



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.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

Come join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting priests on Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM. This sacrament of God's mercy is a wonderful experience during our Lenten journey.

Congratulations to our high school Confirmation candidates who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul this upcoming Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 AM.

At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on February 6, 2024, the following topics were discussed: Helping Merrick Community Services with some of the monthly cost for providing food at our food distribution on the third Monday of the month; putting on hold the idea of expanding the Donation Closet due to estimated cost; meetings are scheduled in March for Eucharistic Ministers to review procedures for distributing Communion; involvement of Council members at the Welcome Table on Fellowship Weekends and possible outreach to welcome new parishioners. Updates were given by Council liaisons from active parish groups and committees including: report on the Mid-Winter game night on January 26 (Parish Activity Committee), preparing for the Annual Puzzle and Game Exchange on two weekends in February (Women's Club), preparing for Lent Fish Fry dinners (Men's Club), parish small groups will start meeting during Lent (Archdiocesan Synod), and an update 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 2024 Catholic Services Appeal has begun. The Appeal provides funding for the following ministries within the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis: American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Catholic Elementary Schools, Catholic High School Scholarships, Deaf Ministry, Elevate Life, Evangelization, Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage, Family and Youth, Prison Ministry, Seminarian Room and Board, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Twin Cities, St. Lawrence Newman Center, Venezuelan Mission, and Youth Ministry. If you gave to the Appeal last year, you should receive a letter from the Appeal Office inviting your gift for 2024. Call the Appeal Office at 651.291.4540 with questions. You may also choose to give online at: Love.ArchSPM.org or by scanning the QR code below:



Yearly parish Appeal goals are determined by calculating 5% of our annual Sunday plate and envelope income. Here are our Appeal results for last year and our goal for this year:

2023 St. Pascal Baylon Parish Goal:	\$ 39,574.55
Total Received:	\$ 29,682.00
% of Goal Received:	75%
2024 Catholic Services Appeal Goal:	\$ 38,026.00

Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for February 2024: *For the terminally ill.* We pray that those with a terminal illness and their families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

We Care Campaign: March 2 & 3

St. Pascal's parish will gather the loose change and bills from the weekend collection and donate them to the Social Justice and Caring Committee's We Care Campaign. The three options chosen by the committee for its winter project are:

Option 1: Joseph's Coat

An inner-city free store providing clothes and household items for the poor. This storefront community recognizes the need to supply physical necessities and the importance to increase people's self-worth. Joseph's Coat offers support and encouragement for persons in the midst of conflict, crisis and transition.

Option 2: Merrick Community Services Food Distribution Fund

A non-profit agency in Ramsey County that assists individuals and families become self-sufficient. St. Pascal's partners with this agency to run a monthly food distribution ministry at the parish. Money donated to this option will be used to supplement the supplies donated to the parish by Merrick Community Services to ensure that more people can be served by this ministry.

Option 3: 30-Days Foundation

A Twin-Cities based non-profit organization that provides financial grants (made payable only to the service provider requiring payment) for Minnesota residents. Through this program, residents can get assistance paying for such things as car repairs, rent, medical bills, utility bills etc.

We encourage you to consider making a personal contribution as well, using the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish every other month or found on the tables located near the entrances to the church.

If you prefer to give to one or more of these charities, please indicate this by writing your desired option(s) on the envelope provided in the packet of envelopes sent by the parish or marking the appropriate option(s) on the envelope located on the tables near the entrances to the church and your contributions will be distributed as requested. Any unmarked contributions will be divided equally among the three options. Thank you for your generosity.

Rite of Sending for Confirmation

This weekend at the 10:30 AM Mass we celebrate the Rite of Sending for our confirmation candidates who will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, March 2. Please hold Sehena, Sara, and Josephine in your prayers. Come, Holy Spirit!

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Join us in a heartfelt journey of gratitude as we reflect on 23 incredible weeks of school filled with blessings, growth, and cherished memories. Scan the QR code below for a special video in which we express our deepest thanks to God for guiding us through this remarkable journey of learning and discovery.

Our devoted faculty and staff have poured their passion and dedication into nurturing our school community, and creating an environment where every student thrives. From inspiring lessons to compassionate support, their commitment to excellence shines through in every interaction.

But it's our incredible scholars, who truly make our school shine. Their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness light up our hallways every day, reminding us of the joy that comes from learning and growing together as a community.

As we pause to count our blessings and give thanks, we invite you to join us in celebrating the beauty of gratitude and the power of community. Together, let's embrace the spirit of thankfulness and continue to spread love, kindness, and positivity wherever we go. Thank you for being a part of our journey. Here's to many more weeks of learning, laughter, and love ahead!



St. Pascal's Women's Club Fish Fry Bake Sale is Back and We Need Bakers! All Fridays of Lent from February 16 to March 22. Can you bake for one or two Fridays?

- Drop off baked goods at the parish office on Fridays before 3:00 PM or at the Bake Sale table outside Brioschi Hall.
- Profits from the sales will stay within the parish and support our local community.

If you have questions or would like to help at a Bake Sale event, please contact:

Kathy Meyer (320.223.5130), grammyofive@outlook.com

Chris Igielski (651.336.1274), csigielski@gmail.com

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry—All Fridays of Lent Friday, February 16 through Friday, March 22 from 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandrau Street entrance.)

The "All-You-Care-To-Eat" buffet will offer fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, mac-n-cheese, dinner roll, and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, and pop are available for purchase.

Adults (12 and up): \$16.00 | Children (6-11): \$8.00 | 5 and under: Free

Cash, check, or card accepted. Takeout is available if the hall is full or the wait is too long.

All proceeds benefit St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's K-8 PhyEd program and other parish/school needs.

— WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

Puzzle and Game Exchange

LAST WEEKEND! Don't miss the puzzles and games after all Masses this weekend. Items are displayed in Brioschi Hall and ready to find a new home.

Spring Is for Flowers, Fresh Veggies and Gertens Plant Cards!

St. Pascal's Women's Club online store for Gertens Spring fundraiser IS OPEN! Go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club store number **447**. Over 80 fantastic items are available: Gertens plant cards, hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables, and perennials. Order in your P.J.'s in the comfort of your own home. *Sale ends Wednesday, March 28*. Your orders will be available for pick up after all Masses on May 11 & 12. Just in time for Mother's Day!

This is a major fundraiser for the St. Pascal's Women's Club—please support us! If you have any questions, contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenaoeling@gmail.com.

Support Mater Dei Africa

We are still collecting funds until the end of February. We have collected over \$2,000, and our goal is to collect \$3,000 to support 33 families with the supplies and training to begin their beekeeping business in Tanzania. To contribute, make out a check to "St. Pascals' Women's Club" and in the memo line write 'Mater Dei Africa'. Thank you for your contributions! If you have questions, please email Carmen Álvarez at carmenalvarez@technologynorth.com.

C O N T A C T U S

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Phone 651.774.1585

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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 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

February 25, 2024

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 AM + Beverlee Huesmann

Wednesday, February 28

9:30 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, February 29

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, March 01

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, March 02

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, March 04

Third Sunday of Lent

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Lana Woulf

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

1. Scan this QR code
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



Sunday

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10, 15-19

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10

Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20

Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20

Ps 31:5-6, 14-16

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17

Ps 19:8-11

1 Cor 1:22-25/

Jn 2:13-25

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, February 25—Lent 2

After Masses Women's Club Puzzle Exchange: Brioschi Hall

10:30am Rite of Sending (Confirmation)

11:30am Confirmation II Meeting & Lunch: Brioschi Hall

Monday, February 26

10:00am Small Group 1: Spiritual Direction Room

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

2:30pm Small Group 2: Spiritual Direction Room

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau Lot

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

6:30pm Small Group 3: Spiritual Direction Room

Tuesday, February 27

10:00am Small Group 4: Spiritual Direction Room

6:30pm Parish Lent Reconciliation: Church

6:30pm Small Group 6: Spiritual Direction Room

Wednesday, February 28

9:00am Rosary: Church

9:30am Small Group 7: Spiritual Direction Room

9:30am School Mass: Church

10:00am ECT/Synod meeting: Parish Conference Room

1:30pm Small Group 8: Founders Room

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, February 29

9:30am Small Group 9: Spiritual Direction Room

6:30pm Small Group 10: Spiritual Direction Room

7:00pm Spirit Song: Church

Friday, March 1

8:00am Men's Club Fish Fry Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall Brioschi Hall

4:30pm Women's Club Bake Sale: Gathering Space

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 2—We Care Campaign

10:00am Confirmation: Cathedral of Saint Paul

Sunday, March 3—Lent 3

We Care Campaign

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Stewardship of Giving

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

January 2024

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 64,643.88	YTD Giving	\$ 491,513.29
Budgeted	\$ <u>65,907.58</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>468,512.10</u>
+/-	\$ -1,263.70	YTD Surplus	\$ 23,001.19

Mortgage Reduction (as of 01.31.2024)

Loan Balance: \$ 2,670,986.57

Principal: \$ 14,154.45

Interest: \$ 8,306.60

Monthly Payment \$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations \$ 170,608.18

YTD Payment: \$ 157,227.35

Surplus \$ 13,380.83

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 170,465.95

of payments in Reserve: 8

Thank you for your support!

RCIA "Morality and Sin"

Wednesday, February 28 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room
Sin is something we are very aware of in the world around us and our own lives. We will talk about our Catholic understanding of sin and morality. What is venial versus mortal sin? What is the Church's role in providing us with a moral compass through its teachings, and how are we called to form our conscience for making decisions in life? Join us for this discussion of our human condition. All are welcome to join us for this discussion—Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

Social Justice & Caring Committee

Faith in Action: Now Is The Time To Act

The Minnesota Legislature is in session. Whether it is physician assisted suicide or what needs, like deeply affordable housing, receive bonding money, your legislator votes based on constituent input. Your voice matters NOW, not just for elections. What do you believe? How strongly? Will you make a call or send an email? Put your faith into action.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



I Surrender

Loving Father,
I come before you,
asking for your mercy.
May my faith be as strong
as that of Abraham.
Grant me steadfastness this Lent,
in my pursuit of a deeper prayer life.
Free me from obstacles
that keep me from you.
May I find peace in your presence.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Continued Change



Today's readings: Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19; Romans 8:31b–34; Mark 9:2–10. In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John glimpse Jesus' glory as he is transfigured before them on the mountaintop. Peter, intent on staying at the site of their beatific vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, suggests that three tents be made. "Rabbi, it is good that we are here," he tells Jesus.

Each week we participate in a mystery as we take part in Sunday Mass. There, as the Eucharistic Prayer is prayed, the bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. But the elements of bread and wine are not all that are transformed during the liturgy. In the Eucharistic Prayer, it is also prayed that we "may become one body, one spirit in Christ." When we are especially attentive to the prayers,

songs, and gestures of the liturgy, we may say to ourselves and one another, "It is good that we are here." Transformed by the liturgy, we leave the church to bring the presence of Christ and the Word of God into the world.

Just as the apostles could not stay with Jesus on the mountaintop, the faithful cannot remain in the church. As the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states, "The renewal in the eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and his people draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire." Our mission, as we leave the liturgy, is to testify to God's love, bringing hope to those facing difficult times. We make Christ known as we accompany others.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, February 26 Forgiven

“Forgive and you will be forgiven,” Jesus tells his followers in today’s Gospel. As Jesus preaches mercy, he explains that the actions of others will reflect our actions. Only if we are willing to forgive will we be forgiven. During this week, consider whom you need to forgive and from whom you need to request forgiveness. *Today’s readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8–9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, February 27 A Just, Humble Life

Both the first reading and the Gospel today give instructions on how to live. In the reading from Isaiah, the Lord instructs “to make justice your aim,” aid the orphan and widow, and right wrongs. Jesus tells his followers to live with humility. “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” When we do good things, we should not seek recognition. Today, strive to forward the kindnesses you have received. That might be done by buying coffee for a coworker, assisting a friend, or doing another’s chore. Such acts can be testimonies of God’s love. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21, 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, February 28 Distractions

Today we are reminded of what we are preparing for: Jesus’ passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. During this season we make promises of things we will sacrifice, yet sometimes we become distracted. We are being called to transform our hearts and our lives for the service of our Lord. Today sit with your family and discuss how all can remain attentive to the message of God. What are some of the distractions in your life? How can you overcome them? *Today’s readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, February 29 Making Good Choices

The Gospel from Luke today presents the story of the rich man who ignored the needs of the poor man lying at his door. After death, the poor Lazarus lived in comfort while the rich man was in torment. Our daily choices can lead us to God or away from God. Consider whose needs you ignore while allowing yourself to eat your fill. *Today’s readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 1 Families

In today’s account of Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob, we see an example of jealousy building among brothers until they sell Joseph to foreigners. The eleven brothers appreciated neither their father’s preferential treatment of Joseph nor their brother’s dreams and wanted to be rid of him. Are there unresolved tensions in your family that are eroding relationships? Examine whether you play a part in the harm or healing in this family dynamic. *Today’s readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 2 The Love of God

It is no secret the lengths to which God goes to show us his love. We know he wants to be in relationship with us, but sometimes we are reluctant. The moment we say yes to the relationship, God showers us with many blessings. The psalm tells us that God overlooks shortcomings and forgives sins. Today recite the psalm, and with each verse, pause to feel the love and presence of God. *Today’s readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*





DONATION CLOSET MARCH 2024 COLLECTION

ANY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED...

but there are a few items that are particularly useful to our community. Below are the top five most appropriate items that the community needs in no particular order:

1. **Cooking oils and kinds of vinegar**: such as canola oil, olive oil, chili oil, sesame oil, red or white wine vinegar, rice vinegar, champagne vinegar, butter, Mirin, and any other cooking oils or kinds of vinegar.
2. **Spices**: dried chilies of all varieties, cumin, coriander, red pepper flakes, garlic, ginger, turmeric, paprika, rosemary, thyme, cinnamon, curry, cayenne pepper, Cajun seasoning, black pepper, kosher salt, bay leaves, cloves, nutmeg, cardamom, star anise, caraway, fenugreek, allspice, sage, and any other spice.
3. **Cooking Sauces**: Tamari or generic soy sauce, fish sauce, Worcestershire sauce, Tamarind paste, fermented bean pastes, chili pastes, coconut milk, Oyster sauce, Garlic Chili Sauce, Beef broth, Vegetable broth, Chicken broth, Sriracha or any other sauces for cooking.
4. **Proteins**: Peanut butter, Almond butter, cashew butter, spam, tuna, canned chicken, smoked salmon, sardines, smoked eel, or any other shelf-stable proteins.
5. **Grains**: Jasmine rice, basmati rice, apple brand sweet rice, Kokuhu rice, Nishiki rice, artisan egg noodles, rice noodles, Soba noodles, all-purpose flour, rice flour, corn flour, fufu flour, semolina flour, whole wheat flour or any other grains.

Most of these items cannot be ordered from the food banks that are the backbone of the food shelf network, therefore any of these items would be greatly appreciated by the diverse community which Merrick has the privilege to serve.

Any of the items listed above can be placed in St. Pascal's Donation Closet during the month of March. Thank you for your generosity!