



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 28, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

A close-up photograph of a cluster of purple lupine flowers with green leaves, set against a blurred background.

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PSALM 95

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

January 28 - February 3, 2024 is National Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Now entering its 50th anniversary year, CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

St. Pascal Baylon Parish School closed on June 30, 2019, and St. Pascal Regional Catholic School opened on July 1, 2019. The school is a 501 c(3) tax exempt corporation that is legally separate from the Parish. The school manages its own finances, fundraising, salaries, benefits, employees and legal responsibilities separately from St. Pascal Baylon Church.

In 2019, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis asked our parish to host St. Pascal Regional Catholic School on our parish campus. Since 2019, St. Pascal Baylon Church has offered financial support to the school as follows:

- a) our parish does not charge a rental fee to the school for the use of the school building;
- b) Our parish provides ongoing maintenance and repair of the school building. In 2022-23, this cost was \$21,702.00.*
- c) Our parish pays the school's portion of our building mortgage. In 2022-23, the school's portion of the mortgage was \$ 89,835.00.*
- d) Some parish staff time involves support of the school. Portions of clergy, music and maintenance salaries are estimated at \$ 40,903.00.*
- e) The Parish and School each pay 50% of the utility costs (electricity, natural gas, water, garbage, composting), lawn care, snow removal, and maintenance of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

*Source: 2023-24 Annual Parish Report and Ministry Update

We are in communication with the Archdiocese about receiving financial support from the Archdiocese in lieu of receiving rent payments from the school. On July 1, 2022, St. Pascal Regional Catholic School joined Ascension Catholic Academy which is a consortium of four Catholic schools: St. Pascal Regional Catholic School and St. Peter Claver Catholic School in St. Paul and Ascension School and St. John Paul II Catholic School in Minneapolis. Ascension Catholic Academy provides centralized leadership, governance and financial sustainability for the four schools. In 2022-23 at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, there were 130 students in preschool-8th grade.

- 3% Asian, 23% Black, 36% Hispanic, 11% Multiracial, 27% White
- 61% of students received free & reduced lunches
- 70% of students were Catholic, and 20% of the Catholic students were St. Pascal parishioners.

Catholic schools share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children throughout the entire school day. Catholic schools give students a chance to incorporate their faith into all facets of their studies, social interactions, recreation, and daily activities. Children bring home the faith practices, lessons and prayers they learned during the school day. I believe a strong Catholic school and a strong Catholic parish enhance one another. Thank you for supporting Catholic education. To arrange a student visit or family visit to St. Pascal Regional Catholic School, please call the school office at 651.776.0092.

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

What is Beacon? What does it do?

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is a collaborative of congregations from the four major faith traditions working to achieve common goals and live their values. While the traditions vary, they all share a joint mission to ensure all individuals have a safe, affordable place to call home. They believe housing is a human right. Please consider becoming involved with our parish's Social Justice and Caring work with Beacon to work toward everyone having a place to call home. If interested contact Julie Moore at 0109jmm@gmail.com or Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com.

February Collection: Listening House

The February collection is for Listening House. Items needed include:

- Men's long sleeve shirts (XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Men's sweats (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Men's coats (L, XL, 2XL)
- Men's jeans (size 34)

Items will be collected in the donation closet through February 25. 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.

— LEGACY SOCIETY —

5 Things You Can Do to Leave a Legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Leave a gift (called a bequest) in your will or revocable trust for the not-for-profit organizations that make a difference in your life.
3. Name your favorite not-for-profit as a beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
4. Name your favorite not-for-profit as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
5. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.

Please make St. Pascal's an important part of your legacy by remembering St. Pascal's in your estate plan. 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.

— 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.

"From the black heart of winter a miraculous, breathing plenitude of color emerges. The beauty of nature insists on taking its time. Everything is prepared. Nothing is rushed. The rhythm of emergence is a gradual slow beat always inching its way forward; change remains faithful to itself until the new unfolds in the full confidence of true arrival."

— John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*

Feeling Hungry for Fish Fry? The First Friday of Lent is Less Than a Month Away!

St. Pascal's Men's Club is hosting their famous Lenten Fish Fry beginning Friday, February 16 at 4:30 PM and every Friday in Lent through March 22. Yum!

Coming Soon! St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser

HEAD'S-UP: The Women's Club will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards again this year. There will be a wide variety of hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials available. Stay tuned for more information shortly.

Puzzle and Game Exchange—Two Weekends—February 17/18 and 24/25!

Join in the fun at the Annual Puzzle and Game Exchange! Gather up your puzzles and games bring them beginning the weekend of February 3/4. There will be a place for them in the Gathering Space. (Please tape the boxes shut.).

Then, following all Masses on the weekends of February 17/18 and 24/25, the puzzles and games will be displayed and ready to find a new home.

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

RCIA

"Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation"

Wednesday, January 31, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room

A fully initiated Catholic is one who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. For the vast majority of Catholics, the journey to becoming a fully initiated Catholic was started for them by their parents when they were young and completed years later with the anointing of the Holy Spirit in their confirmation. For adults entering the Church, all three sacraments are celebrated during the Easter Vigil. What do all the symbols of these sacramental rites tell us about the sacrament and what does it mean to live our lives as fully initiated disciples of Jesus? All are welcome to join us for this discussion—Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

Scout Sunday is February 4!

The Cub Scouts of Pack 294 will be serving coffee, juice and doughnuts after both Masses. Please come enjoy this special Fellowship Sunday.

Weekly Rosary

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer and help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

Join us every Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the church to pray the Rosary together.

CONTACT US

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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

Phone 651.776.0092
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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 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 28, 2024

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, January 31

9:30 AM + Don Hensel

Thursday, February 01

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, February 02

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, February 03

4:30 PM + Rosemary and
+ Thomas Quayle

Sunday, February 04

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Patricia Hawes

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:

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

Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,
24-25a, 30-19:3
Ps 86:1-6
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
(Ps)1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d
Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13
Ps 119:9-14
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Ps 147:1-6
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

THE WEEKS AHEAD

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: Church

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

Friday, February 2

No scheduled events

Saturday, February 3

9:00am Pinewood Derby: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

Sunday, February 4

After Masses Scout Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

11:30am Women's Club Board Meeting

Monday, February 5

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, February 6

6:30pm Pastoral Council: Staff Lounge

Wednesday, February 7

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

6:30pm 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting: Brioschi Hall

Thursday, February 8

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

Friday, February 9

No scheduled events

Saturday, February 10

9:00am Women's Club Craft/Social: Brioschi Hall

9:00am Men's Club Fish Fry Shed Set Up: Door 4

2:00pm Mardi Gras Dinner Set Up: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

5:30pm Mardi Gras Dinner & Card-making Event: Brioschi Hall

Sunday, February 11

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

2:00pm NFMC Recital: Church

CRS RICE BOWL—Lent Is Coming!

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space beginning February 10/11. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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 background is a dark blue field decorated with Mardi Gras-themed elements. At the top, there are strings of colorful triangular bunting in yellow, green, and purple. Three ornate Mardi Gras masks are prominently displayed: a large central yellow mask with purple and green feathers, and two smaller yellow masks on either side, also with feathers. Scattered throughout the background are small, colorful confetti pieces in yellow, green, and purple. The main title is written in a large, stylized font, with 'MARDI GRAS' in white and 'DINNER & CARD MAKING EVENT' in yellow.

MARDI GRAS DINNER & CARD MAKING EVENT

A purple drum with yellow lacing and two drumsticks is positioned on the left side of the date text. A yellow trumpet with green and white stripes is positioned on the right side of the date text.

**Saturday, February 10, 2024
5:30–8 pm in Brioschi Hall**

All ages welcome! We'll share a **FREE** dinner, make or write Care Cards and enjoy some Mardi Gras fun!

RSVP by Monday, February 5 using the SignUp Genius link at stpascals.org or call the parish office at 651.774.1585. Questions can be directed to Barb Uschold Anderson.

A yellow trumpet is located in the bottom left corner, and a purple drum with yellow lacing and two drumsticks is in the bottom right corner.

This event is made possible through the Lilly Grant for Discipleship our parish received.