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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.

MAY 28, 2023 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Monday, May 29, our nation will celebrate Memorial Day which commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. When visiting a cemetery to honor our military veterans or to pray for loved ones, the following prayer may be helpful:

Prayer When Visiting a Cemetery

Loving God, I/We gather today to pray for our loved ones (mother, father, brother, sister, friend, etc.) who lie here in rest. They have passed from death to life in company with the Lord Jesus. I/We pray that God may welcome them among all the saints of heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:1-6)

Litany: Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy). Christ, have mercy (Christ, have mercy). Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy). Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for them. Saint Michael, pray for them. Saint John the Baptist, pray for them. Saint Joseph, pray for them. Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for them. Saint Ann, pray for them. Saint Teresa, pray for them. Saint Catherine, pray for them. Saint Frances Cabrini, pray for them. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for them. Saint Pascal Baylon, pray for them. (Other saints may be added). All holy men and women, pray for them.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

<u>Closing Prayer</u>: Good and gracious God, look kindly on your servants (mention the names of the people for whom you are praying) who departed this life, and number them among your saints for evermore. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. In the name of + the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

At the Parish Council meeting on May 2, 2023, the following topics were discussed: Update and progress regarding the Archdiocesan Synod; the results and feedback from the Friends and Family event on April 22; involvement of Parish Council members at Fellowship weekends; updates from active parish groups and committees; updates on parish facilities and finances.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May 2023: For church movements and groups. We pray that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action: Called to Do What?

What is each of us being called by our faith to do? Is it to serve the poor by donations or direct service? Is it to work for racial justice? Is it to help our planet by recycling and conserving energy? Summer is a great time to reflect as we relax. We don't have to do big things but we are called to do something. May your summer be blessed.

June Collection: Listening House

During the month of June, items will be accepted in the parish donation closet 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). It provides hospitality, practical assistance, and counsel to people who are unsheltered or in need. Staff and volunteers aspire to create a sense of community and connection by promoting respect for all and to help guests make changes to improve their condition.

The following items will be assembled into Compassion Kits during the Celebration of Service, Commitment, and Generosity on June 24 at St. Pascal's. It is important that the items are SMALL, INDIVIDUAL SIZES to be placed in a quart-sized Ziploc bag.

- Bottles of Water: 8 oz. or 16 oz.
- Cup O Soup
- Plastic Spoons
- Fruit Snacks
- Fruit Cups
- Granola Bars
- Raisins (1 oz. boxes)
- Trail Mix: Snack Packs or Bars (1-2 oz.)
- Peanuts/Cashews/Almonds (1-2 oz. packs)
- Mini Beef Sticks (1 oz. sticks)

Funeral Thanks

To the good people of St. Pascal's parish:

We wish to acknowledge the many expressions of love, compassion and concern from our friends in the St. Pascal Baylon Community at our daughter Kathryn's funeral—especially those who made her funeral liturgy a deeply meaningful and healing occasion, and the Women's Club members and volunteers at the reception who contributed their time and wonderful desserts. Your generosity helped us to honor Kat's life and keep her memory alive in all of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Thea, Tom and Lilly Munoz

"We suffer to get well. We surrender to win. We die to live. We give it away to keep it."

—Richard Rohr, Breathing Underwater

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

We Care Campaign

On the weekend of June 3-4, St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's next We Care Campaign. The three options chosen by the committee for its summer Campaign are:

Option 1:

Our Lady of Peace Hospice

The Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St. Paul provides health and emotional support services to patients at the end of life, their families and their caregivers to reduce stress, alleviate suffering and maintain dignity for all.

Option 2:

Sacred Heart Church in El Paso, Texas

Sacred Heart is a Catholic church in El Paso, Texas that provides shelter to migrants crossing the Mexico/United States border who need emergency accommodation. As a result of the recent Title 42 ban being lifted, Sacred Heart parish is serving an unprecedent number of migrants and are in desperate need of funds for providing assistance to minister to these migrants (such as food, medical supplies, etc.)

Option 3:

Catholic Relief Services—Ukraine

Catholic Relief Services assists the poor and vulnerable overseas. Money donated to this option will be used to help families in the Ukraine receive care for children, food, clothing, counseling, hygiene supplies, transport to safe shelter, cash assistance, etc.

Consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish or those found on the tables located near the entrances to the church. If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this on the envelope and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS — Scholars Soaring into the Future Breakfast

On Wednesday, May 17, the 8th grade students, along with 8th graders from the other three Ascension Catholic Academy (ACA) schools, attended the inaugural Scholars Soaring into the Future breakfast to celebrate their upcoming graduation. Students heard from Fr. Dale Korogi, Executive Director of ACA, Patty Stromen, President of ACA, and Quentin Moore, VP of Advancement at ACA.

At the breakfast, current 8th graders from each school gave performances and speeches. Abigail Rockenback, a SPRCS 8th grader, gave a wonderful speech about transitioning from middle school to high school. We are so proud of all that the 2023 8th grade class has accomplished at St. Pascal Regional. We cannot wait to see what the future has in store.

Fall Festival Helpers Needed

We are forming this year's Fall Festival committee and have some gaps to fill. Leaders are needed to organize the food and dinner portion as well as kid's games. Please contact Theresa in the parish office if you are interested in helping with this fun and important parish event.

Attention Gardeners

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

"Thanks Mom for Life" and Birthright Rose Mother's Day Flower Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who purchased flowers on Mother's Day weekend. Proceeds went to:

MCCL - \$176.50 Birthright - \$325.00 Options for Women East - \$69.00

St. Pascal's Celebration of Service, Commitment, and Generosity FREE Dinner and Compassion Kit Making Event: All ages welcome!

Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 5:30-8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Join us to celebrate the many ways our parish supports social justice efforts through contributions and advocacy. We will enjoy dinner, assemble compassion kits for our unsheltered neighbors, and learn how Catholic Social Teaching calls us to promote the common good in society. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Michael Rios-Keating who serves as the Social Justice Education Manager for Catholic Charities Twin Cities. RSVP by June 19 using the SignUp Genius link at stpascals.org or calling the parish office. Questions can be directed to Kim Roering. *This event is sponsored by St. Pascal's Social Justice and Caring Committee and made possible through the Lilly Grant for Discipleship.*

CONTACT US

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 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 Pat Kackman 651.342.8879

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

May 28, 2023

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, May 31

9:30 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, June 01

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, June 02

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, June 03

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, June 04

Trinity Sunday

8:45 AM + Mary Harvey

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:

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Thursday:

Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

Stewardship of Giving

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

April 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving \$ 57,289.39 YTD Giving \$ 622,537.99 Budgeted \$ 76,624.34 YTD Budgeted \$ 699,162.56 +/- \$ -19,334.95 YTD +/- \$ -76,624.57

Mortgage Reduction (as of 03.31.2023)

Loan Balance: 2,826,375.54 Principal: \$ 12,582.03 \$ 9,879.02 Interest: \$ Monthly Payment 22,461.05 \$ YTD Collected Donations 235,430.69 \$ YTD Payment: 223,610.50 \$ +/-11,820.19 \$ Reserve Account Balance: 187,940.09

of payments from Reserve: 8

Thank you for your support!

THE WEEKS AHEAD -

Sunday, May 28—Pentecost Sunday

No scheduled events

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

Parish office closed No scheduled events

Tuesday, May 30

9:00am Summer Decorating: Church

Wednesday, May 31

8:45am Rosary: Church 9:30am School Mass: Church

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, June 1

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

Friday, June 2

9:30am Visitation for Mildred Zook: Gathering Space, Chapel 10:30am Funeral & Lunch for Mildred Zook: Church, Brioschi Hall

Saturday, June 3

We Care Campaign

6:00pm Recital: Church

Sunday, June 4—Trinity Sunday

We Care Campaign No scheduled events

Monday, June 5

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall 6:30pm Pastoral Council: Zoom

Tuesday, June 6

6:00pm SPRCS Graduation Mass & Reception: Church, Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, June 7

8:45am Rosary: Church 9:30am School Mass: Church

7:30pm Men's Club Softball: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, June 8

No scheduled events

Friday, June 9

4:30pm Moorhouse /Suchey Wedding: Chapel

Saturday, June 10

No scheduled events

Sunday, June 11—Most Holy Body & Blood

No scheduled events

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Evening with the Author: Seven Aunts by Staci Lola Drouillard

Monday, June 12 in Brioschi Hall

6:30 PM Gathering | 7:00 - 8:00 PM Program

FREE but registration is encouraged. Visit the Parish News page at stpascals.org for a convenient SignUp Genius link for the event.

Seven Aunts includes memories of seven aunts holding home and family together. They tell a crucial, often overlooked, story of women of the twentieth century.

Staci Lola Drouillard stitches a colorful quilt, its brightly patterned pieces as different as her aunties, yet alike in their warmth and spirit and resilience, their persistence in speaking for their generation. *Seven Aunts* is an inspired patchwork of memoir and reminiscence, poetry, testimony, love letters, and family lore.

Staci Lola Drouillard, a descendant of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Anishinaabe, lives and works in her hometown of Grand Marais, Minnesota, on the North Shore of Lake Superior.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Pour out your wisdom so that we may bring light

to the challenges of our world.

Fill us with understanding to untangle our confusion.

Give us counsel to guide our choices in Christian living.

Grant us courage, especially when our efforts seem fruitless.

Empower us with knowledge to see the truth with eyes of faith.

Teach us piety so that we may worship you with respect and gratitude.

Infuse us with wonder and awe in your presence.

Help us be conduits of your limitless love through our thoughts, words, actions, and relationships.

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the faith of the earth. Amen.

Sunday, May 28, 2023 Come Holy Spirit!

Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; Sequence: Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19–23. With the celebration of Pentecost, we have traveled on a ninety-day journey since Ash Wednesday. Throughout Lent we watched for signposts in the Scriptures directing our hearts toward God. At Easter we committed (some of us for the first time and the rest of us once again) to our journey of faith in the risen Christ. As we journeyed through the weeks of Easter, Jesus continually beckoned us to remain close and promised to give us the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will bind us to one another and to God.

The promised gift of the Holy Spirit is affirmed on Pentecost. Before today's Gospel, we acclaim, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." The gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—assure us that God is cultivating and nurturing us to life within him. We carry the Holy Spirit within us and radiate that Spirit to all we meet. With the Spirit dwelling within us, we are always close to God. Today this truth of our faith is celebrated!

Take time this week to note the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you depend upon the most. Pray for a strengthening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you on your daily walk as a disciple of the risen Christ. Come Holy Spirit!



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, May 29

Mary, Mother of the Church

In 2018, Pope Francis added the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to the liturgical calendar, placing it on the Monday after Pentecost. This memorial honors Mary in the role that she assumed at the foot of the cross with Jesus' final words to her, "Woman, behold your Son." Venerate Mary today by praying the glorious mysteries of the Rosary. *Today's readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 87:1–2, 3, 5, 6–7; John 19:25–34.*

Tuesday, May 30

Keep Calm, It's Ordinary Time

With the end of our ninety-day journey from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday, the Church enters the season of Ordinary Time. Do not mistake this season for being *ordinary* as in *routine*. In this season, *ordinary* refers to *ordered* or *counted* time. The Church is now in the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time. Change your prayer space colors to green and reflect on how you can grow spiritually as you decipher God in your life in the graced weeks ahead. *Today's readings: Sirach 35:1–12; Psalm 50:5–6, 7–8, 14 and 23; Mark 10:28–31.*

Wednesday, May 31

The Visitation

The Church devotes May to the devotion of Mary, so it is fitting that the last day of the month in the West is a feast day in her honor. In today's Gospel, we hear Mary proclaim the words of the Magnificat, which the Church prays as part of the Liturgy of the Hours every evening. Pray the Magnificat as part of your grace before meals or at the close of your day. *Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Thursday, June 1 St. Justin, Martyr

Justin converted to Christianity in the second century after years of study, prayer, and reflection. A lover of philosophy and vocal defender of the faith, Justin was martyred for his steadfast adherence to Christianity. During your prayer time, remember all who received the initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil and pray that they have the resilience to remain steadfast in their faith. *Today's readings: Sirach 42:15–25; Psalm 33:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9 Mark 10:46–52.*

Friday, June 2

Growth during Ordinary Time

Ultimately, our Christian mission is to help others grow in an authentic and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. Each of us must be able to confidently answer Jesus' inquiry, "Who do you say that I am," with a conviction of faith. Take some time to look back over your spiritual journey since Ash Wednesday and then look forward to the coming weeks in Ordinary Time. How have you grown in your relationship with Christ through your daily attention to the Gospel and how do you hope to deepen your faith in the days and weeks ahead? *Today's readings: Sirach 44:1*, 9–13; *Psalm 149:1b–2*, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; Mark 11:11–26.

Saturday, June 3 Triune Unity

Tomorrow the Church commemorates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This observance is a reminder that God desires to be close to us. God's ecstatic love for the world overflows in the gift of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We explicitly unite ourselves with the mystery of the holy Trinity every time we mark our bodies with the sign of the cross. Try to make the sign of the cross with more intentionality. Allow this gesture that we repeat so often to be a poignant reminder of our unbreakable unity with God. May your faith journey through Ordinary Time be abundantly blessed. *Today's readings: Sirach 51:12cd–20; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mark 11:27–33.*



