



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.

JANUARY 14, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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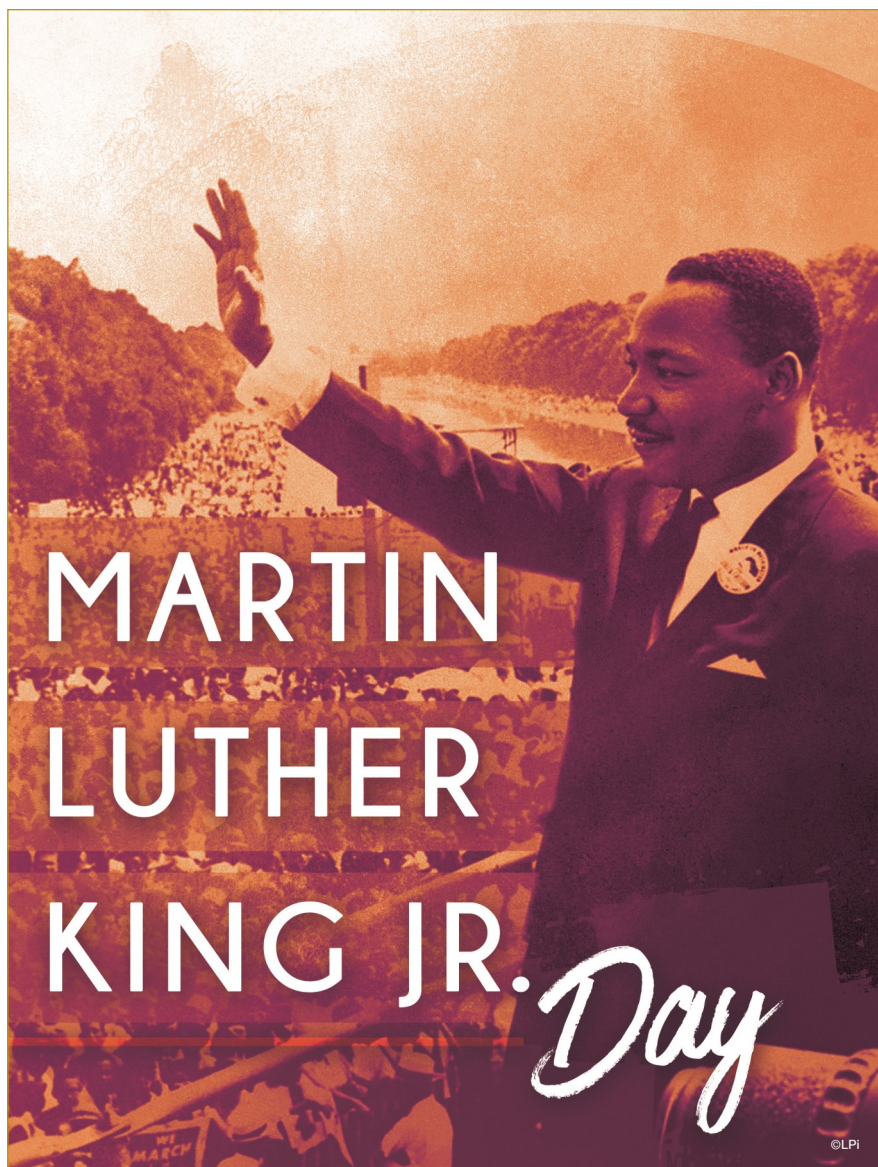
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

We are sad to announce that Amber Green, our Welcome Desk Receptionist, has resigned from her position here at St. Pascal Baylon Church. Her last day was Monday, January 8. Amber will be pursuing other ventures, and we wish her well. We thank Amber for her service to our community.

I will be on vacation from January 15-25. While I am gone, there will be no weekday Mass celebrated here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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.

We return now to the Season of Ordinary Time in our liturgical cycle. Ordinary Time contains thirty-three or thirty-four weeks. It begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. During Ordinary Time, the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. "When we think of the word ordinary, our natural associations are words such as typical, routine, or even mundane. The ordinary in Ordinary Time does not refer to a season of dull routine but rather the listing of ordinal, or sequential, numbers. This is what is meant by the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, etc. There is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time because it is replaced by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Rather than making a statement about degrees of importance, the term Ordinary Time refers to the order of Sundays in the church year that do not fall into the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. The richness of Ordinary Time is found in the opportunity to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life. The scripture proclaimed in Ordinary Time reveals the teaching and healing and mission of Christ, allowing us to better understand God who became human. Ordinary Time is anything but monotonous. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus." (U.S. Catholic magazine, July 2023)

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 to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Paper and Plastic Bags Needed—The Progressive Baptist Fishes and Loaves Weekly Food Shelf and St. Pascal's monthly food distribution with Merrick Community Services are in need of LOTS of grocery bags to pack food for those in need. Please consider bringing extra bags you have and placing them in the donation closet.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action

Expected Changes

Last Sunday Fr. John reminded us that regardless of how we arrive for Mass, we should leave changed by the Eucharist we have received. Some changes are invisible, but others are visible in our actions. We might examine our attitudes regarding how we treat those who are different from us, especially in light of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday next Monday. Do we make assumptions about people based on their skin color, accent, or general appearance? Do we exclude people from our social circle before we even get a chance to know them based on appearance? Jesus was open to all kinds of people. Are we willing to be the same?

Beacon Update

Looking for a new purpose in 2024? Join our St. Pascal's Beacon group as we attend the Congregational Convening on Thursday, January 18, from 6:30-8:30 PM at Richfield United Methodist Church. Rides are available. Come and see what Beacon is all about and how you can be an advocate for deeply affordable homes! Please contact Julie Moore or Ann Karner if interested. More information can be found on the SJCC webpage at stpascals.org.

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.

"I have decided to stick to love...Hate is too great a burden to bear."

—Martin Luther King Jr., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches*

— IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER —

Please remember in your prayers...

Hank Chavez

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 —

RCIA

— CONTACT US

Volunteer Opportunity: Join Our Team as a Math Class Teacher's Assistant!

Are you looking for a rewarding way to make a positive impact in our school community? We have an exciting volunteer opportunity for you to become a Teacher's Assistant for our combined first and second-grade class. Your role will be instrumental in supporting our young scholars as they explore the world of mathematics.

As a Teacher's Assistant, you will:

- Assist scholars in reading and understanding instructions.
- Provide gentle reminders about the tasks at hand.
- Offer guidance with Chromebooks (no tech expertise required).
- Help scholars overcome challenges when they encounter difficulties.

Your assistance in the classroom will greatly enhance the learning experience and reduce interruptions for Mrs. Schoenfelder as she teaches. We are dedicated to fostering independence in our students, and your helping hand will play a crucial role in their education journey.

No teaching background is required for this role. Your enthusiasm and willingness to support our scholars are what truly matter.

Details at a Glance:

Volunteer Hours: 8:00 - 9:00 AM, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Contact: Principal Inna Collier Paske at icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org.

Parking Lot Safety

Please note: both driveways on Flandrau Street and the driving lane near the dumpsters are chained off during school recess (10:50-11:40 AM) to keep the school children safe while playing at recess. Parking is available near Door 5 (entering off Third Street), in the Conway lot, or on the street during that 50-minute period. Parking in the regular lot WILL be available for funerals and parish events. If you have questions, please call the school office at 651.776.0092. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

Archdiocesan Synod—Year 1 Implementation**Small Group Sign Up for Lent 2024: Give me three good reasons to join a small group.**

Challenge accepted! Our parish is launching a small group ministry that will:

- foster personal relationships,
- build community, and
- provide formation, so we all may grow as joyful missionary disciples of Christ.

Joining a small group is easy! Stop by the table in the Gathering Space following Mass where 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.

"The Mass"

"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" —Pope Paul VI.

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

The Mass is indeed a wonderful communal prayer and worship experience which is full of scripture, theology, tradition, and mystery. We will dive deeper into the structure of the Mass and its elements. All are welcome, Catholics and those curious about the Catholic Church.

RCIA: Rite of Welcoming

This weekend at the 4:30 PM Mass, we will welcome and offer our prayer support to one who is preparing to be a fully initiated Catholic through the RCIA process. Anna McCallum was baptized and confirmed in the Presbyterian church and wishes to prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church. This is an opportunity for us to surround her with our support and prayer. It is our privilege and responsibility to be examples and companions as she journeys forward in faith.

Mardi Gras Dinner and Care Card Making Event

Saturday, February 10 after the 4:30 PM Mass in Brioschi Hall

Save the date and plan to join us for dinner and a service project! All ages welcome. We'll share a free dinner, make or write Care Cards and enjoy some Mardi Gras fun! Watch for sign up information coming soon. Questions? Contact Barb Uschold Anderson in the parish office at 651.432.4959.

Winter Weather Policy**Cancellation of Events/Building Closure**

It may still happen yet this winter! The parish office will close and all activities and meetings will be cancelled at the discretion of the pastor or business administrator. Weekday Mass will be offered on weather-related days assuming that the pastor/presider can get to the church and there is someone to unlock the building.

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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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

January 14, 2024

Tuesday, January 16

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 17

9:30 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, January 18

NO MASS

Friday, January 19

NO MASS

Saturday, January 20

4:30 PM + Gertrude and
+ Thomas Rochford

Sunday, January 21

8:45 AM + William and
+ Darlene Timm

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!



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.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, January 14

9:30am Small Group Sign Up: Gathering Space

Monday, January 15—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Parish office closed

No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 16—No Mass

No scheduled events

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 Mass

9:00am ECT/Synod meeting: Parish Conference Room

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting: Old Church

7:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, January—No Mass

No scheduled events

Saturday, January 20

After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Mass Small Group Sign Up: Gathering Space

Sunday, January 21

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Small Group Sign Up: Gathering Space

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, January 22

1:00pm Merrick Set Up: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau Lot

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, January 23—No Mass

6:30pm SET/Synod Meeting: Founders Room

Wednesday, January 24

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 25—No Mass

No scheduled events

Friday, January 26

6:30pm Winter Game Night: Brioschi Hall

Saturday, January 24

No scheduled events

Sunday, January 28

11:30am Confirmation II: Staff Lounge

St. Pascal's Moves Toward Net-Zero Carbon Emissions

Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota recently awarded St. Pascal's a Net-Zero energy assessment and plan. Five other local Catholic parishes are participating in the program. The kickoff meeting was held on January 11.

Stay tuned for updates and information as we receive expert advice on our boiler project and other initiatives that will help us to care for the Earth.

WINTER GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 26, 2024

6:30pm-8:30pm

Brioschi Hall



B I N G O				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65



FREE EVENING OF FUN

All ages welcome, families and friends welcome.

Water, lemonade and coffee will be provided.

Games will include:

- Bingo
- Jigsaw puzzle assembly and contest
- Trivia game

**Bring a snack
to share!**

Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are preferred
using the SignUp Genius link at stpascals.org or by
calling the parish office at 651.774.1585

Sponsored by St. Pascal's Parish Life and Activities Committee