



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.

APRIL 23, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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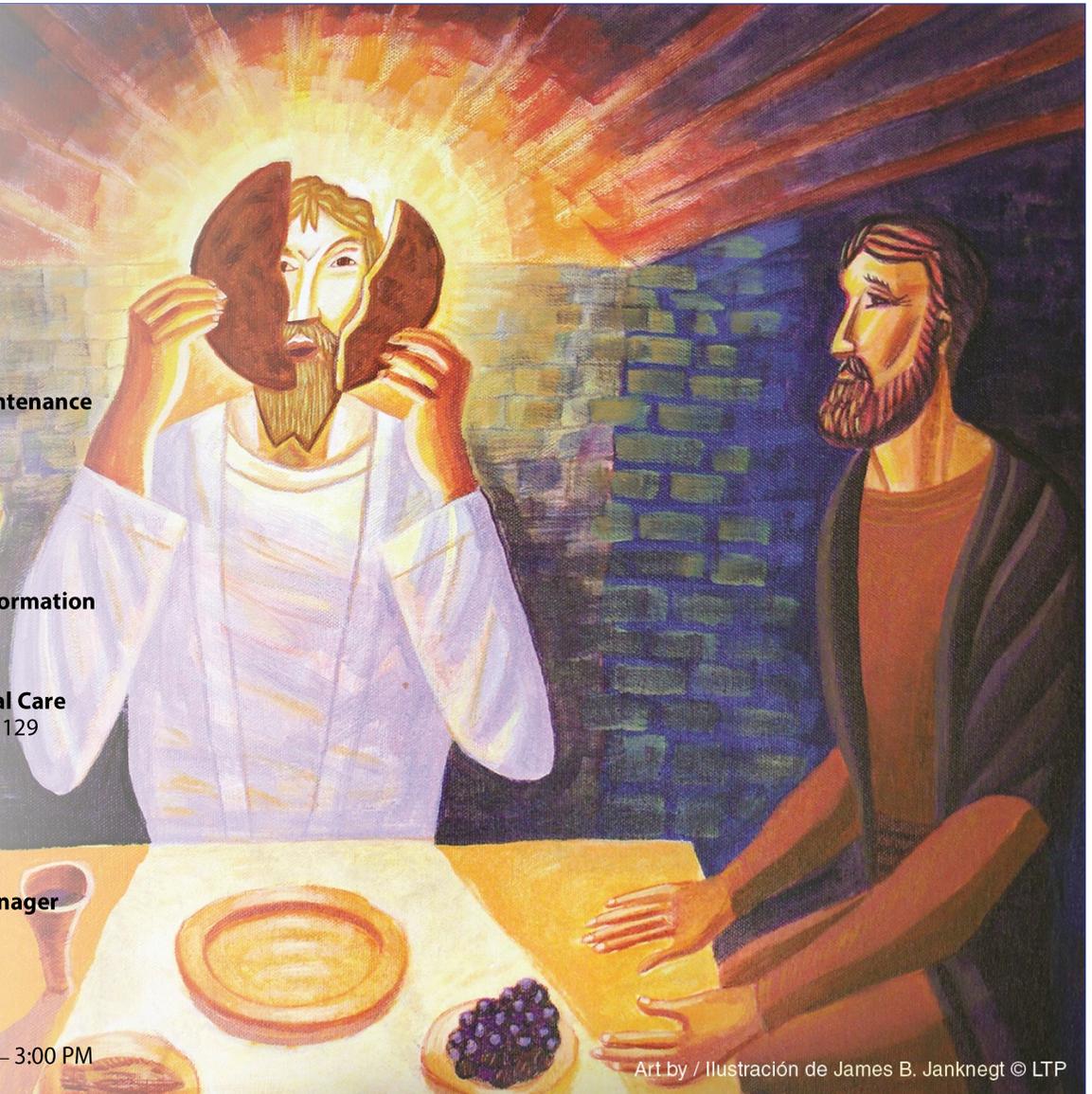
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

We are sad to announce that Karri Creamer Greiner, our Welcome Desk Receptionist, has resigned her position here at St. Pascal Baylon Church. Karri’s last day was Friday, April 21. Karri has been a wonderful presence at the Welcome Desk, and we will miss her. Her care for the people who came to our door and those who called into the parish office was a gift to our parish members and staff. If you would like to send a card or note to Karri, please send it to: St. Pascal Baylon Church, Attn: Karri, 1757 Conway Street, St. Paul, MN 55106 or drop it in the collection basket at Mass, and we will forward it to her. *Please join me in thanking Karri for her service to our parish—God bless you, Karri!*

You are invited to nominate yourself, or someone else with their approval, to serve on the Parish Council or Finance Council starting July 1, 2023. We are looking for new members to replace members whose terms are ending.

Nominations are due by May 15. Please send completed forms to Fr. John at the parish office or via an email message to: john.mitchell@stpascals.org.



2023 Nomination Form for Parish Council or Finance Council

I would like to nominate myself for membership on the:

Parish Council Finance Council

My name: _____

Email and/or Phone: _____

I, _____, nominate _____

who has approved me to nominate them for membership on the:

Parish Council Finance Council

Parish Council Objectives: 1) To develop and promote an understanding and appreciation of parish life and foster unity; 2) To promote opportunities for spiritual and material growth within the parish community; 3) To assist and advise the pastor and the parish community in promoting and evaluating parish programs; 4) To serve as a platform for a visioning dialogue among pastor, trustees and parishioners.

Parish Council Membership: A minimum of nine adult members representing a diversity of the parish community; youth members appointed by the pastor; Council members each serve 3-year terms from July to June and may serve two consecutive terms. The Council normally meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month from September to June.

Finance Council Objectives: Review and consult with the pastor and trustees regarding the financial and temporal matters of the parish. Review the annual parish budget, monthly financial reports, balance sheets, income statements and maintenance and utility costs.

Finance Council Membership: Five to nine members from the parish community who serve three year terms with the possibility of additional consecutive or nonconsecutive terms. It is helpful, although not required, to have experience in management and finance. The Finance Council normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from September to June, and this year we met in the late afternoon.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell

Faith in Action

Keys Needed to Unlock the Metro

Some time ago parishioners were asked to gather any old keys, especially house keys that are no longer of use. Now is the time to find a home for them. Starting on the weekend of April 29-30 there will be a container in the Gathering Space where you can deposit your keys. Alongside the container will be flyers entitled “Unlock the Metro!”. Take a flyer to learn more about Project-Based Vouchers and how they are the key to providing deeply affordable housing for families. This simple act is putting faith into action. Questions? Contact Ann Karner akarner24@gmail.com or Julie Moore 0109jmm@gmail.com.

Progressive Baptist Church

Food Pantry Changes

Starting Wednesday, April 26, the food sorting and box packing at Progressive Baptist Church will be on Wednesdays rather than Fridays as has been the practice. This change has been necessitated due to a change in delivery day by Second Harvest. We have had a wonderful Friday crew, many of whom started during the Covid epidemic. Some will continue to help on Wednesdays, but some will not be available. We are looking for people to help on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to noon (approximately). Our parish commitment to help with food distribution the first and third Saturdays of the month will continue. Questions? Please contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com.

April Donation Closet Collection

Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf

The Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist Church distributes food from 10:30 AM-12 Noon on Saturdays at 1505 Burns Avenue, with no residency or membership requirements. Items most needed are:

- Cereal
- Canned soup

Items can be left in the donation closet between now and April 30. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacrament of Anointing

Weekend of April 29 & 30

Anyone who is experiencing something that places your health at risk—whether physical, mental, or spiritual—is invited to celebrate this sacrament during our community liturgy at all weekend Masses. For prayer and support, please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at 651.432.4959.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Volunteer Appreciation Week 2023

During this week of Volunteer Appreciation, we would like to thank all of our volunteers who share their time and talents with us at St. Pascal Regional. Their tremendous impact is felt throughout our whole community. Students love visiting and working with our volunteers, and our teachers and staff are grateful for the support and enthusiasm our volunteers bring each time they come. Our volunteers truly help us BELIEVE, LEARN, LOVE, and CONNECT each and every day at school. Thank you, volunteers!

Produce Sharing Will Return to St. Pascal's in the Fall

Attention Gardeners: Don't forget to plant extra produce to share with your fellow parishioners again this year. Our excess produce table was very popular last fall, and we will bring it back as soon as we have some produce to share. For more information contact Julie Ludden at julieludden@live.com.

Growing Through Loss

Monday or Tuesday Nights (April and May)
The Growing Through Loss series, for those living with grief, will be offered at two locations in the upcoming weeks.

Tuesdays at 6:45 PM beginning April 11

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7600 Cahill Avenue
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Mondays at 6:45 PM beginning April 17

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
8211 Red Oak Drive
Mounds View, MN 55113

You may attend one or all the programs in the series. Free, but donations are welcome. Brochures available in the kiosk. For further grief resources, please contact Barb Uschold Anderson, Pastoral Care Associate, at barb.ua@stpascals.org or 651.432.4959.

Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council Recruitment: April 29-30

The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council are looking for a few new members. Terms are 3 years and begin in June. Candidates are to have completed the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation).

On the weekend of April 29-30 there will be members of both councils in the back of church to answer any questions you may have, as well as to provide an opportunity to indicate your interest in serving. You may also suggest the name of someone else, but only after receiving their permission. You may also contact Fr. John directly.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Baptism Preparation

Families planning to have a child baptized at St. Pascal's are asked to participate in a pre-baptism session. Our next offering will be on Monday, May 15 from 6:30-8:00 PM. For more information or to sign up for this session, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
An out-of-this-world VBS experience is coming to St. Pascal's! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT. Ready to blast off for adventure? Registration forms are available in the kiosk, on the parish website, and in the parish office. **Volunteers are needed in all areas, especially games and snacks.** Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

— WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

Crafters' Morning

Saturday, April 29 from 9:00-11:00 AM in Brioschi Hall
All crafters are welcome! Join us for a morning of fellowship and crafting—knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, card making, etc. Coffee will be on!

Fish Fry Bake Sales

Thanks to all the bakers and buyers for the success of this year's Fish Fry Bake Sales. We raised over \$2500 dollars! We will send \$865 to Mater Dei Africa and \$1731 to Catholic Relief Services for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria.

Coming Up

Women's Club officer elections and yearly disbursements of funds will be held on Sunday, May 7 after the 10:30 AM Mass in Brioschi Hall. All women welcomed.

Summer Book Sale

Save your books for a summer book sale. We will begin collecting in June. Watch for more details to follow.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

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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

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

—Mahatma Gandhi

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Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, April 26

9:30 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, April 28

8:00 AM + John "Jack" Davy

Saturday, April 29

4:30 PM + Leonard Stuhl

Sunday, April 30

8:45 AM + Carlos & Emilia Calubayan

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!



Readings

April 23, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1-2

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17

Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 23:1-6

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, April 23

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, April 24

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau Lot

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, April 25

6:30pm Presentation On the Mass: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, April 26

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, April 27

4:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, April 28

No scheduled events

Saturday, April 29—Anointing Weekend

9:00am SET Planning Day: Founders Room

9:00am Women's Club Crafter's Morning: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, April 30—Anointing Weekend

No scheduled events

Monday, May 1

1:00pm Bloodmobile: Brioschi Hall

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, May 2

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal: Church

Wednesday, May 3

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

7:30pm Men's Club Softball

Thursday, May 4

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

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

Friday, May 5

No scheduled events

Saturday, May 6—1st Eucharist Weekend

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 7—1st Eucharist Weekend

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

2:00pm Piano Recital: Church

"Thanks Mom for Life" Mother's Day Flower Sale

May 13 & 14 after all Masses

Honor your Mom or another special person in your life with an orchid corsage, African violet, or long stemmed rose.

Suggested Donations:

Orchid Corsage \$10.00

African violet \$9.00

Birthright rose \$5.00

Proceeds from the sale will go to MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life), Options for Women East and Birthright.

Stewardship of Giving

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

March 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 51,871.34	YTD Giving	\$ 565,333.60
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.74</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>622,538.22</u>
+ / -	\$ -15,297.40	YTD + / -	\$ -57,204.62

Mortgage Reduction (as of 03.31.2023)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,840,032.49
Principal:	\$ 12,497.65
Interest:	\$ <u>8,963.40</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 21,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 212,869.38
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>201,149.45</u>
+ / -	\$ 11,719.93

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 186,753.13

of payments from Reserve: 8

Thank you for your support!

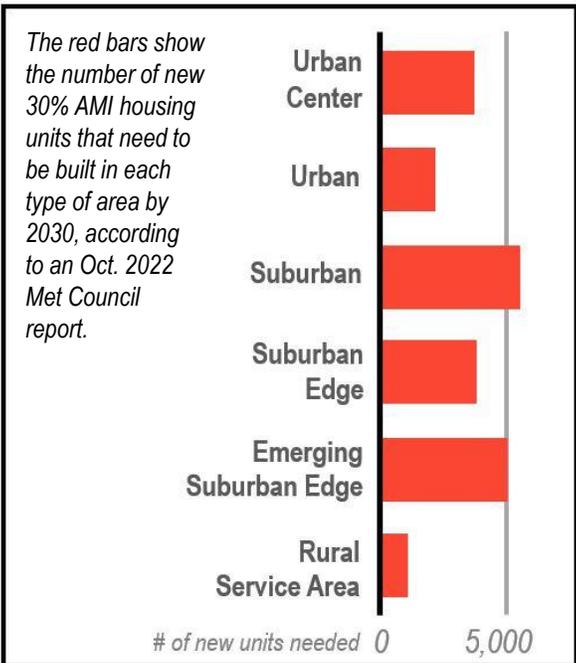
Unlock the Metro!

Unlock the Metro Goals

Beacon is calling on the Met Council to pass a strategic 30-for-30 Project-Based Voucher Policy that:

1. utilizes 30% of Met Council vouchers as PBVs for 30% AMI housing in communities where the poverty rate is 20% or less.
2. makes Met Council PBVs available across the whole 7-county metro region;
3. coordinates PBV awards with the MN Housing capital funding cycle to expedite the creation of new deeply affordable housing.

Fig 1. The need for new 30% AMI housing units is most acute in the suburbs



The Case for Project-Based Vouchers

We urge the Met Council to pass a 30-for-30 Project-Based Voucher Policy to expedite the creation of deeply affordable housing in suburban communities --and give every family *real* housing choice.

THE PROBLEM

Households with low incomes in the suburbs are unable to find homes they can afford,¹ especially those with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income (AMI)—about \$35,000 for a family of four. Although the Met Council has set a goal to create 1,900 new 30% AMI housing units annually, over the past five years, on average, only 165 new housing units were built every year--and very few of these were in the suburbs.

The lack of 30% AMI housing in suburban communities disproportionately impacts Black, Indigenous, and other minority households. In its 2040 plan, the Met Council centers equity as a fundamental value, but according to its own reports, the Twin Cities metro has some of the worst housing disparities in the nation. There's a disconnect between the Met Council's aspirations and its achievements.

THE SOLUTION

Project-based vouchers are the keys that unlock deeply affordable housing in suburban communities. According to HUD, the Met Council may award up to 30% of their rent subsidies as project-based vouchers (PBVs) for 30% AMI housing in areas where the poverty rate is 20% or less. *This option was specifically created to stimulate the development of deeply affordable housing in the suburbs.*

Instead of taking advantage of this policy, the Met Council

- has awarded just 14% of its vouchers as PBVs,²
- will award PBVs in just half of the greater metro area, excluding many suburban communities entirely,³ and
- makes PBVs available so inconsistently⁴ that it can add years of delay and hundreds of thousands of dollars to the cost of constructing a new development.

As an interfaith collaborative, Beacon believes all people should be able to live in the communities they call home.

Through our Bring it Home, Minnesota initiative, we are working to create a new source of state-funded rent vouchers in the future. **But the Met Council has the power to act NOW.**

Housing Choice Rent Vouchers 101

Through its Housing Choice program, HUD provides a limited number of rent vouchers for those whose income is at or below 30% of the area median income (AMI). That's about \$35,000 for a family of four.

HUD allocates vouchers to housing agencies based on the need in the region. **The Met Council's vouchers are administered by the Metropolitan Housing Regional Authority (Metro HRA).** Metro HRA has been allocated nearly 7,000 vouchers, far fewer than needed, but more than any other agency in the 7-county metro area.

Most vouchers are **tenant-based**. Households put their name on lists with housing authorities hoping to receive a voucher. **The wait for a voucher can take years, and three out of four eligible households never receive one.**

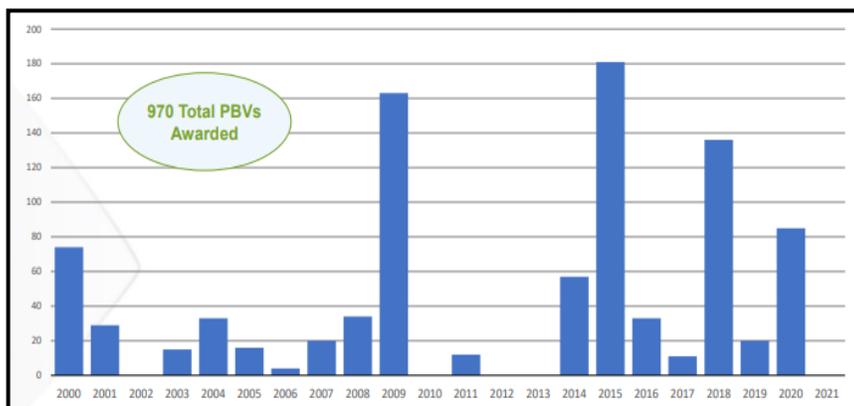
If they do receive a voucher, many suburban families are forced to move because there is no 30% AMI housing available in their community. This increases the concentration of very low-income households in the central cities and reinforces existing housing segregation. Even worse, **40% of the tenant-based vouchers that Metro HRA awards are ultimately returned because the recipients can't find deeply affordable housing anywhere.** Tenant-based vouchers can't create affordable housing where none exists.

Project-based vouchers (PBVs) can. Through a competitive process, agencies award PBVs to developers to create new 30% AMI housing. In order to secure the millions of dollars in capital funding necessary for construction, developers must receive a PBV for each deeply affordable housing unit they plan to build.

Project-based vouchers are the keys that unlock housing availability and equity. When deployed strategically, PBVs create new homes and give every family *real* housing choice.

Fig 4. Metro HRA's PBV Offer and Award History (2000-2021)

The marked inconsistency in annual PBV availability from Metro HRA makes it difficult for developers to plan and budget effectively when creating affordable housing—and adds substantially to the overall cost and time involved.



Graph from Metro HRA, February 10, 2022. NOTE: 2009, 2015, and 2018 were anomaly years when additional vouchers were made available from HUD.

Fig 2. PBV Awards by Housing Agency

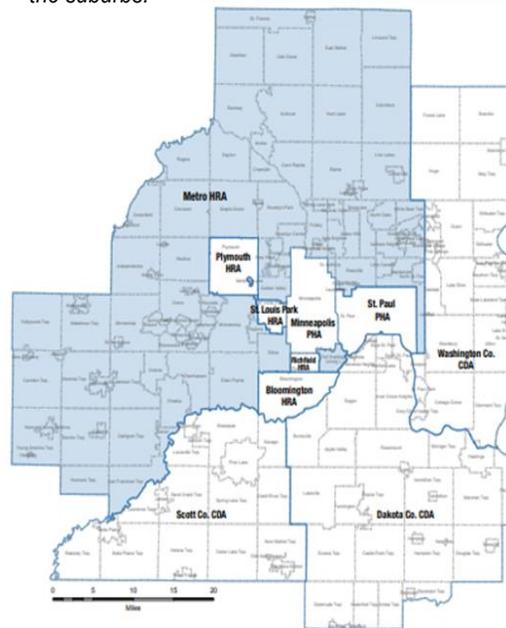
The Met Council has been allocated more Housing Choice vouchers than any other regional housing authority in MN but is only utilizing 14% as PBVs.

Housing Authority	#HCVs	#PBVs	%PBVs
Metro HRA (Met Council)	6961	970	14%
Minneapolis PHA	6000	1200	20%
St. Paul HRA	4929	805	16%
Bloomington HRA	551	36	7%
Scott Co. CDA	404	53	13%
St. Louis Park HRA	343	54	16%
Washington Co. CDA	237	0	0%
Richfield HRA	232	0	0%
Plymouth HRA	230	34	15%

Chart from Metro HRA, February 22, 2022

Fig 3. Metro HRA limits its PBVs awards to the areas in blue on the map below

Metro HRA will only award PBVs to developments in communities that don't have a housing authority. Although Minneapolis and St. Paul have enough vouchers to utilize a significant portion as PBVs, smaller regional housing authorities in the suburbs do not. Thus, most 30% AMI housing continues to be built in the urban core, while the need grows in the suburbs.



Map from Metro HRA's 2023 Administrative Plan

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Path of Life

Ever-present God,
always near to us,
you invite us to recognize your presence
and remain close in your friendship.
Help us open our eyes to see you when you
draw near.
Open our ears to hear you teach your
divine plan.

Open our hearts to receive you fully in
the Eucharist.
And in doing so, show us the path of life.
As you accompany us, help us in turn,
to draw others to you.
Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Remain Close



Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 (11a); 1 Peter 1:17–21; Luke 24:13–35. The Gospel story that recounts Jesus meeting disciples on the road to Emmaus mirrors our journey of faith. Just as Jesus drew near and walked with the disciples, Jesus continually draws near and accompanies us on our path of life. Sometimes we see him right away and welcome his company. Other times, like the two disciples, our eyes are prevented from recognizing his presence. Nevertheless, Jesus persists in making himself known to us.

The disciples' response to Jesus is "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). And he does, just not in the way they expect. First, he unpacks the Scriptures with them. Next, as he did

at the Last Supper, he gives his real presence in the bread they share when they sit down at the table to eat together. So it is with us, every time we gather around our community table, the altar, Jesus stays with us. He becomes truly present under the appearance of bread and wine. We receive him into our very bodies, hearts, and souls.

As we journey through these Easter days, aglow with joy, God unceasingly pleads with us to "remain close." That can be done through keeping up the spiritual disciplines practiced throughout Lent. We can also remain close through being fully present at the celebration of the Eucharist, where Jesus draws near to us and invites us to spiritual union: communion.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 24

Faith in the One He Sent

Jesus offers the key to discipleship to the crowds following him from shore to shore, pleading for more miracles. Jesus instructs, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29). There it is in a nutshell: have faith. How do we fuel ourselves as disciples? Daily prayer, faithfully attending Mass, reading Scripture, sharing our faith with others, and more. There is much to learn about the call to discipleship through the Scripture readings this third week of Easter. Attend closely. *Today’s readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark

Today the Church commemorates St. Mark, disciple and evangelist. Mark’s Gospel serves as a handbook for discipleship. We listen to the final words spoken by Jesus to his contemporary disciples and all who follow him forever after: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). The mission of the Church and our call as Christian disciples continues to be to share the good news about Jesus Christ in our words, action, gestures, and relationships. *Today’s readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

Wednesday, April 26

Stand Up for Faith

The challenges of discipleship are on full display in today’s passage from Acts. The early Christians suffered terrible persecution and the scattering of their communities. Christians have faced persecution across the centuries to this day. Stories abound about courageous stands for faith in the face of grave threats. No matter what, the disciples of the early Church persisted and brought many more followers to faith, growing the Church against all odds. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 27

Called to Teach

Philip demonstrates the call of discipleship to serve as catechist (one who “echoes” the faith). The eunuch seeks understanding and Philip responds, using the Scripture as his starting point, “telling him the good news of Jesus” (Acts 8:35). We are called to follow Philip’s example as catechists, teachers, parents, and friends. Start with the Scriptures and unpack the truths of our faith, persistently sharing the joy of the Gospel with all who will listen. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, April 28

Called and Chosen

The reading from Acts tells the compelling narrative of the conversion of St. Paul on the road to Damascus. Proclaimed in this reading are the flash of light from the sky, the fall, the voice of Jesus, three days that St. Paul was blinded, scales falling from the eyes, and the call to discipleship. Most of us will experience our call to discipleship without the drama and stunned witnesses. Called on the day of our baptism, we are continually invited throughout our life to follow Jesus and serve as his voice, hands, and feet. Reflect on your call today. Embrace it anew in solidarity with St. Paul’s faithful response. *Today’s readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Today the Church lifts up St. Catherine of Siena, mystic, healer, peacemaker, unifier, scholar, and writer. Catherine is a model for all who seek to listen deeply for the will of God and courageously step out to steer the Church to her fullest potential. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us. *Today’s readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*

