

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 21, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend we welcome Father Paul Feela to preside at the Masses while I am on vacation. Father Feela has celebrated weekend Mass here in the past, he helps with Reconciliation liturgies from time to time, and he gave a talk here last April on the Eucharist entitled, "Do This in Memory of Me". We are grateful to have him here with us.

On Wednesday, January 24, Father Bob Fitzpatrick will be here to preside for the 9:30 AM School Mass. Father Fitzpatrick, who goes by "Father Fitz", was also here for last Wednesday's School Mass. The students, teachers and parishioners enjoyed having him with us. Father Fitz is a retired priest of the Archdiocese who enjoys helping at various parishes with Mass and sacramental ministry. He is energetic, friendly, and an excellent preacher. You are welcome to join us each week for the Wednesday School Mass.

I am on vacation from January 15-25. I will be back to the church and the office on Friday, January 26.

At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on January 2, 2024, the following topics were discussed: Due to the high volume of usage, the current Donation Closet space is being evaluated for a possible expansion of the available space. Updates from liaisons to active parish groups and committees included: the holiday Bake Sale (Women's Club), Christmas tree sales (Men's Club), parish small group invitations during January (Archdiocesan Synod), and plans for Mid-Winter game night on January 26 (Parish Activity Committee). An update was given on parish finances and facilities. If you have questions or a topic for the Council to discuss, please contact Ann Karner, Council Chairperson, at akarner24@gmail.com.

The 2023 Appeal by Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) will end this month. The Appeal supports designated ministries within the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis that no one parish can support on its own. The ministries are: Abria Pregnancy Resources, American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities, Deaf Ministry, Catholic Elementary Schools, Evangelization, Catholic High School Scholarships, Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage and Family and Life, Prison Ministry, Seminarian Room and Board, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Lawrence Newman Center, Venezuelan Mission, and Youth Ministry. Thank you for supporting the Appeal. Here are our parish results for the 2023 Appeal as of January 10, 2024:

St. Pascal Baylon Parish Goal: \$39,574.55 Total Pledged: \$29,647.00 % of Goal Pledged: 75% Total Received: \$29,647.00 % of Goal Received: 75%

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING

Faith in Action Jesus is Calling You

The Gospel this Sunday recounts Jesus calling the various apostles to follow him. Today we are called to follow Jesus, not directly as the apostles were called, but through requests for help from a neighbor or someone in need, through requests for help here in the parish by the various ministries and organizations, or the changes needed in our community. It is easy to say *I am too* busy or *let someone else help*, but is that the Christian way to respond? Start small—one action at a time. Listen as Jesus calls us to put our faith into action by serving others.

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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

Year 1 Implementation Small Group Sign-Ups Lent 2024

This is the final weekend (January 20/21) to sign up for our Lent Small Groups. Still deciding? Need more information? Stop by the table in the Gathering Space following Mass where Synod Evangelization Team members will have information and can help you sign up. You can also learn more at stpascals.org/archdiocesan-synod or by contacting Kim Roering at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

"Our [Synod] process was shaped by Pope Francis' hopes for a listening Church, one in which we listen to the Holy Spirit and to one another."

—Archbishop Bernard Hebda

REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS -

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.

As We Move Through this Winter: For Your Consideration

Out of concern for the health and wellbeing of all of our parishioners and visitors, we urge you to be vigilant about your personal health and hygiene. If you have flu-like symptoms, it may be best to stay home and watch the Mass on YouTube. And, as always, masks are welcome at all gatherings and meetings at St. Pascal's.

RCIA

"Sacraments of Service: Marriage"

Wednesday January 24, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room

When asked about marriage by the Pharisees, Jesus responded: "He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." This is coupled with Jesus' first miracle being performed at a wedding feast. Catholic marriage is a sacrament, a sign of Jesus' loving presence in the world through the love and service a married couple has for each other, their children, family, and others. In a marriage, the world should encounter the gospel of Jesus lived out in our world. All are welcome, Catholics and those curious about the Catholic Church.

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.

Sign up on the parish website or call the parish office to let us know you are coming.

Annual Puzzle and Game Exchange

The weekends of February 17/18 and 24/25 after all Masses in Brioschi Hall
Gather up your puzzles and games for the Annual Puzzle and Game Exchange! You may begin to bring puzzles on the weekend of February 3/4. There will be a place for them in the Gathering Space. (Please tape the boxes shut.).

This is fun, FREE event is sponsored by the St. Pascal's Women's Club.

Mardi Gras Dinner and Care Card Making Event Saturday, February 10, from 5:30-8:00 PM—Sign up now to join us for Mardi Gras fun and a simple service project!

This FREE event is funded by a Lilly Grant to foster, build, and share discipleship here at St. Pascal's and in the community beyond. We'll share a free dinner in Brioschi Hall, make and/or write Care Cards and enjoy some Mardi Gras fun! Simple directions for any age to follow will be given, no experience necessary! ALL are welcome. Bring the whole family—perhaps wear the Mardi Gras colors of purple, green, and gold. Be ready for fun! Be sure to register by February 5 so that we have food and supplies for all! RSVP by using the Signup Genius link on the parish website or call the parish office at 651.774.1585.

Questions may be directed to Barb Uschold Anderson at 651.432.4959.

CONTACT US

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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 Mary Butler-Levine 651.735.0004

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 21, 2024

Tuesday, January 23

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 24

9:30 AM + The people of the parish

Thursday, January 25

NO MASS

Friday, January 26

8:00 AM + The people of the parish

Saturday, January 27

4:30 PM + Tom Bertini

Sunday, January 28

8:45 AM + Francis Farrugia

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

- Scan this QR code with your phone.
- 2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
- 3. Thank you!



Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

Friday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

December 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving \$ 148,426.63 YTD Giving \$ 426,860.41 Budgeted \$ 81,231.58 YTD Budgeted \$ 402,804.52 Deficit \$ 67,195.05 YTD Deficit \$ 24,055.89

Mortgage Reduction (as of 12.31.2023)

Loan Balance: \$ 2,685,141.02 Principal: \$ 14,274.84 Interest: \$ 8,186.21 Monthly Payment \$ 22,461.05 YTD Collected Donations \$ 146,963.86 YTD Payment: \$ 134,766.30 Deficit \$ 12,197.56 Reserve Account Balance: \$ 168,337.14

of payments in Reserve: 7

Thank you for your support!

THE WEEKS AHEAD -

Sunday, January 21

9:30am Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

9:30am 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 27

No scheduled events

Sunday, January 28

11:30am Confirmation II: Staff Lounge

Monday, January 29

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, January 30

4:30pm Finance Council: Staff Lounge

6:30pm SET/Small Group Leader Kick-Off: Brioschi Hall

Wednesday, January 31

9:00am Rosary: Church 9:30am School Mass 6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room 6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, February 1

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

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

Saturday, February 3

9:00am Pinewood Derby: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

Sunday, February 4

9:30am Scout Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

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. 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.

Feeling Hungry for Fish Fry? You're in Luck! Mark Your Calendars: The Men's Club Fish Fry Returns!

All Fridays of Lent—February 16 through March 22—in Brioschi Hall from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

All your favorites return. Dine-in or take-out available. Watch the upcoming bulletin and *Pascal's Pulse* for more information.