Contact Betty Hensel at 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.com or call Linda Spence at 651.730.9061. We ask a \$13.00 donation to help defray expenses, payable on the day of the meeting.

P.S. Some of us pray the Rosary on Wednesdays at 8:45 AM. Our Blessed Mother would love to have you join us! Afterwards, stay for the St. Pascal Regional Catholic School Mass at 9:30. You would agree this is a unique experience, if you "just come and see"!

March Donation Closet: Merrick Community Services 2023 Food Drive

Go to stpascals.org to learn more about Merrick Community Services and to see a list of needed food items. Thank you!

Parking for Fish Fry

We ask that guests coming for the fish fry on Friday afternoon do not park in the spots marked "Extended Day Parking" or "Preschool Parking" along Third Street on the north side of the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

— FAITH FORMATION —

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Summer will come—and along with it an out-of-this-world VBS experience!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT. Ready to blast off for adventure? Registration forms will be available beginning April 1. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

It's Not Too Late... But Action Is Needed Now

The rally at the Capitol in support of funding for deeply affordable housing is March 20 at 1:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to put faith into action and it's not too late to register. Join other parishioners in this important work. Many underhoused people are seniors and children. It is not just about the homeless people we see on the street. For more information, or if interested in joining a carpool, contact akarner24@gmail.com.

Funeral Ushers Needed

We are looking for a few folks to join the ranks of funeral ushers who minister by greeting our guests, handing out programs, directing folks to communion and assisting the funeral director. When a funeral is scheduled, we send an email to the folks on the list and if you can help, you simply reply to the email. To add your name to the list, contact Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 or carla.hibbison@gmail.com.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

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

Phone 651.776.0092

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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 19, 2023

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, March 22

9:30 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, March 23

8:00 AM + Sue Korf

Friday, March 24

8:00 AM + Don Hensel

Saturday, March 25

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, March 26

5th Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM + Eva Mailloux

10:30 AM The people of the parish

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:

Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ps 23:1-6

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

Monday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34:17-21, 23

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Ps 40:7-11

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-8

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 19—Lent 4

9:30am Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, March 20

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

6:30pm Lent Reflection Series: Church

Tuesday, March 21

8:45am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

6:00pm Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

6:30pm Beacon Team Meeting: Zoom

Wednesday, March 22

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Session: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 23

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, March 24

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 25

No scheduled events

Sunday, March 26—Lent 5

11:45am Palm Sunday Proclaimer Practice: Church

2023 Friends and Family Event: "Off to the Races"

Saturday, April 22 in Brioschi Hall

Don't miss the 2023 rendition of our famous indoor horse racing down the middle of Brioschi Hall! If you would like to help with planning, help on the day of the event or if you are interested in coordinating this event in the future, please let us know!

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Stewardship of Giving

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

February 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 48,318.36	YTD Giving	\$ 513,462.26
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.74</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>555,369.48</u>
+/-	\$ -18,850.38	YTD +/-	\$ -41,907.22

Mortgage Reduction (as of 12.31.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,854,510.40
Principal:	\$ 12,495.85
Interest:	\$ <u>9,965.20</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 197,330.91
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>179,688.40</u>
+/-	\$ 17,642.51

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 193,695.48

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Help Us See

Good and gracious God,
you see our inner life,
and bring light to the darkness.
Thank you for shining your loving
kindness
on our desire to know your Son.
Lift our hearts with joy today.
Help us inhale the signs of spring hope
coming to life around us.
Cast your holy light on the shadows
of our lives
and heal our spiritual wounds.
Gift us with the desire to see the world
with the eyes of faith
through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Spiritual Sight

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 6, 6 (1); Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, a name inspired by the entrance antiphon, “Rejoice, O Jerusalem” (Isaiah 66:10). Today, we momentarily pause from some of the penitential observances of Lent. With joy, our eyes turn toward Easter. This spirit of rejoicing is reflected in our liturgies, which differ from the other Sundays of Lent. Flowers are permitted in the sanctuary. The priest may wear rose-colored vestments, ordinarily worn only on one other day of the liturgical year, the Third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday.

The Scripture readings also highlight reasons to rejoice. Jesus proclaims to his disciples, to a blind man on

the side of the road, and ultimately to all of us, “I am the light of the world” (John 9:5). Perceiving the deepest needs of the man’s heart, Jesus performs a miraculous healing. He restores the man’s physical sight to offer him spiritual sight. Through his subsequent encounters with Jesus, the healed man comes to see, believe, and follow him.

Today we are invited to wake up from our blindness. Jesus looks into our hearts and desires to illuminate our intrinsic goodness. He offers us the gift of spiritual sight to see God’s essence radiating through all human reality. Shall we follow the blind man’s lead and joyfully look at the world and all those we meet with the eyes of faith?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 20

St. Joseph

Today we lift up Jesus' earthly father, St. Joseph, who embodied virtue as a father, dedicated worker, compassionate husband, and faithful listener. In fact, our sacred Scriptures recount his choices but never his words. Four times Joseph listens to the angel sent by God to guide his choices, and each time he courageously answers with quiet, trusting obedience. Make time today to emulate his prayer stance by quieting your heart and listening. *Today's readings:* 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.

Tuesday, March 21

Holistic Healing

The healing power of Jesus is on full display in the Gospel story about the man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. As with most healing stories attributed to Jesus, being “made well” is twofold. Jesus restores both physical health and implores those who are healed to seek spiritual health by avoiding sin. Lent offers us the path to wholeness. Healing comes in a variety of forms. Where do you need Jesus' healing touch today? *Today's readings:* Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.

Wednesday, March 22

The Lord is Near

The responsorial psalm today gets right to the hopeful theme of Lent: God desires to be close to us. The descriptions of the Lord as kind, merciful, slow to anger, gracious, kind, compassionate, faithful, attentive, just, and holy lead to the acclamation that “the LORD is near to all who call upon him” (Psalm 145:18). Place Psalm 145 on your bathroom mirror or over your kitchen sink where you will be reminded throughout each day of God's enduring desire to be in relationship

with us. *Today's readings:* Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.

Thursday, March 23

Sent by God

Jesus makes a bold claim to the Jewish community: “the Father has sent me.” As he says this, Jesus implores them to heed his voice and trace his living presence to the promises made to Moses. They respond with blind resistance. We have the gift of a much longer view on this interchange between Jesus and the community. Do we respond with faith or skepticism? *Today's readings:* Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.

Friday, March 24

Close to the Brokenhearted

Our responsorial psalm tenderly proclaims the promise that the Lord is “close to the brokenhearted” (Psalm 34:19). Part of the human condition is the experience of loss, disappointment, rejection, grief, and depression. Our faith offers us confident consolation that the Lord saves “those who are crushed in spirit” (34:19). Remember that we are never alone in our despair; the Lord never forgets us but especially leans in to be close when we are low. *Today's readings:* Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21 and 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.

Saturday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord

The word *annunciation* means “announcement.” In our faith story, the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary changes the course of history. Lent reminds us that God is announcing good news to us in a variety of forms and through the most unexpected messengers. Attend to the angels in our midst, sent by God to inspire, encourage, challenge, and affirm us. The week began with Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. Today's feast bookends our week of rejoicing. What good news is God offering us today? *Today's readings:* Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.

