



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.

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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GET TO KNOW THE PARISH STAFF: THERESA RUTTGER

This week concludes a series of articles written by our parish staff members that have appeared in the "From The Pastor's Desk" space of the weekly bulletin while Fr. John was away. We are an eclectic mix of individuals—ranging from the bold to the reticent—who endeavor to do well in our positions and help the parish to do well as a result. We hope you enjoyed these past weeks getting to know a little bit about our staff. We are happy to be here.

Not everybody is lucky enough to grow up in Ideal Corners, Minnesota. This Garden of Eden is located between Pequot and Crosslake and includes the Ideal Store and Bar (with Santa in the ceiling year around), a volunteer fire department station, township hall, several lakes and more than a few summer homeowners and tourists.

My grandparents built a summer resort on the south shore of Whitefish Lake in 1935 (Ruttger's Shady Point) and my parents took the reins shortly before I was born. Growing up at a resort was an incredible experience full of hard work and lots of fun. After high school I graduated from the U of M and have lived in the Twin Cities since 1979.

After the sudden deaths of my parents in my 20s, I embarked on a journey of questioning. Why did two wonderful, loving parents die so young? Who was I? What is my real calling in life? My intellectual curiosity led me to pursuing a master's in theology at St. Kate's. This experience was transformational. Kindred spirits questioning the role of women in the church, learning the history of Christianity, reading the mystics and delving into the historical context of scripture; it was an affirming experience for both heart and intellect. I completed the comprehensive exams and was awarded the MA in 2000.

Fast forward to 2017. I had served worship communities (including a synagogue and a Methodist church and several Catholic parishes). Tired and burned out, I made the decision to leave ministry and walk the Camino de Santiago to get my heart and head in a better place.

Walking 800 km across a European country was an arduous task. 41 days on the trail, untold conversations among kindred, fellow pilgrims, a fair amount of "vino tinto", and delicious, unprocessed food that was lovingly served: all elements of a truly sacramental experience.

What brought me back to service to the people of God was the church and graveyard stops. The huge cathedrals were interesting, but what really tugged at my soul were the small *parroquias* (parishes) in abandoned towns and little villages throughout Spain. I could envision the farmers gathering rocks from their fields to make the simple stone structures. The baptismal fonts were roughhewn rocks and pews were wooden benches from trees in their fields. Holding no more than 25 people, you could feel the spirits of the ancestors gathering for events marking life and death. To enter the church, you had to walk past the beloved dead in the graveyard; the circle of life was tightly bound. There was a constant reminder that life is connected to death. Clergy comes and goes but the people of God remain steadfast in their commitment to their community and ancestors. Even in the abandoned towns with shuttered churches, the graveyards are meticulously maintained. Reverence for the dead in Spanish culture is something to behold and has been lost to most Americans.

There is much to lament about our hierarchical church, especially as a woman who is aware of the whys and hows of clerical thinking and its ramifications. I continue to return to Spain and make pilgrimage walks as a way of reconnecting with what's important. My service to a faith community outweighs the institutional corruption that runs rampant beyond the parish. I have been blessed every day serving St. Pascal's and is truly the fruit of my 2017 Camino. Thank you for what you have given me over the years. I hope to be here many more.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action:

Care For the Environment

"The World in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing a breaking point . . . a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected to Western lifestyle would have a significant long-term impact." These words from Pope Francis should get our attention. Laudato Si (On Care for our Common Home) and its addendum Laudate Deum ("Praise God") are must-reads for anyone wanting to learn about a Christian approach to environmental justice. Our faith calls us to action to care for the world in which we live. What actions are you willing to take?

November Collection:

Merrick Food Distribution

We are collecting packaged food to supplement the food distribution which takes place at St. Pascal's on the 4th Monday of each month in partnership with Merrick Community Services. The number of families coming to receive food has been growing! These items will help ensure that more people can be served by this ministry.

- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- Dried or Canned Beans
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned Soup
- Peanut (or other nut) Butter
- Granola and Protein Bars
- Pasta
- Rice, Oats, or Barley (up to 4-5 lb. bag)
- Mac and Cheese
- Jerky
- Cereal

Items will be collected in the donation closet through November 26. Thank you for your generosity.

Care Cards for Christmas!

Sunday, November 19 after all Masses

Stop by to write and/or make a Christmas Care card for our parishioners. All ages welcome! Find the table of cards to make and/or write a message and information to the right inside Brioschi Hall. Please contact Barb Uschold Anderson (651.432.4959) if you'd like to write/make some from home for Barb to distribute.

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Laura O'Hehir

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.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Winter Gear Donations

It's that time of year to start thinking about winter gear. If you discover any winter gear that no longer fits your child, please drop it off at the school office. We are looking for donations of gently used coats, snow pants, boots and mittens/gloves. We will also take donations of new winter gear.

— WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

Women's Club Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 9 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Brioschi Hall.

All women of the parish are invited!

Join us for mimosas, a catered brunch, games and prizes. RSVP for the party in the Gathering Space now through Sunday, December 3. All reservations must be prepaid. Cost of the brunch is \$25. Please contact Sharon Scanlon at 651.492.0477 with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar: December 16 & 17

The Christmas Bake Sale Is BACK! Stop by our awesome Christmas bake sale in Brioschi Hall after all Masses.

Needed: Baked goodies and, of course, Christmas goodies buyers! Calling all bakers to start planning their favorite Christmas treat to donate.

And Everyone: There will be a fantastic array of Christmas goodies to purchase after each Mass! More information to come. Questions? Please call Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241.

Support Our Scouts!

Christmas Wreath Sales

Saturday & Sunday, November 25 & 26

Scout Troop and Pack 294 will be selling Christmas wreaths and door swags outside of the main church doors after all Masses. Wreath sizes are 25" and 36". We will also have all wreaths available at the Men's Club Tree Lot. Sales help our scouts with costs associated with camping and activities throughout the year. Questions? Please contact Mike Aeling at 651.307.8237.

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 3 after all Masses

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice.

Adults: \$12 | Kids and Seniors: \$6

NEW Family Pack: \$30

— DONATION CLOSET —

Looking Ahead: December Donations

We will be collecting for both the Catholic Charities Giving Tree and Angel Tree.

Catholic Charities Giving Tree ensures that children and adults have access to essentials such as clothing, housewares, and self-care items. Folded flyers with a list of needed items will be on a Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space beginning the weekend of November 25. Take a flyer, purchase your gift(s), and then place the UNWRAPPED gift(s) in the bin located in the Gathering Space by Monday, December 25.

Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, provides Christmas gifts to children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. This year St. Pascal's will provide gifts to 18 children. Angel Tree tags listing suggested gift items will be placed on the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. Take a tag, purchase a gift, wrap it, and then place it in the Angel Tree box in the Gathering Space. Angel Tree gifts are to be WRAPPED and returned to the parish by Sunday, December 17 with the tag attached to ensure the gifts get to the children by Christmas.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

The Social Justice and Caring Committee (SJCC) is grateful for the generosity of parishioners' donations for our various collections. Over the past few years, the SJCC developed a monthly rotation for collections. The organizations supported include Brittany's Place, Listening House, Merrick Community Center, Options for Women East, Progressive Baptist Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf, and Catholic Charities Giving Tree and Angel Tree. We have limited space in the closet, please only donate items requested for a given month. Assigned volunteers from SJCC arrange to transport items to designated recipients each month.

PLEASE NOTE

- We DO NOT collect items for Joseph's Coat currently.
- We DO NOT accept appliances unless specifically requested by an organization.
- We DO collect plastic and paper grocery bags year-round.

Thank you for helping us maintain an orderly donation closet!

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

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

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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 4:30 PM

Mike Aeling, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM

or contact 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

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Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday

keri.mader@stpascals.org

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

St. Pascal's Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

Friday, November 24 at 4:00 PM through December 23 or until sold out

St. Pascal's Men's Club is entering its 54th year of selling Christmas Trees. Come visit us in the Conway Street parking lot and check out our excellent selection of Fraser, Canaan, and balsam firs, as well as Scotch and white pine trees. Wreaths and swags from the Boy Scouts are also available. Tree Lot sale hours are:

Monday through Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM | Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

ST. PASCAL BAYLON CATHOLIC CHURCH

There is no fee to participate in this event.

However, signing up ahead of time helps us plan for refreshments. Sign up via the link on the parish website at www.stpascals.org/parish-news.

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ON THE JOURNEY OF ADVENT WITH THE HOLY FAMILY



In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear of an angel appearing to Joseph after Jesus' birth. The angel tells Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus since Herod had decreed the death of all of Bethlehem's baby boys. During his sabbatical, Fr. John took part in a "Holy Family Trail" pilgrimage, following in the footsteps of the Holy Family as they fled to Egypt. Join him as he shares his experience of the pilgrimage.

Thursday, November 30, 2023
10:00 am-12 Noon OR 6:30-8:30 pm
Brioschi Hall

We are offering a morning and evening option for this reflection. We will try to livestream the evening presentation, but at the very least we will record it and make it available for people to watch after the fact.



All women of the parish, please join us:

Women's Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

St. Pascal's Brioschi Hall

catered brunch * mimòsas * games * prizes * caroling

\$25 per person

*Invite family and friends – women need not be St. Pascal's members
to join us!*

Our Christmas charity will be Mater Dei Africa

Contact Sharon Scanlon (651) 492-0477 with questions

St. Pascal's Women's Club Christmas Party Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____ Total \$ enclosed _____

Make checks payable to St. Pascal's Women's Club.

Reservation forms & payment will be collected following Masses on November 18-19,
25-26 & December 2-3 (or mail to parish office). Due December 5.



Keeping Advent 2023

DECEMBER 3, 2023...

Advent Dates

1 st Sunday of Advent	December 03
Immaculate Conception	December 08
2 nd Sunday of Advent	December 10
3 rd Sunday of Advent	December 17
4 th Sunday of Advent	December 24
<i>Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent:</i>	
4:30 PM on December 23 & 8:45 AM on December 24	

Immaculate Conception

A holy day of obligation

Friday, December 8

Mass 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Parish & First Reconciliation

Advent Service

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM

Advent Reflection

On the Journey of Advent with the Holy Family

Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 PM

—Fr. John Mitchell

Join us all year at St. Pascal's

Individual Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:45 PM & by appointment

Regular Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	9:30 AM
Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:45 & 10:30 AM
	(ASL at 10:30 AM)

*"Come O Lord and bring your light...
chase the darkness with your Love."*



Keeping Christmas 2023

...JANUARY 7, 2024

Christmas Masses

Music led by parish musicians

Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM Liturgy (no incense)
Carols 20 minutes before Mass

10:00 PM Liturgy
Carols 20 minutes before Mass

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Liturgy (with ASL)
Carols 15 minutes before Mass

Christmas Season

The Holy Family

Sunday, December 31

Masses 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM
(10:30 AM with ASL)

Mary, Mother of God

A holy day of obligation

Monday, January 1, 2024

Mass 10:00 AM

There will be no anticipatory Mass on December 31

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Masses 8:45 & 10:30 AM
ASL at 10:30 AM

Ordinary Time

Begins Tuesday, January 09, 2024

*"The Incarnation of God...
...the Word made flesh among us."*