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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.

JANUARY 07, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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:

I will be on vacation from January 15-25. While I am gone, there will be no weekday Mass celebrated here on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesday, January 17 and 24, Father Bob Fitzpatrick will preside at the 9:30 AM School Mass. Parishioners are welcome to join the celebration of the School Mass each week. Father Fitzpatrick is a retired priest of the Archdiocese who enjoys helping at various parishes with Masses and sacramental ministry.

On the weekend of January 20 - 21, Father Paul Feela will preside here at the Masses while I am on vacation. Father Feela has celebrated weekend Mass here in the past, he helps with Reconciliation liturgies, and he gave a talk here last April on the Eucharist entitled, "Do This in Memory of Me". He was also one of my instructors at the St. Paul Seminary and is an excellent teacher.

Would you like to be notified via email about funerals at St. Pascal's? We send out email notifications about upcoming funerals at St. Pascal Baylon Church. To subscribe, go to: stpascals.org/e-newsletters and click on "Funeral notices" and fill in your contact information.

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Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January 2024: *For the Gift of Diversity in the Church.* Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

The Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions are entrusted to the Worldwide Prayer Network and serve as a global call to transform prayers into concrete actions. Each month, Pope Francis shares a prayer intention for humanity and the mission of the Church. These monthly prayers encourage the faithful to combine prayer and action in building a more humane and caring world. Here is a preview of the Pope's prayer intentions for February - December 2024:

February: *For the terminally ill*

March: *For the martyrs of our day*

April: *For the role of women*

May: *For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians*

June: *For those fleeing their own countries*

July: *For the pastoral care of the sick*

August: *For political leaders*

September: *For the cry of the Earth*

October: *For a shared mission*

November: *For those who have lost a child*

December: *For pilgrims of hope*

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action

With the new year, consider these ways to put faith into action. Every Wednesday morning, parishioners pack boxes of food at Progressive Baptist Church for those experiencing food insecurity. Start times vary. On the first and third Saturday of the month, parishioners distribute food at Progressive starting at 9:00 AM. Food is distributed here at St. Pascal's on the fourth Monday afternoon of every month. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative works to provide deeply affordable supportive housing. Its annual convening will be January 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM. This would be a great time to meet parishioners working on this issue and to learn about their work. *Rent Is Due*, a Zoom meeting at 8:30 AM on the first Wednesday of each month, is another way to learn about Beacon. Resolve to give one of these opportunities a try. For more information, contact akarner24@gmail.com.

Angel Tree Update

Thanks to you, St. Pascal's Community, 25 Christmas gifts were provided to 13 children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Some gifts were delivered, and some were picked up at St. Pascal's. The caregivers who received the gifts were overjoyed and grateful. Two families stopped by during the Merrick/St. Pascal's food distribution on Monday, December 18, and received food as well. Thanks to all who purchased gifts and helped with distribution. Your generosity to these seven families was very much appreciated!

January Collection:

Progressive Fishes & Loaves Food Shelf

Donate food to supplement the food distribution which takes place weekly at Progressive Baptist Church. Items needed:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups, Chili, and Stews
- Peanut Butter
- Honey
- Syrup
- Chips, Popcorn, Pretzels

Items will be collected in the donation closet through January 28. Thank you for your generosity.

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

Pat Graff

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 —

Called to Positively Transform the World? Use Your Skills to Teach!

You likely know there's a teacher shortage throughout Minnesota. St. Pascal Regional Catholic School is thinking outside the box and providing you a path to becoming a teacher:

- One-on-one training with a mentor teacher.
- License preferred but not required. Support in acquiring a teaching license to advance your career.
- Other potential benefits include student loan debt forgiveness and the ability to take graduate school courses free or at reduced rates at various Catholic universities.

APPLY TODAY

https://careers.archspm.org/?show_results=1&query=ascension&location

Davanni's Night is Coming!**Washington, D.C. Fundraiser for SPRCS**

Tuesday, January 9 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM
310 White Bear Avenue (at Suburban)
Help support St. Pascal Regional scholars, who will be going to Washington, D.C. next year. Stop by our neighborhood Davanni's for something delicious to eat. 20% of your total order will be donated to this fundraising effort! Thank you for your support while enjoying some great Davanni's food! *Be sure to mention St. Pascal's when you order.*

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club**Time to make a new Year's Resolution to read more!**

Monday, January 8 at 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge (enter at the Conway Door)
Join the St. Pascal Women's Book Club. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All parish women are invited to join the group for its monthly discussions. You can join us as often as your schedule allows. On January 8, we will discuss *Girl Gone Missing* by Marcie Reardon. On February 13, we will share thoughts on *Good Night Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea. Contact Toni Baker at toni@bakers.us or 651.731.7763 for a list of the twelve 2024 selections.

St. Pascal's Winter Game Night—Friday, January 26 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Join us in Brioschi Hall for a FREE evening of fun! All ages welcome, families and friends welcome! Games will include Bingo, jigsaw puzzle assembly and contest, and trivia. Bring a snack to share! Water, lemonade and coffee will be provided.

Use the convenient SignUp Genius link at stpascals.org/parish-news or call the parish office at 651.774.1585 to let us know you are coming.

— RCIA —

"The Eucharist"

Wednesday January 10, from 6:30-8:00 PM
in the Founders Room

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1324-1327), states that "The Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life. Jesus in the beautiful Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel of John (6:50-51) says "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." We will discuss the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist and how it provides us with nourishment for our lives as disciples of Jesus. All are welcome—Catholics and those curious about the Catholic Church.

— ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD —

Year 1 Implementation**Small Group Invitation Weekend:
Lent 2024**

Have you heard something about Archbishop Hebda's call to join a small group this Lent, but you're not sure what that means to you? You can find out more this weekend (January 6 & 7)! Stop by the table in the Gathering Space following Mass. Synod Evangelization Team members will have information and details about how to sign up for a small group. You can also learn more at stpascals.org/archdiocesan-synod. *Sign-ups will take place through January 21, 2024.*

St. Pascal's Legacy Society**Tax Efficient Legacy of Faith.**

Gifts of life insurance policies to St. Pascal's can yield substantial tax savings to you while maximizing your Legacy gift. Consult with your tax adviser.

If you want more information on St. Pascal's Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 651.432.4960 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen and Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, and Brigid O'Malley.

— 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 4:30 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

January 07, 2024

Tuesday, January 09

8:00 AM + Jacqueline Blissenbach

Wednesday, January 10

9:30 AM Women's Club

Thursday, January 11

8:00 AM + Charles "Buzz" Marvin and
+ Mary Marvin

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM + Jim Stach

Saturday, January 13

4:30 PM + Edna Mary and
+ William Quayle

Sunday, January 14

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Eugenia and
+ John Puszkars

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!



Spring 2024 Fundraising Event

Please consider helping our parish by getting together a group of people, or an entire family, to host this event in the Spring of 2024. Think outside the box and plan a completely new event or something similar to the "Friends and Family" event the parish has had for many years.

You set the date, the menu, the activities and the entertainment. The only requirement is an evening of fun and socializing for the parishioners, and of course, raising some money to help fund our parish operating expenses and Fund-a-Need.

Be as creative as you would like to be! There are lots of great ideas available for events like this that are unique and will help to raise funds for our parish.

We are very willing to show you what we have done in the past and help as much as requested. We have a supply of games and activities you can use, or you can come up with new ones.

Please contact Fr. John or Theresa Ruttger at the parish office with any questions, or you can contact us—Mike & Ellen Aeling—by email at mjaeling@gmail.com or ellenoaeling@gmail.com.

Sunday:

Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20

(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11

Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26

Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Ps 89:16-19

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Ps 21:2-7

Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, January 7—Epiphany of the Lord

After Masses Small Group Sign Up: Gathering Space

11:30am Confirmation II: Staff Lounge

Monday, January 8—Baptism of the Lord

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Pre-Baptism Session: Founders Room

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, January 9

9:00am Winter Decorating: Church

11:00am Parish office closed (Staff holiday lunch)

6:30pm Parish Life & Activities: Zoom

Wednesday, January 10

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 11

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

7:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, January 12

9:30am Visitation for Hank Chavez: Gathering Space, Chapel

10:30am Funeral for Hank Chavez: Church

Saturday, January 13

After Mass Small Group Sign Up: Gathering Space

Sunday, January 14

After Masses Small Group Sign Up: Gathering Space

Monday, January 15—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Parish office closed

No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 16

No Weekday Mass

6:30pm Beacon Team: Zoom

Wednesday, January 17

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass (Fr. Bob Fitzpatrick, presider)

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, January 18

No Weekday Mass

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: Old Church

7:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, January 19

No Weekday Mass

Saturday, January 20

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Mass Small Group Sign Up (TBD): Gathering Space

Sunday, January 21

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Small Group Sign Up (TBD): Gathering Space

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Enlighten Us

Radiant God,
you are the source of all light and joy.
Illuminate our communities
and show us the way to live in peace
and harmony.
Shower us with knowledge of your
holy will
and grant us courage to manifest
your presence throughout the world.
Help us to bring the Good News
of your life among us
to the ends of the earth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Look Back, Look Forward



Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. Little is known about the three visitors from the East who paid the Holy Family homage. Still we can't help but marvel at their determination to meet Jesus despite the distance and that their only guide was a star.

In many cultures, Epiphany is celebrated with as much festivity as Christmas. The day may be marked with parades, parties, gift-giving, the three kings cake, and holiday meals. Create annual traditions to make Epiphany special in your household. The liturgy offers a house blessing on this day. Inscribe 20+C+M+B24 with chalk on the door frame. It stands for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “let Christ bless this house” and the current year. Custom

attributes the letters to the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Bring the figurines of the three Magi closer to the manger, light candles, and sing your favorite Epiphany and Christmas carols.

The Christmas season ends at sundown on the Baptism of the Lord. This weekend invites us to look back upon our journey since the beginning of Advent. From waiting for the coming of Christ, to welcoming him anew into our lives, and then making a permanent home for him in our hearts, we also traveled far. What new insights did you uncover along the way about the in-breaking of God into humanity? How will your faith journey bring you closer to Christ in the coming year?



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

The Scriptures turn from Christ's infancy to his initiation and mission. At his baptism the Holy Spirit anointed and revealed Jesus as the Son of God. We are invited to ponder our baptism, which welcomed us into the community of the children of God. Pull out baptismal pictures, garments, and mementos, and recall the stories of baptisms in your family. Reach out to godparents and godchildren with a note or a call. Remember our baptismal commitment to keep the light of Christ burning brightly in our lives. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10; Acts 10:34–38; Mark 1:7–11.*

January 9—February 13

Ordinary Time

Our six-week journey from the First Sunday of Advent to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord has come to an end, and the Church now enters the season of Ordinary Time. There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. It is named after ordered or counted time. There are five Sundays, thirty-eight days of time before Lent. Change your prayer space colors to green and reflect on how you hope to grow spiritually in the not-so-ordinary weeks ahead.

Wednesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales served the Church in sixteenth-century Europe with his extraordinary gifts of communication about the spiritual life for the laity. He was tenacious in evangelizing through his humility, wisdom, teaching, and eloquent writing. Some of his letters to the faithful are collected in the book *The Introduction to the Devout Life*. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and journalists. *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–17; Psalm 89:4–5, 27–28, 29–30; Mark 4:1–20.*

Thursday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

A brilliant, highly educated Jewish Roman during the first century, Paul was converted from a zealous persecutor of the early Christians to the most prolific and compelling disciple of Christ. Without a doubt, Paul accelerated the growth of the Christian community like no other evangelist. He was beheaded in Rome for his tenacious faithfulness. Read Acts, chapters 9–28, to recall his full story. *Today's readings: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 177:1, 2; Mark 16:15–18.*

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco followed his call to minister to poor and neglected youth in Turin during the early nineteenth century. His patience and compassion for children seemed limitless. He opened a church and a home and school for boys who would otherwise have been without care. He founded the Salesian order, named after his favorite saint, St. Francis de Sales, as well as an order of women to do similar ministry for girls. John Bosco is remembered as the patron saint of children. *Today's readings: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9–17; Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 6:1–6.*

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

Today's feast commemorates the purifying of Mary according to Jewish law, forty days after the birth of a male child, as well as the consecration of the child in the temple. This feast is always celebrated with candles (it used to be known as Candlemas) because of Simeon's recognition that in the person of Jesus, God has given us "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people, Israel" (Luke 2:30–32). Prepare a special meal, light candles for the table, and read chapter 2 of Luke's Gospel at prayer time. *Today's readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

